

Clean Water State Revolving Fund Scoring Criteria- Wastewater

This document provides the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) scoring criteria for wastewater projects for FY 2027, 2028, and 2029 CWSRF projects.

Criteria	Points Available
1. Wastewater Regulatory Compliance	10 Maximum Points
Project addresses an enforceable schedule in an administrative consent order, discharge permit, or consent judgement.	10
2. Public Health	20 Maximum Points
Project addresses wet weather-related sanitary sewer overflows (SSO), wastewater treatment plant bypasses, or excessive surcharging causing basement backups not meeting the remedial design standard.	15
Project addresses dry weather SSOs due to structural concerns that cause chronic operational issues (incorrect pump types, siphons issues). Points will also be awarded for projects that address documented groundwater impacts due to leaking wastewater lagoon liners.	15
Project reduces, eliminates, or treats combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in accordance with an approved Long-Term Control Plan.	15
Project addresses PFAS in accordance with the interim biosolids strategy or local PFAS limits.	15
Project includes correction of a minimum of five individual failing onsite septic systems or one failing septic system serving multiple users (e.g., mobile home community, subdivision, or neighborhood) resulting in a community solution (10 points). An additional 5 points will be awarded if the applicant has a connection requirement such as a local ordinance.	15 maximum points
3. Achieving Water Quality Standards	15 Maximum Points
Project supports implementation of an applicable Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or contributes to the de-listing of a surface water currently listed on the 303(d) list.	5
Project is necessary to achieve compliance with effluent limitations based on water quality standards for conventional pollutants.	5
Project is necessary to achieve compliance with effluent limitations based on water quality standards for toxic substances.	5
4. Improving Infrastructure	30 Maximum Points
Project addresses resiliency such as flooding or high water, electrical system redundancy (e.g., tertiary standby power), cyber security.	6

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Regionalization - Project connects an existing collection system/treatment system to another system.	6
Applicant has a current asset management (AM) program and has or is participating in the Michigan Infrastructure Council AM Champions Program (or similar), or an AM program is being developed for the first time as part of the project.	6
Applicant has not received CWSRF financing in the past 5 fiscal years.	3
Project incorporates sustainability efforts (e.g., resource recovery, reduce/eliminate chemical use, renewable energy, energy reduction, process optimization, etc.).	6
Construction Ready - Project is designed, administratively complete Part 41 permit application submitted, and applicant commits to a loan closing in quarter 3 or earlier.	5
Dig Once - Project is geographically overlapped with other utility improvements and/or road replacement work occurring at the same time.	5
5. Affordability/Overburdened Applicants	25 Maximum Points
Overburdened System	20
Significantly Overburdened System	25
Total of all categories 1-5	100 Maximum Points

Tiebreaker Procedures

If 2 or more projects have the same score based on the above criteria, the following tiebreaker will be used:

The system with the lower median annual household income will be ranked ahead of the system with the higher median annual household income.

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