

#	Criteria	Points Awarded for a "Yes" Answer
PROJECT BENEFITS		
	Basic Eligibility	
1	Is the project (in total or in part) eligible for the CWSRF?	10
	System Functionality	
2	Will the project improve, repair, upgrade, enhance, rehab, restore, create, or expand an engineered, constructed, or natural system that improves or protects surface water or ground water quality?	10
	Permit Compliance	
3	Is the recipient required to meet a water quality-related permit that will be impacted by the project?	10
4	Will the project help an entity out of compliance with a water quality-related permit achieve compliance?	5
	Improves Quality of Impaired Water Bodies	
5	Will the project benefit a water body that is listed as impaired on the State's 303(d) list--Category 4 or Category 5--or 305(b) list?	10
6	Will the project support implementation of a TMDL?	5
7	Will the project reduce phosphorous contamination in the Illinois River Watershed or improve water quality in the Buffalo River Watershed?	5
AFFORDABILITY & NEED		
8	Is the recipient a community with a population under 10,001 people?	5
	Is the recipient a community with a population under 1,001 people?	10
READINESS TO PROCEED		
9	Has a complete funding application been submitted for the project?	4
	Has the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission approved funding?	1000
	Has a complete Benefits Report been submitted for the project?	4
	Has the Environmental Review been completed for the project?	4
	Have the plans and specs been approved for the project?	4
	Has ADEQ completed permit review and/or issuance?	4
OTHER FACTORS		
	GPR	
10	Will any aspect or portion of the project count as a Green Project?	5
	MULTI-YEAR	
11	Is the project a continuation of an effort that received CWSRF funding in the past 2 years?	10

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ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN		
12	Does the borrower either have an asset management plan or will develop an asset management plan as part of this project?	5
CONSOLIDATION & REGIONALIZATION		
13	Will the project include consolidation and regionalization between utilities, at least one of which has a population of under 10,000 people?	30
	If not, will the project be for a utility that was formed through consolidation or regionalization between utilities, at least one of which has a population under 10,000 people, that occurred in the past?	5
CO-FUNDING		
14	Will another funding source (either the community or a different lending source) be contributing to the project?	10

D. Alternative Criteria for Nontraditional Projects

In addition to the projects listed in the PPL, the Natural Resources Division may also fund up to \$5 million in nontraditional projects in SFY 2026 that meet alternative criteria establishing the contribution the projects make to improving water quality.

Stormwater projects and NPS projects are eligible for the pool of alternative funding on a first-come, first-serve basis. The projects are still subject to all applicable state and federal rules and requirements, and the terms of the funding package, including the interest rate and loan length, are established by the Natural Resources Division. In addition, the Natural Resources Division specifies steps to apply for project funding and determines how it will underwrite the projects.