

**Safe Drinking Water Projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

<b>Project Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Provides water supply benefits	10	Reduction in groundwater use
	5	Percentage of project area implementing water use efficiency or conservation best management practices
2. Drinking water quality improvements	10	Water quality violations requiring immediate action. Maximum contaminant level (MCL) violations as well as lead action level exceedances
	5	Improvement to water quality parameters primarily deemed aesthetic rather than having significant health ramifications
3. Consolidates or restructures a public water system	10	Project will result in the regionalization or consolidation of water systems
	5	Project will extend public water to underserved areas from an existing water system
4. Provides benefits and avoids adverse impacts to financially distressed or disadvantaged communities	5	Median household income for the city(ies) and/or county(ies) served by the proposed project <\$36,000
	5	County(ies) served by the project has a population decline > 5% during the previous decade
	5	Percentage of project benefitting disadvantaged communities
	5	Current average 4,000-gal water bill/median household Income
5. Address noncompliance with state or federal laws/rules	5	Facility has received inspections that show noncompliance or are under a state or federal enforcement order
6. Cost effectiveness	10	Standardized unit cost indicator measuring cost per unit of benefit
	5	Dual use projects. - Projects that incorporate new or inventive measures to improve additional infrastructure within the community
7. Project readiness	10	Phase of project development
8. Modernizes system and improvements in instrumentation or improves cybersecurity	5	Project will enhance operational and maintenance programs for long-term through instrumentation upgrades and remote sensing and/or the project is designed to improve cybersecurity of the water system