

**Wastewater and Stormwater Projects will be evaluated based on the following criteria:**

<b>Project Evaluation Criteria</b>	<b>Points Possible</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
1. Provide water quality benefits	15	Volume of water treated
	10	Amount of reduced infiltration and inflow
2. Extent to which the project reduces nutrients	7	Project is designed to specifically treat and remove nutrients
	3	Project will result in an indirect reduction in nutrients
3. Project location in relation to the 303d list, source water protection areas or Watershed with a Watershed Management Plan	5	Project will result in water quality improvements to an impaired waterbody on the 303d list
	5	Percent of the project located in a recognized source water protection area
	5	Project is located within a watershed with an EPA accepted Watershed Management Plan developed in accordance with Section 319 of the Clean Water Act
4. Consolidates or restructures a public wastewater system	10	Project will result in the regionalization or consolidation of wastewater systems
	5	Project will extend wastewater to underserved areas from an existing wastewater system
5. 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
6. Address noncompliance with state or federal laws/rules	5	Facility has received inspections that show noncompliance, are under a State or Federal enforcement order, or are listed on the EPA Significant Non-Compliance List
7. 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
8. Project readiness	10	Phase of project development
9. 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