

**CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND PROGRAM**  
**Scoring and Ranking**

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**Table 1: CWSRF Project Ranking Criteria for Non-planning Loans**

(1) Category 1. Water quality standards and public health considerations.

(a) Does project improve water quality by addressing water quality parameters including, but not limited to, the following: temperature, dissolved oxygen, contaminated sediments, toxic substances, bacteria or nutrients?

(b) Does project ensure that a facility currently in compliance, but at risk of noncompliance, maintains compliance?

(c) Does project address noncompliance with water quality standards, public health issues or effluent limits related to surface waters, biosolids, water reuse or groundwater?

(d) If project is not implemented, is a water quality standard likely to be exceeded or an existing exceedance likely to worsen?

(2) Category 2. Watershed and health benefits.

(a) Does project improve or sustain aquatic habitat supporting native species or state or federally threatened or endangered species?

(b) Does project address water quality or public health issue within a federally designated wild and scenic river or sole source aquifer, state designated scenic waterway, the Lower Columbia River or Tillamook Bay estuary, a river designated under OAR 340-041-0350, or a significant wetland and riparian area identified and listed by a local government?

(c) Does project support implementation of a total maximum daily load (TMDL) allocation, a department water quality status and action plan or designated groundwater management area declared under ORS 468B.180?

(d) Does project provide performance based water quality improvements supported by monitoring and reasonable assurance that the project will continue to function over time?

(e) Does project integrate or expand sustainability or the use of natural infrastructure, or use approaches including, but not limited to, water quality trading, that are not specified in Table 1, 2F through 2I of this rule?

(f) Does project incorporate or expand green stormwater infrastructure including, but not limited to, practices that manage wet weather and that maintain and restore natural hydrology by infiltrating, evapotranspiring, harvesting or using stormwater on a local or regional scale?

(g) Does project incorporate or expand water efficiency including, but not limited to, the use of improved technologies and practices to deliver equal or better services with less water such as conservation, reuse efforts or water loss reduction and prevention?

(h) Does project incorporate or expand energy efficiency including, but not limited to, the use of improved technologies and practices to reduce energy consumption of water quality projects, use energy in a more efficient way or to produce or utilize renewable energy?

(i) Does project incorporate or expand environmentally innovative projects including, but not limited to, demonstrating new or innovative approaches to deliver services or manage water resources in a more sustainable way?

(3) Category 3. Other considerations.

(a) Does project include a long-term planning effort that addresses financial, managerial or technical capability, or asset planning that ensures project will be maintained?

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- (b) Does project include a significant on-going educational or outreach component?
- (c) Does project incorporate other resources including, but not limited to, in-kind support, other funding sources or a partnership with a governmental, tribal or non-governmental organization?
- (d) Does project address a water quality improvement or restoration need for a small community?
- (e) Does project include a sponsorship option?

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**Table 2: CWSRF Project Ranking Criteria for Planning Loans**

- (1) Will the scope of the planning effort include more than one water quality benefit, pollutant or restoration effort?
- (2) Will the scope of the planning effort include sustainability?
- (3) Will the scope of the planning effort take advantage of an opportunity with respect to timing, finances, partnership or other advantageous opportunity?
- (4) Will the scope of the planning effort include financial, managerial or technical capability aspects of the project?
- (5) Will the scope of the planning effort include integrating natural infrastructure and built systems?
- (6) Will the scope of the planning effort demonstrate applicant cost effectiveness by considering three or more project alternatives such as optimizing an existing facility, regional partnership or consolidation?

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