

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Scoring Criteria

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

Criteria	Points Available
1. Drinking Water Regulatory Compliance	10 Maximum Points
Project addresses deficiencies identified in an enforcement order.	10
Project addresses deficiencies identified in the most recent sanitary survey.	5
2. Public Health	25 Maximum Points
Project includes replacement of lead service lines (LSLs). Points are based on the number of lead service line replacements proposed for the project compared to data from the current distribution system materials inventory:	15 maximum points
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Projects replacing up to 4% of LSLs b. Projects replacing 5-15% of LSLs or 500-1,000 LSLs c. Projects replacing 16-30% of LSLs or 1,001-1,500 LSLs d. Projects replacing 31-50% of LSLs or 1,501-2,000 LSLs e. Projects replacing 51-100% of LSLs or more than 2,000 LSLs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 11 points b. 12 points c. 13 points d. 14 points e. 15 points
Project addresses acute maximum contaminant level (MCL) or treatment techniques (TT) violations (e.g., Nitrate, E-Coli, surface water treatment rules, etc.).	15
Project addresses non-acute maximum contaminant level (MCL), health advisory level (HAL), or treatment techniques (TT) violations (Arsenic, PFAS, volatile organic compounds, action level exceedances, Radium, Manganese, etc.).	5
Water Supply has had no health-based violations in the past 5 years.	3
3. Drinking Water Quality	15 Maximum Points
Project addresses private well contamination by extending the public water system to a minimum of 5 homes (5 points). An additional 2 points will be awarded if the applicant has a connection requirement such as a local ordinance.	7 points maximum
Project will consolidate and/or tie-in a public water system.	5 for each system, 10 points maximum
Project includes distribution, source or treatment upgrades to address water quality (e.g., looping, new well, storage tank mixing, or treatment processes).	5

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4. Improving Infrastructure	25 Maximum Points
Construction Ready Projects – Project is designed, construction permit application submitted, and applicant commits to a loan closing in quarter 3 or earlier.	5
Dig Once – Projects that are geographically overlapped with other utility improvements and/or road replacement work occurring at the same time.	5
Applicant has a current asset management (AM) plan and has or is currently participating in the Michigan Infrastructure Council AM Champions Program (or similar). Points can also be awarded if an AM plan is being developed for the first time as part of the project.	5
Applicant has not received DWSRF financing in the last 5 fiscal years.	3
Applicant has implemented water conservation efforts (e.g., water conservation ordinances).	5
Project includes resiliency and/or DWSRF eligible security measures (e.g., electrical system redundancy or cyber security measures).	7
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 two 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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