

Attachment 7 - Ranking Criteria for CWSRF Projects
Georgia Environmental Finance Authority
2025 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Call for Projects
Project Scoring Criteria

Projects will be rated in five categories to determine eligibility and selection for funding from the CWSRF.

CWSRF Scoring System Categories

1. Readiness to proceed
2. Compliance and water quality benefits
3. Priority project types
4. Priority planning elements
5. Priority applicant status

CWSRF Scoring System – Detailed Breakdown

Readiness to Proceed (only one option can be selected)

State Environmental Review Process (SERP) – Categorical Exclusion or Notice of No Significant Impact determination published in a letter from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD).	30 pts
SERP approved (EPD published a final approval letter after public comment).	40 pts

Compliance and Water Quality Benefits (only one option can be selected)

Project will support implementation of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan (provide applicable TMDL, water body name, and water body ID).	50 pts
Project is needed to FULLY ADDRESS deficiencies documented in an enforcement action, e.g., Notice of Violation (NOV) or Consent Order (CO) The NOV or CO must be within the last three years and attached to application.	50 pts
Project will extend sewer to address faulty septic systems.	50 pts
Project will contribute to the de-listing of a stream segment currently listed as “not supporting” its designated use on the 303(d) list. (provide the specific stream segment ID).	50 pts

Priority Project Types (To receive these points, the priority project scope must exceed 50 percent of the total project cost.) Select all that apply.

Aging and Critical Infrastructure: Projects which replace, rehabilitate, or improve critical water infrastructure that has reached or exceeded its design life, reducing the risk of failure and ensuring continued delivery of essential water services. 10 pts

Conservation: Eligible CWSRF projects described by GEFA's [Financing Conservation Projects](#) including water efficiency and conservation, energy production and conservation, and nonpoint source pollution control projects. 10 pts

Resilience: Projects that increase the resilience of treatment works to extreme weather. [Overview of CWSRF Eligibilities](#) (See page 8) 10 pts

Regional Significance: Projects that involve collaboration between at least two cities, counties, or other eligible borrowers. 10 pts

Cybersecurity: Development of effective cybersecurity practices and measures at publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) See this document for eligible projects: [Supporting Cybersecurity Measures with the CWSRF](#) 10 pts

Priority Planning Elements (select all that apply)

Aligns with Regional Water Plan: Project proposals are consistent with the implementation priorities, vision, and goals articulated in the applicable Regional Water Plan. See attached list of applicable plan and section. 10 pts

Capital Improvement Planning: Applicant has implemented an asset management plan as of the date of application OR Applicant has a current capital improvement plan that span at least 10 years and proposed project is included in the plan. See attached documentation of asset management plan or capital improvement plan. 10 pts

Rate-making: Applicant has performed a rate study and implemented a rate change within the last two years. See attached rate study and rate change documentation. 10 pts

Priority Applicant Status (select all that apply)

First-time borrower (outside of lead service line inventory funding)	5 pts
WaterFirst Community	5 pts
PlanFirst Community	2 pts