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INTRODUCTION

The 2023 Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF) is used to communicate Kentucky’s CWSRF plan for state fiscal year 2023 to potential borrowers from the CWSRF, public wastewater systems, the public, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), and other interested parties. The IUP is prepared in accordance with Title VI of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (Pub. L. 116-94, December 20, 2019) and is a requirement for participation in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund Program (CWSRF).

The CWSRF plan for FY 2023 will include the Base Program as well as additional funding provided through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) as Supplemental Base funding and Emerging Contaminants funding. Projects to be considered for funding through the CWSRF are submitted during the call for projects. Projects are reviewed for eligibility and ranked for funding priorities. 129 projects were considered for funding from the CWSRF. The total amount requested is approximately $840 million. The total project need from all funding sources is approximately $948 million. The requests are primarily to fund construction but include planning and design. The IUP is to serve as the public documentation of the list of projects anticipated for funding as shown on the Comprehensive Project Priority List. This Project Priority List (PPL) is provided in Appendix A. For State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2023, the Fund has available just over $126 million with $101.4 million available in Base funding, $23.5 million available in Supplemental Base funding, and $1.1 million available in Emerging Contaminants funding.

An annual IUP is required by Title VI of the CWA and is an integral part of the process to request the federal funds. Each year, the US Congress authorizes funding for the CWSRF through the USEPA. The USEPA prepares allocations for states to receive the funds by way of a Capitalization Grant. The current IUP is for the 2022 Capitalization Grant, which is the FFY of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023. This IUP identifies how the funds available to Kentucky’s CWSRF will be used during the SFY of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

The IUP identifies how the funds will be used to support the goals of the CWSRF. The 2023 IUP includes:

1. A description of the short and long term goals of the CWSRF;
2. The criteria and methods established for selecting projects;
3. Administration and operation policies of the CWSRF established by the KIA for compliance with requirements of the US Congress authorization as administered by the USEPA;
4. The public participation process;
5. The sources and uses of available funds; and
6. The Project Priority List - a list of eligible projects whose sponsors expressed interest in low interest rate loans from the CWSRF.
What is the Clean Water State Revolving Fund?

The CWSRF is a national program by which the USEPA provides capitalization grants to states to further the goals of the CWA. The national CWSRF was created in 1988, to establish a water pollution control revolving fund that would provide financial assistance for construction of publicly owned treatment works under section 212 of the CWA, implementation of watershed management plans under section 319 of the CWA, and development and implementation of conservation and management plans under section 320 of the CWA.

The CWSRF was established to fund projects and activities whose primary goal is the protection of water quality. In 1996, the USEPA issued the funding framework, which encouraged all states that fund both point and nonpoint source projects to integrate their planning and priority ranking systems so that CWSRF funds can most effectively target the nation’s highest water quality problems.

The general intent of Title VI of the CWA is to ensure that each state’s CWSRF is designed and operated to provide financial assistance for water pollution control activities in perpetuity. This is done by providing annual capitalization grants, while allowing states to utilize principal and interest repaid on prior loans to fund new loans. The Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRRDA) amended Titles I, II, V, and VI of the CWA. The EPA implements the national CWSRF program in such a manner that preserves for states a high degree of flexibility to operate their programs in accordance with each state’s unique needs and circumstances.

Kentucky’s CWSRF financing program provides low interest loans for infrastructure projects that are considered a priority based on the water pollution control criteria outlined in the CWA. Projects identified to receive funding are selected from the ranked group of Project Profiles submitted during the annual Call for Projects. The Fund is administered by the KIA. By Memorandum of Agreement, the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet (EEC) through the Division of Water (DOW) perform environmental and technical reviews on projects that seek assistance from the CWSRF. Since its inception in 1988, Kentucky’s CWSRF has committed funds to 466 clean water infrastructure projects, totaling more than $1.74 billion (through July, 2022).

Eligibility

Only projects listed in the IUP are eligible for funding. Examples of eligible projects include:

- Planning, design, and construction of wastewater or storm water collection, conveyance, and treatment facilities.
- The implementation of nonpoint source pollution control management programs.
- Purchase of another wastewater system eligible under 33 U.S.C. 1383(d).

An eligible borrower or borrowing entity means any agency of the state or its political subdivisions, any city, or any special district created under the laws of the state acting individually or jointly under interagency or inter-local cooperative agreements to enter into assistance agreements with the authority as defined in KRS 224A.011(6).
Some examples include:

- Municipal corporations
- Cities
- Agencies
- Commissions
- Authorities
- Districts

**Significant Federal Components and Requirements**

**NEW Supplemental Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Funding**

**BIL Overview Highlights:**

On November 15, 2021, President Biden signed into law the $1.2 trillion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) of 2021 (H.R. 3694) also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). BIL provides supplemental funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund which is in addition to the annual SRF capitalization grants. The additional funding is federally appropriated and will be available over the next five federal fiscal years (2022 – 2026). The additional funding will expand SRF program capacity for loans and loan forgiveness while adhering to existing SRF project eligibilities.

**Clean Water SRF Highlights:**

**American Iron and Steel (AIS) Utilization**

On June 10, 2014, WRRDA amended the CWA to include permanent requirements for the use of American iron and steel products in Clean Water SRF projects. Materials utilized must be certified as AIS. Implementation guidance can be found at the link below:

https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf/state-revolving-fund-american-iron-and-steel-ais-requirement

**Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wage Labor Laws Compliance**

Federal labor laws regarding prevailing wages, hours of work, and rates of pay are collectively known as the Davis-Bacon laws. All projects funded in whole or in part with assistances from CWSRF will be required to comply with Davis-Bacon laws and incorporate their provisions into any project work that has been or will be contracted. For more information on Davis Bacon laws, please visit: http://www.dol.gov/whd/regs/compliance/whdfs66.pdf.
Build America, Buy America Act (BABA)

BIL also expands domestic sourcing requirements with the inclusion of the Build America, Buy America Act (BABA). Starting on May 14, 2022, all steel, iron, manufactured products, non-ferrous metals, plastic and polymer-based products (including polyvinylchloride, composite building materials, and polymers used in fiber optic cables), glass (including optic glass), lumber, and drywall used in infrastructure projects for federal financial assistance programs must be produced in the United States. Implementation guidance is being developed by the Made in America Office at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). For more information, please visit: https://www.epa.gov/grants/epas-identification-federal-financial-assistance-infrastructure-programs-subject-build. Waiver processes for meeting the requirements of BABA are in development at the federal level and will be provided as they become available.

Technical Assistance

In addition to funding infrastructure projects, the CWSRF also allows the use of capitalization grant funds for technical assistance. Up to 2% of the CWSRF capitalization grant, BIL Supplemental CWSRF capitalization grant, and BIL Emerging Contaminants capitalization grant will be used for technical assistance. Technical assistance may be carried out directly by the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority or the Division of Water in the Energy and Environment Cabinet and through contracts with other agencies and organizations. The intent is to partially use technical assistance set asides to fund upgrades to the Water Resource Information System to assist rural and small publicly owned treatment works. The WRIS works directly with utilities to assist disadvantaged communities in preparing for potential CWSRF projects. KIA reserves the right to utilize unused portions of the technical assistance set aside for use at a later date.

Additional Subsidization

The authorization of the base federal capitalization grant requires that beyond the subsidization provided through the low interest financing, additional subsidization is to be provided to utilities in disadvantaged communities. The amount of the capitalization grant received from the federal government that is available for additional subsidization varies each year based on the allowable range authorized by the federal grant, and the amount decided upon by the Commonwealth of Kentucky. The FFY 2022 Capitalization Grant requires that at least 10 percent, or $1,472,600 be provided as additional subsidization. An additional subsidization consistent with the WRRDA amended provisions will be provided between 10 to 30 percent, or up to $4,417,800.

Two distinct and additive subsidy authorities are included in the base capitalization grant.

1. Congressional Additional Subsidy Authority

   Under this authority, states may provide this subsidy to any CWSRF-eligible recipient. States must use 10 percent of the funds made available in the base 2022 CWSRF capitalization grant to provide additional subsidization to eligible recipients in the form of forgiveness of principal, negative interest loans, or grants (or any combination of these) to be used where such funds
are provided as initial financing for an eligible recipient or to buy, refinance, or restructure the debt obligations of eligible recipients only where such debt was incurred after March 15, 2022.

2. Clean Water Act Additional Subsidy Authority

As amended by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) (Pub. L. 117-58), the CWA mandates that states use at least 10 percent but no more than 30 percent of the capitalization grant amount to provide additional subsidy to the following:

- any municipalities that meet the state’s affordability criteria;
- municipalities that do not meet the state’s affordability criteria but seek additional subsidization to benefit individual ratepayers in the residential user rate class; or
- entities that implement a process, material, technique, or technology that addresses water or energy efficiency goals; mitigates stormwater runoff; or encourages sustainable project planning, design, and construction.

This additional subsidization is provided through forgiveness of a portion of the principal loan amount upon completion of the project. The KIA Board sets the amount of additional subsidization to be provided, and determines the maximum amount to any single borrower as well as the criteria for determining the projects that will be offered additional subsidization. For SFY 2023 the total amount of base program additional subsidization is approximately 25 percent ($3,681,500). This amount will be equally divided between each base program applicant invited in the first round of funding. If first round applicants decline the funding invitation and the total principal forgiveness falls below the required amount, principal forgiveness may be provided to Round 2 invitations or may be split between Round 1 invitees as needed to meet the federal requirement.

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Principal forgiveness will be reallocated in subsequent invitations as available. If a loan is eligible for principal forgiveness, it will be allocated only once. Principal forgiveness may not be provided on loan increase requests. This includes projects receiving financing over multiple funding cycles.

In an effort to further protect public health and provide assistance to small wastewater systems and package treatment plants, KIA worked with DOW to identify such systems and may provide critical funding that will allow these systems to become sustainable through consolidation and regionalization. This is considered a “set aside” subsidization under the CWSRF program. If the total
amount set aside for this purpose is not utilized during the 2023 funding cycle, KIA may retain the
funds in the CWSRF program or provide additional principal forgiveness to eligible projects. Funding
will be allocated based on the following factors: age of the system, the history of non-compliance,
the structural condition of the wastewater treatment plant, and the population served.

3. BIL Additional Subsidy Authority – Supplemental

BIL mandates that 49% of funds provided through the CWSRF General Supplemental Funding must
be provided as additional subsidization to the following assistance recipients or project types:

1. Municipalities that meet the state’s affordability criteria.
2. Municipalities that do not meet the state’s affordability criteria but seek additional
subsidization to benefit individual ratepayers in the residential user rate class.
3. Entities that implement a process, material, technique, or technology that addresses
water or energy efficiency goals; mitigates storm water runoff; or encourages sustainable
project planning, design, and construction.

CWSRF General Supplemental Funding will be offered to borrowers whose system area MHI falls
below the State’s MHI and have not reached the $20 million funding cap limits for the year. Each
entity will receive the same percentage of additional subsidization relative to their loan invite
amount.

The table below consists of the projects being invited to submit a loan application that includes
supplemental base principal forgiveness.

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4. BIL Additional Subsidy Authority – Emerging Contaminants

BIL mandates that 100% of funds provided through the CWSRF Emerging Contaminants Funding must
be provided as additional subsidization to the following assistance recipients or project types:

1. Municipalities that meet the state’s affordability criteria.
2. Municipalities that do not meet the state’s affordability criteria but seek additional
subsidization to benefit individual ratepayers in the residential user rate class.
3. Entities that implement a process, material, technique, or technology that addresses water or energy efficiency goals; mitigates storm water runoff; or encourages sustainable project planning, design, and construction

CWSRF Emerging Contaminants Funding and additional subsidization will be awarded to the project below which addresses flooding and storm water runoff. The project is located in and will protect an area inside the city that has a median household income less than the state’s MHI and qualifies as a disadvantaged community.

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**Green Project Reserve – Base Program**

Provided that there are sufficient eligible projects in the 2023 Project Priority List, not less than 10 percent ($2,022,300) of the funds shall be used by the KIA for projects that address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities. KIA will extend invitations to the following potential applicants.

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**Fiscal Sustainability Plan**

Section 603(d)(1)(E) of the CWA requires that a loan recipient develop and implement a fiscal sustainability plan that includes:

1. An inventory of critical assets that are a part of the treatment works;
2. An evaluation of the condition and performance of inventoried assets or asset groupings;
3. A certification that the recipient has evaluated and will be implementing water and energy conservation efforts as part of the plan; and
4. A plan for maintaining, repairing, and, as necessary, replacing the treatment works and a plan for funding such activities.

The recipient may also certify that they have developed and implemented a plan that meets the forgoing requirements.
Cost and Effectiveness Evaluation

In accordance with Section 602(b)(13) of the CWA, as amended: “… the recipient of such assistance must certify, in a manner determined by the Governor of the State, that the recipient has studied and evaluated the cost and effectiveness of the processes, materials, techniques, and technologies for carrying out the proposed project or activity for which assistance is sought under this title; and has selected, to the maximum extent practicable, a project or activity that maximizes the potential for efficient water use, reuse, recapture, and conservation, and energy conservation, taking into account the cost of constructing the project or activity, the cost of operating and maintaining the project or activity over the life of the project or activity, and the cost of replacing the project or activity.”

Single Audit Requirement

If more than $750,000 of federal funds are disbursed during any borrower’s fiscal year, the borrower is required to have a single or program-specific audit conducted for that year in accordance with 2 CFR 200 Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards. This is the Federal requirement, however, KIA requires all borrowers to complete an annual audit for the life of the loan.
CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND GOALS

The following are goals for implementation of the CWSRF. Some goals address improvements and enhancements to the process of administering the CWSRF by the KIA, while other goals address the overall priorities of meeting clean water goals for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Sustainable Infrastructure Initiative

The combination of aging water and wastewater infrastructure, population fluctuations, and declining investments in the area of water pollution abatement is forcing states and local governments to explore innovative methods for funding future water and wastewater capital projects. The USEPA collaborated with external stakeholders and developed the Sustainable Infrastructure (SI) Initiative with a goal to reduce the funding gap between projected investment needs and current spending levels at the federal and local levels so the public can continue to enjoy safe drinking water and adequate sanitary service.

Kentucky is working to provide knowledge and tools to ensure that the investments made in our water infrastructure move us toward a more sustainable footing. The goal can be achieved through strong infrastructure planning and management practices. Some of the key areas for action are:

- Asset Management - A management framework that ensures the right investments are made at the right time.
- Water & Energy Efficiency - Ensuring that water sector systems adopt sustainable practices and technologies for improving their efficiency, reducing costs and addressing future needs.
- Infrastructure Financing & the Price of Water Services - Options to pay for water infrastructure needs.
- Alternative Technologies & Assessment - Using the best, newest, and most innovative solutions when investing in water infrastructure.

Short-Term Goals

Goal #1: Enhance loan closing procedures and refine repayment procedures.
Goal #2: Promote the principles of USEPA’s SI Initiative to loan recipients through education and outreach so that SI practices are considered in planning, design, and construction activities.
Goal #3: Improve SRF training to borrowers, project administrators, Area Development Districts (ADDs), and the engineering community.
Goal #4: Identify distressed borrowers through compliance monitoring and provide targeted financial and managerial guidance.
Goal #5: Develop a focused marketing strategy in conjunction with EEC to target systems with compliance and energy efficiency needs.
Goal #6: Work toward the use of electronic forms and data as opposed to paper documents, where possible.
Goal #7: Increase inspection pace and achieve at least two inspections per project; one at 50% completion and other at 100% completion.

Goal #8: Improve the pace of the program by identifying tasks to commit more available funds in the current fiscal year.

Goal #9: Study and revise the disadvantaged community criteria and incorporate those changes into the WRIS.

**Long-Term Goals**

Goal #1: Work with the EEC to explore solutions to increase energy efficiency for clean water utilities and future non-compliance issues under the CWA.

Goal #2: Streamline loan processes, communication, and the sharing of data between KIA and DOW.

Goal #3: Implement the utility portal within the Water Resources Information System (WRIS) to improve communication and reporting between the utility, KIA, and regulatory agencies.

Goal #4: Analyze and implement recommendations from the Infrastructure Task Force.

Goal #5: Establish a relationship with other funding agencies to coordinate project funding with multiple sources.

Goal #6: Identify priority watersheds and reach out to the municipalities for project development and funding assistance.

Goal #7: Identify systems with emerging contaminants and provide assistance and funding to those systems to develop feasible ways to eliminate those contaminants.
Following the USEPA’s recommendation, Kentucky developed the Priority System Guidance Document (Appendix B), designed to equally evaluate publicly owned treatment works, storm water, and nonpoint source projects according to water quality based criteria developed by the DOW.

Each year, the KIA issues a Call for Projects where potential borrowers are invited to submit CWSRF project information via the WRIS. The 2023 Call for Projects occurred September 22, 2021 to December 15, 2021 via a press release through the Governor’s Office. Additionally, an email distribution was sent to all sewer utilities, ADDs, mayors, county judge executives, and the engineering community.

Properly submitted projects were considered for funding and eligible projects placed on the Project Priority List. Projects were evaluated and assigned a score based upon the ranking criteria in the Priority System Guidance Document (Appendix B). In the event of a tie, the following factors were utilized to priority rank each project:

1. The size of service of a small system as defined by population;
2. Projects with existing enforcement actions (i.e. Agreed Orders, Consent Decrees);
3. Water quality impacts of the project; and
4. Financial need as evidenced by the median household income of the applicant.

The 2023 Project Priority List (Appendix A) shows that Kentucky has sufficient eligible projects to meet the binding commitment requirements of the FFY 2022 Base, Base Supplemental and Emerging Contaminants Capitalization Grants. A brief description of the following fields will be helpful in reviewing the list.

- **Rank**: Rank of project on the comprehensive Project Priority List.
- **Score**: Total number of points the project received using the ranking criteria in Appendix B.
- **Loan Number**: Priority list tracking number for project. This is the assigned loan number for the project throughout the process and should be referred to on all correspondence regarding the project.
- **Applicant**: Name of applicant identified on the Project Profile Form or the community in which the project is associated.
- **Requested Loan Amount**: Amount of desired SRF loan identified on the Project Profile Form.
- **Invited Loan Amount**: The amount of CWSRF funds that KIA has allocated to the proposed project. If this field lists a dollar amount greater than zero, then the project is invited for funding.
- **Principal Forgiveness Amount**: Estimated amount of principal forgiveness that a project is eligible to receive. Eligibility does not guarantee that a project will be offered principal forgiveness due to the amount of funds available. (Noted in a separate table under Additional Subsidization above).
**GPR Amount:** Amount of desired SRF loan identified that may qualify as green infrastructure.

**Green Category:** Identified numerically as to which category identified green infrastructure components are classified (1 – Green Infrastructure, 2 – Water Efficiency, 3 – Energy Efficiency, 4 – Environmentally Innovative).

**WRIS #:** The WRIS number is the identification number assigned to each project profile by an Area Water Management Council after a project has received endorsement. Information stored in the WRIS database includes geographic information system (GIS) data, information on water resources, and drinking and wastewater facilities. It is used by different entities and provides much of the information needed for all aspects of water resource planning.

The 2024 IUP process will begin September 21, 2022 with the annual Call for Projects and will conclude on December 16, 2021 for projects to be considered in the SFY 2024 funding cycle. The following schedule is tentative:

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<td>2024 Call for Projects</td>
<td>September 21, 2022 – December 16, 2022</td>
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<tr>
<td>Creation of Project Priority List</td>
<td>January 1, 2023 - March 31, 2023</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public Notice Period for IUP</td>
<td>May 2, 2023 - June 1, 2023</td>
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<tr>
<td>Finalize 2024 IUP and send to USEPA</td>
<td>Prior to June 30, 2023</td>
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Email notifications will be sent in September 2022 to all sewer utilities, ADDs, mayors, county judge executives, economic development directors, the engineering community and other stakeholders announcing the Call for Projects.
Although developing and maintaining a priority list is required by the CWA, states are not required to select the highest ranked projects in any given year for funding. However, due to limited funding availability, Kentucky will fund projects primarily based on priority ranking. Projects are vetted and many variables are considered prior to distribution of loan invitations.

Administrative Considerations

Funding Limits

This year, Kentucky’s CWSRF funding limit will be $20 million per borrower from the base and base supplemental capitalization grant. Funding limits may also be imposed on borrowers that have outstanding loan balances or loan commitments that increase the concentration risk for the total KIA loan portfolio.

Addition of New Projects to the Project Priority List

The Project Priority List may be amended during the year to add eligible projects. Major revisions to the IUP require public notice.

Emergency Projects

The Project Priority List may be amended during the year for declarations of emergencies designated by the Governor or the Secretary of EEC. An emergency project might involve an unanticipated failure requiring immediate attention to protect public health. The emergency project must meet all eligibility and loan requirements, but the additional public review and comment requirement may be waived. The EPA must approve these deviations.

Refinancing

Governmental agencies may request to refinance non-KIA loans through the CWSRF. Refinancing projects will be considered by KIA only when all the following criteria are met:

1. There are sufficient funds available in the CWSRF to meet all other identified project needs for the program year;
2. The applicant can show significant savings as a result of the refinancing;
3. The applicant can identify an environmental problem within their jurisdiction that they are willing to immediately address with the savings achieved through the refinancing; and
4. Projects, as constructed, met all the applicable program requirements.
Financial Terms of Loans

Interest Rates
The KIA Board sets the interest rates provided through the CWSRF. The KIA Board must review and approve the interest rates at least annually. Rates are based on prevailing market conditions with the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index as a reference rate. Kentucky has one standard interest rate and two non-standard interest rates for the CWSRF program primarily dependent upon the community’s Median Household Income (MHI). Information is provided in the next section for Kentucky’s methodology for MHI determination.

1. The standard rate is applied when the MHI is equal to or above the Kentucky MHI of $52,238.

2. The first non-standard rate is applied for the following reasons:
   a. When the MHI is greater than 80% but less than the Kentucky MHI;
   b. Projects that meet the definition for regionalization; or
   c. Projects necessary for compliance with an Agreed Order or Consent Decree.

3. The second non-standard rate is applied when the MHI is equal to or below 80% of the Kentucky MHI. This rate is also known as the Disadvantaged Community Rate (DCR).
   a. Projects that qualify for the DCR are eligible for principal forgiveness consideration for and may request a loan amortization up to 30 years or the life expectancy of the facilities being financed.

The following interest rates were approved by the KIA Board on July 7, 2022 for this funding cycle:

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<td>&lt; or = $41,790</td>
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<td>2.25</td>
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MHI Determination

Each project’s MHI threshold is calculated automatically in the WRIS Portal. The calculation uses a Default Weighted Proximity Analysis (DWPA). This analysis uses the water distribution/sewer collection lines in the project profile mapping to perform a spatial analysis that estimates the serviceable population of the project area. This is done by applying 2020 census blocks and a weighted MHI value using the applicable 5-Year American Community Survey Estimates. The MHI values generated using the DWPA method are in the WRIS Project Profiles.

If the applicant or representative has concerns with the default method, two alternative options are available: Modified Weighted Proximity Analysis or MHI Income Survey. Borrowers should not proceed with either alternative MHI methodology without first contacting KIA Staff. The Modified
Weighted Proximity Analysis is a GIS based assessment that uses customer meters or address points to calculate an estimated MHI for the project or service area. The second option is to complete an MHI Income Survey using a multi-funding source questionnaire for the project service area.

**Repayment Terms**

Planning, design, and sanitary sewer evaluation study (SSES) loans will be amortized over five years. If the planning and design loan is rolled into a KIA funded construction loan, the term for the planning and design amount will convert to the term approved for the construction loan. Construction loans will have a standard 20-year repayment term. At the KIA Board’s discretion, the repayment term for a construction loan for a service area that is eligible for the lowest non-standard rate may be extended to 30 years, but not beyond the expected design life of the project. Principal and interest payments on each loan will commence no later than the date specified in the Assistance Agreement.

**Loan Servicing Fees**

A loan servicing fee of 0.2 percent on the outstanding loan balance will be charged as a part of each semi-annual loan payment in accordance with 200 KAR 17:050, Section 12. The fee is assessed to recover administrative expenses of the Authority incurred over the life of the loan. These fees are accounted for outside of the program fund and will be used for necessary CWSRF program expenses.

**Large Project Financing**

Due to statewide demand, KIA may not have the capacity to offer the full amount of the construction loan for large projects during a single funding cycle. As such, large project funding may be restricted in the amount of funding provided each year. These amounts will be negotiated at the time of the loan approval and each year’s availability will be detailed in the Assistance Agreement.

**Planning and Design (P&D) Loans**

KIA recognizes that larger or particularly complex projects may require a lengthy planning and design process and thus may not be ready for construction within the allotted twelve months after the Conditional Commitment Letter is issued or perhaps even with a six-month extension period. For ranked projects that require funding for planning and design, before funding is available to draw (under a construction loan), KIA encourages applicants to apply for a P&D loan rather than a full construction loan.
P&D loans provide an opportunity for utilities to determine their exact needs without the time constraints in the project funding process. P&D loans can cover initial engineering assessments of the facilities, regionalization studies, alternative analyses, water supply evaluations, and rate studies for affordability. Additionally, P&D loans can be utilized to move forward into project design. This is specifically helpful for projects that may involve significant renovations at existing facilities. P&D loans can also include easement acquisition and legal costs. Borrowers may draw funds throughout the planning process, however, only 50% of design costs may be drawn until plans and specifications have been approved by the DOW.

The standard interest rate will apply during the five-year term of the loan. However, if the applicant initiates construction within a prescribed timeframe (generally one year) after approval of plans and specifications for the project, the construction loan may be incorporated into the planning and design loan and will receive the applicable interest rate for which the applicant would otherwise qualify and the term established in the Conditional Commitment Letter. After this funding cycle, projects with an existing P&D loan through the CWSRF or any other KIA loan fund will not receive a priority funding position to apply for a construction loan in a subsequent year’s Intended Use Plan and must go through the ranking process for the construction portion of their loan. Construction loans will be subject to interest rates and principal forgiveness amounts for the funding cycle in which the construction loan is reviewed by the KIA board.

**Loan Invitations**

**Bypass Process**

Once the projects are ranked in the Project Priority List, the KIA issues conditional invitations to apply for funding. A high-priority project that does not demonstrate readiness to proceed within the given timeframe will be bypassed. This bypass may occur at the request of the utility or as a decision from the KIA staff. A bypassed project may become ineligible for CWSRF funding in the current funding year. Bypassed project profiles will remain in the WRIS portal, but the utility must reapply through the annual Call for Projects process to be re-ranked for future funding cycles. Some examples that justify a bypass include, but are not limited to the following:

- Incomplete or unavailable audits (2019, 2020, and 2021);
- Borrower does not demonstrate readiness to proceed based upon project schedule;
- Non-compliance or delinquent payment on an existing KIA loan;
- Incomplete loan application;
- Applicant unresponsiveness;
- Applicant cannot establish a dedicated source of revenue for the repayment of the loan;
- Applicant has multiple projects under construction; or
- Applicant voluntarily postpones accepting invitation.

Circumstances sometime warrant that applications are carried forward into a future funding cycle. This year, KIA will carry forward applications totaling $27,416,850.
Invitation Process

An invitation letter is emailed to potential borrowers with specific instructions.

Applicants that do not meet the deadline requirements may be bypassed and subsequent eligible project(s) will receive invitations. This process will continue until all estimated available funds have been allocated. If upon receipt of the loan application, the project scope differs significantly from information originally scored in the ranked project profile, KIA reserves the right to have the project reassessed by DOW. Changes in project scope can potentially impact funding priority.

Upon receipt of a complete loan application, KIA staff will review the information and prepare a credit analysis. KIA staff will present financial analysis and any conditional requirements for each loan to the KIA Board. Upon KIA Board approval, a Conditional Commitment Letter will assure that funding will remain committed to the project for a period established in the letter, provided all of the conditions are met. All CWSRF program requirements must be met by the term outlined in the Conditional Commitment Letter. An extension of up to six months for approved applicants that experience extenuating circumstances may be granted.

Actual project funding amounts may vary from amounts presented in the Project Priority List due to updated cost estimates and funding received from other sources. Increases to existing loans must be approved prior to the date of initiation of operation. The application invitation process is designed to commit available funds as soon as possible with limited invitation iterations. Given an uncertain invitation acceptance rate, KIA will invite significantly more project dollars than are available to fund. If more projects than anticipated accept an invitation to apply it is possible that presentation of an invited project or projects to the KIA Board will be delayed.

Invitation List

The projects indicated on Schedule A received an invitation to participate in the CWSRF (fundable list with status of invitation) for SFY 2023. The highlighted projects have received KIA funding for large project multi-year financing (yellow) or a planning and design loan (blue). Ranked projects which have been bypassed are included for reference.

Equivalency Projects

Equivalency projects are defined within the SRF programs as a select group of loans whose sum is equal to the amount of capitalization grant which are required to meet certain federal requirements. Because it is unknown which projects listed on the Project Priority List will execute loan agreements, it is not possible to list specific loans that will meet these requirements for the FFY 2022 capitalization grants. Equivalency loans will be listed in the annual report.
Structure of the CWSRF Program in Kentucky

KIA administers the CWSRF under a Memorandum of Agreement with DOW, pursuant to Kentucky Revised Statute (KRS) 224A.111 and Kentucky Administrative Regulation (KAR) 200 KAR 17:050. The following contacts can assist with CWSRF inquiries:

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<td>Sandy Williams</td>
<td>KIA</td>
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<td>Executive Director</td>
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<tr>
<td>(502) 892-3088</td>
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<tr>
<td><a href="mailto:Sandy.Williams@ky.gov">Sandy.Williams@ky.gov</a></td>
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<td>Don Schierer</td>
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<td>Jory Becker</td>
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Borrower Loan Compliance and Financial Monitoring

The borrower’s ability to repay its loans has a direct effect on the financial condition of the CWSRF. Additionally, maintaining a positive operating cash flow and capital asset reserve funding program will protect both the utility and its customers financially against unforeseen capital replacements in the future. Upon acceptance of a loan, each borrower agrees to a number of post-closing conditions, some of which are noted below, to remain in compliance with the terms of the loan.

- The borrower must provide audited financial statements to KIA within six months of the entity’s fiscal year end date. KIA will review each borrower’s financial performance and, if necessary, will work with them to identify ways to remedy any non-compliance issues.
- Borrowers are required to fund a repair and replacement reserve account equal to 5 percent of the KIA loan amount over 20 years and maintain it for the life of the loan. This

1 KRS Ch. 224A.111 and 200 KAR 17:050 may be found at [https://kia.ky.gov/Information/Pages/Legislation-and-Regulations.aspx](https://kia.ky.gov/Information/Pages/Legislation-and-Regulations.aspx).
requirement may be waived if a documented replacement program is in place and being actively funded at a level that is acceptable to KIA.

KIA has two staff members that will be responsible to monitor borrower loan compliance as well as process specific loan documents such as the loan assistance agreements, draw requests, closeout documents, and required audit information. The compliance coordinators have been assigned borrowers geographically by ADDs. Their contact information are as follows:

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<tr>
<td>Debbie Landrum</td>
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**Fund Transfers between the CWSRF and the DWSRF**

Transfers between the SRF programs are allowed up to a maximum of 33 percent of the total DWSRF capitalization grants received. KIA reserves the right to transfer the maximum allowable 33 percent of uncommitted repayment funds from the CWSRF to the DWSRF repayment fund as loan demand arises. This decision will be evaluated annually by KIA and DOW. These funds will be distributed using the same criteria and method as described in the governing IUP. Funds not transferred within one fiscal year of receipt of a capitalization grant award shall be reserved for transfer in future years.

KIA reserves the authority for BIL inter-SRF transfers and use the authority in later years from subsequent BIL appropriations.
Funds Available to Be Committed and Disbursed

Kentucky’s CWSRF is capitalized by appropriations from the U.S. Congress and the Kentucky General Assembly. The CWSRF provides, in perpetuity, financial assistance to Kentucky’s eligible CWSRF projects. As of June 30, 2021 the CWSRF had a total net position of $837,761,000 and 260 active loans. During SFY 2023, Kentucky will rely on funding as outlined in Tables A through C to provide financial assistance, to support the operations of KIA and DOW, and to provide technical assistance.

Table A  
Kentucky CWSRF Sources and Uses of Funds for SFY 2023  
Base Program  
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

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<td>Under Commitment of Prior Year Loan Funds</td>
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| Total Funding Sources                                | 14,950,088           | 2,945,200          | 104,987,207| 122,882,495 |

| Funding Uses                                         |                      |                    |            |          |
| Financial Assistance - Base                          | 13,842,440           | 2,945,200          | 57,191,007 | 73,978,647 |
| 2022 Carried-Forward Projects                        |                      | 27,416,850         | 27,416,850 |          |
| Leverage Bond Debt Service                           |                      | 20,379,350         | 20,379,350 |          |
| Banked Prior Year Administration Funds - Base        | 224,088              |                    | 224,088    |          |
| FFY 2022 Administration - Base (4%)                  | 589,040              |                    | 589,040    |          |
| FFY 2022 Technical Assistance - Base (2%)            | 294,520              |                    | 294,520    |          |

| Total Funding Uses                                   | 14,950,088           | 2,945,200          | 104,987,207| 122,882,495 |

During the 2023 IUP funding cycle, KIA will have an estimated $101,395,497 in the Base Program available to fund eligible 2023 CWSRF projects, 2022 CWSRF carried-forward projects, and provide increases to previously approved projects under a phased funding plan.
Funding is provided from the FFY 2022 capitalization grant of $14,726,000, state match funds of $2,945,200, estimated loan repayments of $61,734,571, and interest earnings of $500,000 on existing cash balances. We are including the remaining uncommitted funds from the 2022 IUP of $15,335,786 because we are allowing invited borrowers from the 2022 funding cycle additional time to meet the application requirements due to restrictions they faced curing the COVID-19 pandemic. Funding is reduced by leverage bond debt service of $20,379,350, 2022 carried-forward projects of $27,416,850, and capitalization grant administration and technical assistance funds of $1,107,648 used by KIA and DOW to administer the CWSRF program and provide technical assistance to disadvantaged borrowers. Any administration or technical assistance funds that are not used or are transferred into the construction account will be reserved for use in a future year. KIA and DOW will have $224,088 in banked administrative funds from prior capitalization grants for administration of the program.

The $2,945,200 state match is provided from bond proceeds from the sale of tax-exempt revenue bonds with debt service provided by the Commonwealth. If additional capitalization grant funding is made available, the required 20 percent state match will be provided to the full extent of the available capitalization grant.

### Table B
**Kentucky CWSRF Sources and Uses of Funds for SFY 2023**
**Base Supplemental Program**
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

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During the 2023 IUP funding cycle, KIA will have an estimated $23,558,080 in the Base Supplemental Program available to fund eligible 2023 CWSRF projects.
Funding is provided from the FFY 2022 capitalization grant of $22,652,000 and state match funds of $2,265,200. Funding is reduced by capitalization grant administration and technical assistance funds of $1,359,120 used by KIA and DOW to administer the CWSRF program and provide technical assistance to disadvantaged borrowers. Any administration or technical assistance funds that are not used or are transferred into the construction account will be reserved for use in a future year.

The $2,265,200 state match is provided from bond proceeds from the sale of tax-exempt revenue bonds with debt service provided by the Commonwealth. If additional capitalization grant funding is made available, the required 20 percent state match will be provided to the full extent of the available capitalization grant.

Table C

Kentucky CWSRF Sources and Uses of Funds for SFY 2023
Emerging Contaminants Program
July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

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During the 2023 IUP funding cycle, KIA will have an estimated $1,118,600 in the Emerging Contaminants Program available to fund eligible 2023 CWSRF projects.

Funding is provided from the FFY 2022 capitalization grant of $1,190,000. Funding is reduced by capitalization grant administration and technical assistance funds of $71,400 used by KIA and DOW to administer the CWSRF program and provide technical assistance to disadvantaged borrowers. Any administration or technical assistance funds that are not used or are transferred into the construction account will be reserved for use in a future year.

No state match is required for this capitalization grant.
The draft 2023 CWSRF IUP including the Project Priority List was available for public review and comment on the KIA website at www.kia.ky.gov from August 26, 2022 through September 26, 2022. A public meeting was held Thursday, September 22, 2022 at 2:30 p.m., EST as a virtual Zoom meeting, which was accessible at the KIA website, at kia.ky.gov. A summary of the written comments that were received during the public comment period are in Appendix C.
APPENDIX A

COMPREHENSIVE PROJECT PRIORITY LIST
| Source  | Number | Description                                                                 | Amount | Invited Loan | Invited Loan Interest | Invited Loan Principal | Invited Loan Interest Base | Invited Loan Principal Base | MOE as % | Estimated Bid Date | Construction Date | Cumulative Estimated Bid | Cumulative Construction Date | Initial Loan Amount | Initial Loan Interest | Initial Loan Principal | Cumulative Estimated Bid Interest | Cumulative Construction Date Interest | Cumulative Estimated Bid Principal | Cumulative Construction Date Principal | Contaminants | Cumulative Estimated Bid Contaminants | Cumulative Construction Date Contaminants | Estimated Green | Cumulative Estimated Green | Estimated Green Status | Forecasted | Forecasted Cumulative Estimated Green | Forecasted Cumulative Estimated Green Status | Forecasted Cumulative Estimated Green Date |
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| Loan Number | WDH # | Appraiser | Project Title                                      | Total Project Cost | Total Funding | Requested Loan Amount | Cumulative Interest Amount | Cumulative Interest Amount Supplemented | Cumulative Interest Amount Emerging | Estimated Cont Number | Estimated Cont Cost | Invited Loan Cumulative Amount | Invited Loan Cumulative Amount Emerging | Invited Loan Cumulative Amount Supplemental | Invited Loan Cumulative Amount Requested | Estimated Cont Number | Estimated Cont Cost | Invited Loan Cumulative Amount | Invited Loan Cumulative Amount Emerging | Invited Loan Cumulative Amount Supplemental | Invited Loan Cumulative Amount Requested |
|-------------|-------|-----------|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| A226715      | 5232109136 | Richmond - Pavillion Way Force Main                  | $2,890,000          | $775,000     | $1,550,000            | $775,000                      | $0                                | $0                                   | 781                          | $35,583               | $11,541                           | 32%                                                      | $0                               | $0                                           | $182,789,456             | 3                          | 10-01-2022                          | $0                                           | 11-01-2022                          |
| A226716      | 5232109137 | Mortons Gap - Sewer System Rehabilitation            | $148,889,456        | $0           | $0                      | $0                             | $0                                | $0                                   | $0                          | $0                                   | $0                               | $147,614,456                                    | $0                               | $0                                           | $141,251,456             | $3                          | 01-01-2023                          | $0                                           | 05-01-2023                          |
| A226717      | 5232109138 | Force Main from Alpine Village                       | $76,040              | 9%           | $0                      | $0                             | $0                                | $0                                   | $0                          | $0                                   | $0                               | $73,751                                                                       | $0                               | $0                                           | $28,000                  | $182,339,456            | 3                          | 09-15-2022                          | $0                                           | 12-01-2022                          |
| A226718      | 5232109139 | Louisa: Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades          | $1,450,000           | 34%          | $810,000                | $810,000                      | $0                                | $0                                   | $0                          | $0                                   | $0                               | $670,000                                                                                 | $0                               | $0                                           | $10,591                  | $141,251,456            | 3                          | 02-01-2022                          | $0                                           | 04-01-2022                          |
| A226719      | 5232109140 | Henderson Water Utility                             | $2,660,325           | 19%          | $2,437,500              | $0                             | $0                                | $0                                   | $0                          | $0                                   | $0                               | $1,846,325                                                                             | $0                               | $0                                           | $1,275                  | $144,434,456            | 3                          | 06-01-2022                          | $0                                           | 09-01-2022                          |
| A226720      | 5232109141 | Hopkinsville Water Environment Authority            | $41,072              | 41%          | $2,646,000              | $0                             | $0                                | $0                                   | $0                          | $0                                   | $0                               | $2,605,000                                                                             | $0                               | $0                                           | $1,275                  | $144,434,456            | 3                          | 07-01-2022                          | $0                                           | 09-01-2022                          |
| Loan Number | WRRID | Applicant | Project Title | Total Project Cost | Total Funding Sources | Requested Loan Amount | Invited Loan Amount | Invited Loan Rate | Invited Loan Amount Supplemental | Cumulative Invited Loan Amount Emerging | Cumulative Invited Loan Amount Emerging | Invited Reserves & Populations | Cumulative System Service Area NRU | Cumulative System Service Area NRU as of | Principal Payment Amount | Cumulative Principal Invitations | Estimated Closeout Date | Estimated Construction Closeout Date |
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| 423-019 | SX21095012 | Sacramento, City of | Sacramento Gravity Sewer Project, Phase I | $980,000 | $1,642,000 | $980,000 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $1,040,000 | $1,040,000 | $0 | $0 | $182,789,456 | 11-01-2021 | 12-01-2021 |
| 423-019 | SX21095012 | Sacramento, City of | Sacramento Gravity Sewer Project, Phase II | $4,724,000 | $8,776,000 | $4,724,000 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $5,280,000 | $5,280,000 | $0 | $0 | $182,789,456 | 09-01-2021 | 12-01-2021 |
| 423-019 | SX21095012 | Sacramento, City of | Sacramento Gravity Sewer Project, Phase III | $3,301,000 | $6,504,000 | $3,301,000 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $3,752,000 | $3,752,000 | $0 | $0 | $182,789,456 | 09-01-2021 | 12-01-2021 |
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APPENDIX B

PRIORITY SYSTEM GUIDANCE DOCUMENT
KENTUCKY Priority System Guidance Document

For Wastewater, Stormwater and Nonpoint Source Projects Eligible To Be Funded By The

KENTUCKY CLEAN WATER STATE REVOLVING FUND

2023 Funding Cycle

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I. Introduction

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1956 provided a strong role for the federal government in the construction of publicly owned wastewater treatment works. The amendments enacted in 1972, commonly referred to as the Clean Water Act (CWA), expanded the level of federal aid and increased the federal grant share in an effort by Congress to speed up the pace of construction of wastewater treatment facilities and eliminate the backlog of needed facilities. The 1977 Amendments to the Clean Water Act directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to delegate most of its construction grants management functions to the states. EPA continued to provide funds for grants to local governments to construct wastewater treatment facilities through federal fiscal year (FFY) 1990. The Water Quality Act of 1987, which amended the CWA, authorized EPA to make capitalization grants to each state for the purpose of establishing a water pollution control revolving fund for providing financial assistance for projects designed to protect and restore water quality, including publicly owned treatment works (POTWs), nonpoint source pollution control, and estuary management. EPA made capitalization grants beginning in FFY 1987. However, when federal funding ends, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) is to be maintained in perpetuity by the state in place of federal participation.

The Kentucky General Assembly enacted House Bill 217 during the 1988 legislative session, which established the CWSRF as an enduring and viable fund. This fund is intended to allow the Commonwealth of Kentucky to qualify for the federal CWSRF capitalization grants. The CWA requires, in section 602, a state match to be deposited into the CWSRF of an amount equal to at least 20 percent of the total amount of all capitalization grants which will be made to the State.

The CWSRF may fund projects for construction of publicly owned treatment works as defined in section 212 of the Clean Water Act, including stormwater projects. Amendments to the program will also allow funding of projects for: decentralized systems; stormwater or subsurface drainage water; water conservation, efficiency, or reuse; watershed projects as defined in section 122; energy consumption; reuse or recycling of wastewater, stormwater, or subsurface drainage water; security; and assistance by nonprofit agencies. The CWSRF may also fund nonpoint source pollution control activities which implement the U.S. EPA-approved Kentucky Nonpoint Source Management Program - 2.0 (Kentucky Division of Water, 2002) required under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act, which lists specific activities for controlling nonpoint source pollution impacts and identifies responsible implementing agencies and potential/available funding sources.

The purpose of this document is to outline the Division of Water’s (DOW) project selection and ranking criteria which shall be used to establish project priority ranking in the annual CWSRF Intended Use Plan (IUP). This document complies with EPA’s Integrated Planning and Priority Setting in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund guidance (EPA-832-R-01-002 March 2001), which states, “An integrated planning and priority setting system is effective if it ensures that CWSRF-funded projects address high priority water quality problems. Four actions are key to its success: identifying water quality priorities, assessing the CWSRF role, undertaking outreach efforts, and selecting priority projects.”

DOW is committed to reassessing the Integrated Project Priority Ranking Criteria and Points System upon the completion of the initial review and ranking process and development of the Project Priority List. Modifications may be made to the criteria and points system if it is determined this process does not meet EPA’s guidance for utilizing the CWSRF to address the high priority water quality problems.
II. Identifying and Ranking Water Quality Priorities

According to the March 2001 EPA IPPS guidance:

“Water quality priorities provide a context for the activities of the CWSRF program. CWSRF resources should address these priorities in the most efficient manner possible. State water quality priorities also provide a valuable standard against which a state can measure the success of its water quality programs, i.e., has the state used its resources to address its highest water quality priorities?

A state’s water quality program should be the CWSRF’s major resource in identifying the state’s water quality priorities. A water quality program has typically developed its understanding of the state’s priorities by considering water quality information from many sources. Familiarity with these sources of water quality information is also useful to the CWSRF during the development of project ranking systems.”

DOW operates several water quality programs that have proven useful to identify criteria for ranking projects in the context of CWSRF funding priority.

All surface waters in Kentucky are assessed based on a five-year, rotating watershed basin cycle. Assessment data and narrative explanations are compiled into the 305(b) Report to Congress. Section 303(d) of the CWA requires each state to list those waters within its boundaries for which technology based effluent limitations are not stringent enough to protect any water quality standard applicable to such waters. The 303(d) List of Waters identifies all waters assessed as "impaired" for one or more pollutants, and are therefore waters not "meeting the water quality standard." Listed waters are prioritized with respect to designated use classifications and the severity of pollution. The 305(b) report and 303(d) list are now published together in the Integrated Report to Congress on Water Quality in Kentucky https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Monitor/Pages/IntegratedReportDownload.aspx.

Kentucky is required to develop Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) for those water bodies that are not meeting water quality standards. The TMDL process establishes the allowable loadings of pollutants or other quantifiable parameters for a waterbody based on the relationship between point and nonpoint pollution sources and in-stream water quality conditions. See the following website for approved TMDLs https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Protection/TMDL/Pages/Approved-TMDLs.aspx.

As required in 200 KAR 17:050, the cabinet must determine the priority for funding eligible projects to be included on the Project Priority List based on criteria established pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1296, which states that projects should be designed to achieve optimum water quality management consistent with public health and water quality goals, and the following:

A. Project Needs

A project is awarded points based on the importance of the need in addressing a water quality or public health problem. Each of the need categories are defined in this section.

Criterion #1: Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Correction- Correction measures used to achieve water quality objectives by preventing or controlling periodic discharges of a mixture of stormwater and untreated wastewater (combined sewer overflows) that occur when the capacity of a sewer system is exceeded.

Points Received: 40
Criterion #2: Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Correction- Control of sanitary sewer overflows caused by undersized lines and/or excessive infiltration and inflow into the sanitary sewer collection system. Sanitary sewer overflow refers to overflow, spill, release, or discharge of untreated or partially treated wastewater from a sanitary sewer system.

**Points Received:** 30

Criterion #3: Replacement or Rehabilitation of Aging Infrastructure, including correction of moderate infiltration and inflow (i.e., no associated SSO)- The problem of water penetration into a sewer system from the ground through such means as defective pipes or manholes or from sources such as drains, storm sewers, and other improper entries into the systems is referred to as infiltration and inflow (I/I). Reinforcement or reconstruction of structurally deteriorating sewers and pipes used to collect and convey wastewater by gravity or pressure flow to a common point are projects designed to correct I/I (i.e., no associated SSO) go under this criterion.

**Points Received:** 50

Criterion #4: New Treatment Plant- Construction of a new facility including any devices and systems used in the storage, treatment, recycling or reclamation of municipal sewage, sewage sludge, and biosolids, or industrial waste.

**Points Received:** 10

Criterion #5: New Collector Sewers and Appurtenances- Install new pipes used to collect and carry wastewater from a sanitary or industrial wastewater source to an interceptor sewer that will convey the wastewater to a treatment plant.

**Points Received:** 10

Criterion #6: Decentralized Wastewater Treatment Systems- This includes onsite, mound, and/or cluster treatment systems that process household and/or commercial sewage that may include, but are not limited to, septic systems, disposal beds, and packaged wastewater treatment plants configured to treat and dispose of wastewater without offsite discharge. Often the wastewater is percolated into the soil through infiltration beds or trenches or is disposed by irrigation or other means.

**Points Received:** 20

Criterion #7: Upgrade to Advanced Treatment- Upgrade of a facility to a level of treatment that is more stringent than secondary treatment or produces a significant reduction in nonconventional pollutants.

**Points Received:** 20

Criterion #8: Optimization of Existing Treatment Plant- Rehabilitation, upgrades, improvements, or expansion of existing treatment plant.

**Points Received:** 50

Criterion #9: New Interceptors and Appurtenances- Install new major sewer lines receiving wastewater flows from collector sewers. The interceptor sewer carries wastewater directly to the treatment plant or another interceptor.

**Points Received:** 10
Criterion #10: Storm Water Control- Storm water is defined as runoff water resulting from precipitation. Includes activities to plan and implement municipal storm water management programs with environmental benefits pursuant to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits for discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems.  
Points Received: 20

Criterion #11: Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Control- NPS projects may include, but are not limited to, stream restoration, Best Management Practices, and land purchases.  
Points Received: 20

Criterion #12: Recycled Water Distribution- Projects may include, but are not limited to, the recycling of nonpotable water or reclaimed water for irrigation and other nonpotable uses.  
Points Received: 10

Criterion #13: Planning- Developing plans to address water quality and water quality-related public health problems that are supported by sound science and appropriate technology. Examples included Watershed-Based Plan, Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation Plans and Long-term Control Plans for Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO).  
Points Received: 10

Criterion #14: Other- Any project that does not meet the list of project needs definitions and/or standards provided above. If the project is to conduct optimization studies for technology-based limits for nutrients the project will receive 50 points*. Project need must be provided.  
Points Received: 10 or 50*

B. Regionalization

Criterion #1: Will this project provide regionalization and/or consolidation of wastewater treatment systems?  
This question addresses regionalized wastewater treatment approaches which may significantly minimize wastewater impacts. Regionalization occurs when smaller systems integrate part or all of their wastewater management systems to reduce costs, improve service, and maintain regulatory compliance. Smaller systems, regardless of ownership status, lack economies of scale and often have a difficult time finding the capital and human resources required to comply with stringent water quality standards to remain viable. Regionalized wastewater treatment approaches may significantly minimize wastewater impacts, resulting in a reduced number of KPDES discharges. This includes projects that will combine one or more existing treatment plants, result in the abandonment of one or more wastewater treatment plants and connection to an existing wastewater treatment plant, acquisitions of smaller systems by larger systems, and mergers between utilities. Project must reduce the number of KPDES discharges.  
Points Received: 20

Criterion #2: Will this project eliminate a package treatment plant that is more than 25 years old?  
Points Received: 25
Criterion #3: Will this project eliminate a package treatment plant that has received notices of violations resulting in degradation of waters of Commonwealth within the last two state fiscal years - July 2018 - June 2020?

Points Received: 25

C. Compliance and Enforcement

Criterion #1: Is the project necessary to achieve full or partial compliance with a court order, or a judicial or administrative consent decree?

Points Received: 50

Criterion #2: Primary system has not received any CWA Notices of Violation within the previous state fiscal year-July through June, i.e. July 2019 – June 2020.

Points Received: 25

D. Water Quality

Criterion #1: Will the project implement an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for impaired waterbodies?

Is the project located on a stream having an approved TMDL? See the following website for approved TMDLs https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Protection/TMDL/Pages/Approved-TMDLs.aspx

Points Received: 10

Criterion #2: Will the project address existing or projected nutrient TMDL?

Is the TMDL established for nutrients or is the stream nutrient impaired? Refer to the DOW website for impairment/TMDL information https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Protection/TMDL/Pages/Approved-TMDLs.aspx

Points Received: 30

Criterion #3: Will the project implement any part of an approved Watershed Plan?

Please refer to list of approved watershed plans in Section VIII.

Points Received: 10

Criterion #4: Will the project make reasonable progress towards eliminating identified pollutant sources for waterbodies that appear in the Integrated Report to Congress on Water Quality in Kentucky?

This question addresses the state’s goal to improve water quality in impaired waterbodies. The Integrated Report and maps are available on DOW’s website. https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Monitor/Pages/IntegratedReportDownload.aspx.

The reports list the impaired waterbodies with the pollutants of concern and probable sources of the pollutants.

Points Received: 20 for each pollutant-water body combination addressed
Criterion #5: Will the project eliminate existing or potential sources of pollution in groundwater sensitivity areas?
This question considers the importance of groundwater as one of Kentucky’s vital resources as a source of drinking water, a source for industrial and agricultural use, and the source of sustained base flow in most streams. Groundwater is classified according to its sensitivity to pollution on a scale from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest). Groundwater data is available for download at http://kygeonet.ky.gov/metadataexplorer/.
Points Received: 15 if project is in a 4 or 5 sensitivity area
Points Received: 10 if project is in a 2.5 or 3 sensitivity area

Criterion #6: Will the project eliminate existing or potential sources of pollution in an identified SWAPP zone or WHPA?
Each public water system (PWS) must develop a Source Water Assessment and Protection Plan (SWAPP) which delineates its drinking water source protection area, called SWAPP zones or Wellhead Protection Areas (WHPA), and potential sources of contamination within those areas. Look up SWAPP and WHPA areas in the Watershed Viewer at https://kygis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=c2324b998e78433aaf9c6a3d7ad9f86a
Points Received: 10 for each SWAPP Zone 1 or WHPA Zone 3
Points Received: 7 for each SWAPP Zone 2 or WHPA Zone 2
Points Received: 3 for each SWAPP Zone 3 or WHPA Zone 1

Criterion #7: Will the project make reasonable progress towards eliminating identified pollutant sources of water quality impairments within an identified DOW Priority Watershed?
The Division of Water has developed a list of state priority watersheds at the HUC11 level. Refer to the list of Kentucky Division of Water State Priority Watersheds in Section VII.
Points Received: 20

Criterion #8: Will the project protect Special Use Waters?
This question considers the importance of protecting special waters in Kentucky. Special Use Waters are rivers, streams and lakes listed in Kentucky Administrative Regulations (https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/TITLE401.HTM) as Cold Water Aquatic Habitat (401 KAR 10:031 Section 4), Exceptional Waters (401 KAR 10:030 Section 1), Reference Reach Waters (401 KAR 10:030 Section 1), Outstanding State Resource Waters (401 KAR 10:031 Section 8), Outstanding National Resource Waters (401 KAR 10:030 Section 1), State Wild Rivers (Kentucky Wild Rivers Act of 1972), and Federal Wild and Scenic Rivers (Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, PL 90-542). https://eec.ky.gov/Nature-Preserves/conserving_natural_areas/wild-rivers/Pages/default.aspx
Points Received: 10

Criterion #9: Will the project eliminate existing or potential sources of contamination within a 5-mile radius of a drinking water source location?
This question considers the importance of protecting drinking water supplies from potential contaminant sources.
Points Received: 10

Criterion #10: Will the project eliminate failing on-site septic tanks or straight pipes?
This question considers the importance of protecting groundwater and surface water quality from potential contaminant sources.
Points Received: 15
E. **Financial Need**

This section of the project ranking criteria considers the importance or the ability of facilities/systems to acquire and manage sufficient financial resources to achieve and maintain regulatory compliance.

Points will be given if the project is in an area of Kentucky where the Median Household Income (MHI) is below 80 percent of the Commonwealth’s MHI as determined by the American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimate (2014-2018).

**Points Received: 20**

Points will be given if the project is in an area with a MHI between 80 and 100 percent of the Commonwealth’s MHI as determined by the ACS 5 Year Estimate (2014-2018).

**Points Received: 10**

F. **Asset Management**

Criterion #1: Points are awarded if the system has a written asset management plan or components of an asset management plan. See below for definitions and breakdown of points. In order to receive points under this category, supporting documents must be uploaded in the WRIS.

**Asset Management Plan:**

Must have been reviewed/updated within the last twelve (12) months and include:

- **Asset Inventory** (a list of all assets that, at a minimum, includes: date constructed/installed, identifying information, location, remaining useful life, condition rating, estimated cost to replace, and priority rating based on criticality (risk of failure x consequence of failure))
- **Strategic Plan** (at a minimum, must include a mission statement, level of service goals for the system that are SMART (Specific, Measureable, Attainable, Realistic, and Time-bound), and preventive maintenance program.
- **Capital Improvement Plan** (list of capital projects for the next ten (10) or more years that includes project title, anticipated year of construction, cost estimate, and sources of potential funding)

**Points Received: 50**

**Capital Improvement Plan and Asset Inventory:**

Must be up-to-date and include:

- **Asset Inventory** (a list of all assets that, at a minimum, includes: date constructed/installed, identifying information, location, remaining useful life, condition rating, estimated cost to replace, and priority rating based on criticality (risk of failure x consequence of failure) OR completed **WRIS Asset Inventory**

- **Capital Improvement Plan** (a list of capital projects for the next five (5) or more years that includes project title, anticipated year of construction, cost estimate, and sources of potential funding)

**Points Received: 30**

**Capital Improvement Plan:**

An up-to-date list of capital projects for the next five (5) or more years that includes:

- Project title
- Anticipated year of construction
- Cost estimate
- Sources of potential funding

**Points Received: 10**
Asset Inventory (10 points)
Must be up-to-date list of assets that, at a minimum, includes:
- Date of construction/installation
- Location
- Condition Rating
- Performance Rating
- Priority Rating (based on condition and performance ratings)
OR completed WRIS Asset Inventory
Points Received: 10

Criterion #2: System’s monthly wastewater bill, based on 4,000 gallons, as a percentage of Median Household Income is:

Greater than or equal to 2% Points Received: 10
Between 1 and 1.99% Points Received: 5
Below 1% Points Received: 0

Criterion #3: System has specifically allocated funds for the rehabilitation and replacement of aging and deteriorating infrastructure (The funds allocated to the current sinking fund account should not be a requirement of an existing loan, but a good business practice). To obtain points under this category supporting documents must be uploaded in WRIS (i.e. approved budget).
Points Received: 25

G. Cyber Security
Points are awarded for the application of cyber security to protect against the unauthorized use of systems, networks, programs, and devices.
Points Received: 5

H. Green Projects
The following four categories will be considered incentives by the Kentucky Division of Water, and projects that incorporate components from any of the categories will receive bonus points. Projects with an “*” require business case.

1. Green Infrastructure:

Green stormwater infrastructure includes a wide array of practices at multiple scales that manage wet weather and that maintains and restores natural hydrology by infiltrating, evapotranspiring and harvesting and using stormwater. On a regional scale, green infrastructure is the preservation and restoration of natural landscape features, such as forests, floodplains and wetlands, coupled with policies such as infill and redevelopment that reduce overall imperviousness in a watershed. On the local scale green infrastructure consists of site- and neighborhood-specific practices, such as bioretention, trees, green roofs, permeable pavements and cisterns.

Examples:
- Implementation of green streets (combinations of green infrastructure practices in transportation rights-of-ways), for either new development, redevelopment or retrofits including: permeable pavement, bioretention, trees, green roofs, and other practices such as constructed wetlands that can be designed to mimic natural hydrology and reduce effective imperviousness at one or more scales. Vactor trucks and other capital equipment necessary to maintain green infrastructure projects.
- Wet weather management systems for parking areas including: permeable pavement, bioretention, trees, green roofs, and other practices such as constructed wetlands that can be designed to mimic natural hydrology and reduce effective imperviousness at one or more scales. Vactor trucks and other capital equipment necessary to maintain green infrastructure projects.
- Implementation of comprehensive street tree or urban forestry programs, including expansion of tree boxes to manage additional stormwater and enhance tree health.
- Stormwater harvesting and reuse projects, such as cisterns and the systems that allow for utilization of harvested stormwater, including pipes to distribute stormwater for reuse.
- Downspout disconnection to remove stormwater from sanitary, combined sewers and separate storm sewers and manage runoff onsite.
- Comprehensive retrofit programs designed to keep wet weather discharges out of all types of sewer systems using green infrastructure technologies and approaches such as green roofs, green walls, trees and urban reforestation, permeable pavements and bioretention cells, and turf removal and replacement with native vegetation or trees that improve permeability.
- Establishment or restoration of permanent riparian buffers, floodplains, wetlands and other natural features, including vegetated buffers or soft bioengineered stream banks. This includes stream day lighting that removes natural streams from artificial pipes and restores a natural stream morphology that is capable of accommodating a range of hydrologic conditions while also providing biological integrity. In highly urbanized watersheds this may not be the original hydrology.
- Projects that involve the management of wetlands to improve water quality and/or support green infrastructure efforts (e.g., flood attenuation).
  - Includes constructed wetlands.
  - May include natural or restored wetlands if the wetland and its multiple functions are not degraded and all permit requirements are met.
- The water quality portion of projects that employ development and redevelopment practices that preserve or restore site hydrologic processes through sustainable landscaping and site design.
- Fee for simple purchase of land or easements on land that has a direct benefit to water quality, such as riparian and wetland protection or restoration.
- Fencing to keep livestock out of streams and stream buffers. Fencing must allow buffer vegetation to grow undisturbed and be placed a sufficient distance from the riparian edge for the buffer to function as a filter for sediment, nutrients and other pollutants.

**Points Received:** 5 each / maximum 10

Projects That Do Not Meet the Definition of Green Infrastructure:
- Stormwater controls that have impervious or semi-impervious liners and provide no compensatory evapotranspirative or harvesting function for stormwater retention.
- Stormwater ponds that serve an extended detention function and/or extended filtration. This includes dirt lined detention basins.
- In-line and end-of-pipe treatment systems that only filter or detain stormwater.
- Underground stormwater control and treatment devices such as swirl concentrators, hydrodynamic separators, baffle systems for grit, trash removal/floatables, oil and grease, inflatable booms and dams for in-line underground storage and diversion of flows.
- Stormwater conveyance systems that are not soil/vegetation based (swales) such as pipes and concrete channels.
- Hardening, channelizing or straightening streams and/or stream banks.
- Street sweepers, sewer cleaners, and vactor trucks unless they support green infrastructure projects.
2. **Water Efficiency:**

EPA’s WaterSense program defines water efficiency as the use of improved technologies and practices to deliver equal or better services with less water. Water efficiency encompasses conservation and reuse efforts, as well as water loss reduction and prevention, to protect water resources for the future.

**Examples:**

- Installing or retrofitting water efficient devices, such as plumbing fixtures and appliances
  - For example -- shower heads, toilets, urinals and other plumbing devices
  - Implementation of incentive programs to conserve water such as rebates.
- Installing any type of water meter in previously unmetered areas
  - If rate structures are based on metered use
  - Can include backflow prevention devices if installed in conjunction with water meter
- Replacing existing broken/malfunctioning water meters, or upgrading existing meters, with:
  - Automatic meter reading systems (AMR), for example: Advanced metering infrastructure (AMI), Smart meters
  - Meters with built in leak detection
  - Can include backflow prevention devices if installed in conjunction with water meter replacement
- Retrofitting/adding AMR capabilities or leak detection equipment to existing meters (not replacing the meter itself).
- Water audit and water conservation plans, which are reasonably expected to result in a capital project.
- Recycling and water reuse projects that replace potable sources with non-potable sources,
  - Gray water, condensate and wastewater effluent reuse systems (where local codes allow the practice)
  - Extra treatment costs and distribution pipes associated with water reuse.
- Retrofit or replacement of existing landscape irrigation systems with more efficient landscape irrigation systems, including moisture and rain sensing equipment.
- Retrofit or replacement of existing agricultural irrigation systems with more efficient agricultural irrigation systems.
- Water meter replacement with traditional water meters.*
- Projects that result from a water audit or water conservation plan.*
- Storage tank replacement/rehabilitation to reduce loss of reclaimed water.*
- New water efficient landscape irrigation system (where there currently is not one).*
- New water efficient agricultural irrigation system (where there currently is not one).*

**Points Received:** 15 each/ no maximum

Projects That Do Not Meet the Definition of Water Efficiency:

- Agricultural flood irrigation.
- Lining of canals to reduce water loss.
- Replacing drinking water distribution lines.
- Leak detection equipment for drinking water distribution systems, unless used for reuse distribution pipes.

3. **Energy Efficiency:**

Energy efficiency is the use of improved technologies and practices to reduce the energy consumption of water quality projects, use energy in a more efficient way, and/or produce/utilize renewable energy.

**Examples:**

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*These points may be subtracted from the total, if applicable.*
Renewable energy projects such as wind, solar, geothermal, micro-hydroelectric, and biogas combined heat and power systems (CHP) that provide power to a POTW. Micro-hydroelectric projects involve capturing the energy from pipe flow.

- POTW owned renewable energy projects can be located onsite or offsite.
- Includes the portion of a publicly owned renewable energy project that serves POTW’s energy needs.
- Must feed into the grid that the utility draws from and/or there is a direct connection.

Collection system Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) detection equipment

POTW energy management planning, including energy assessments, energy audits, optimization studies, and sub-metering of individual processes to determine high energy use areas, which are reasonably expected to result in a capital project are eligible.

POTW projects or unit process projects that achieve energy efficiency improvement. Retrofit projects should compare energy used by the existing system or unit process to the proposed project. The energy used by the existing system should be based on name plate data when the system was first installed, recognizing that the old system is currently operating at a lower overall efficiency than at the time of installation. New POTW projects or capacity expansion projects should be designed to maximize energy efficiency and should select high efficiency premium motors and equipment where cost effective. Estimation of the energy efficiency is necessary for the project to be counted toward GPR.*

- Projects implementing recommendations from an energy audit.*
- Projects that cost effectively eliminate pumps or pumping stations.*
- Infiltration/Inflow (I/I) correction projects that save energy from pumping and reduced treatment costs and are cost effective*.
- Projects that count toward GPR cannot build new structural capacity. These projects may, however, recover existing capacity by reducing flow from I/I.*
- Upgrade of POTW lighting to energy efficient sources such as metal halide pulse start technologies, compact fluorescent, light emitting diode (LED).*
- SCADA systems can be justified based upon substantial energy savings.*
- Variable Frequency Drive can be justified based upon substantial energy savings.*

**Points Received: 15 each/ no maximum**

Projects That Do Not Meet the Definition of Energy Efficiency:

- Renewable energy generation that is privately owned or the portion of a publicly owned renewable energy facility that does not provide power to a POTW, either through a connection to the grid that the utility draws from and/or a direct connection to the POTW.
- Simply replacing a pump, or other piece of equipment, because it is at the end of its useful life, with something of average efficiency.
- Facultative lagoons, even if integral to an innovative treatment process.
- Hydroelectric facilities, except micro-hydroelectric projects. Micro-hydroelectric projects involve capturing the energy from pipe flow.

4. **Environmentally Innovative:**

Environmentally innovative projects include those that demonstrate new and/or innovative approaches to delivering services or managing water resources in a more sustainable way.

**Examples:**

- Total/integrated water resources management planning likely to result in a capital project.
- Utility Sustainability Plan consistent with EPA SRF’s sustainability policy.
- Greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory or mitigation plan and submission of a GHG inventory to a registry (such as Climate Leaders or Climate Registry)
• Planning activities by a POTW to prepare for adaptation to the long-term effects of climate change and/or extreme weather.
• Construction of US Building Council LEED certified buildings or renovation of an existing building on POTW facilities.
• Decentralized wastewater treatment solutions to existing deficient or failing onsite wastewater systems.
• Constructed wetlands projects used for municipal wastewater treatment, polishing, and/or effluent disposal.*
• Projects or components of projects that result from total/integrated water resource management planning consistent with the decision criteria for environmentally innovative projects and that are Clean Water SRF eligible.*
• Projects that facilitate adaptation of POTWs to climate change identified by a carbon footprint assessment or climate adaptation study.*
• POTW upgrades or retrofits that remove phosphorus for beneficial use, such as biofuel production with algae.*
• Application of innovative treatment technologies or systems that improve environmental conditions and are consistent with the Decision Criteria for environmentally innovative projects such as:*
  • Projects that significantly reduce or eliminate the use of chemicals in wastewater treatment;
  • Treatment technologies or approaches that significantly reduce the volume of residuals, minimize the generation of residuals, or lower the amount of chemicals in the residuals. Includes composting, class A and other sustainable biosolids management approaches.
• Educational activities and demonstration projects for water or energy efficiency.*
• Projects that achieve the goals/objectives of utility asset management plans.*
• Sub-surface land application of effluent and other means for ground water recharge, such as spray irrigation and overland flow.*
• Spray irrigation and overland flow of effluent is not eligible for GPR where there is no other cost effective alternative.

Points Received: 5 each / maximum 10

Projects That Do Not Meet the Definition of Environmentally Innovative:
• Air scrubbers to prevent nonpoint source deposition.
• Facultative lagoons, even if integral to an innovative treatment processes.
• Surface discharging decentralized wastewater systems where there are cost effective soil-based alternatives.
• Higher sea walls to protect POTW from sea level rise.
• Reflective roofs at POTW to combat heat island effect.

I. Project Readiness:

Criterion# 1: Borrower has submitted complete technical plans to the Division of Water; and

Criterion# 2: Borrower has conducted a full environmental review for all components of the project or has completed the cross-cutter scoping process (including eClearinghouse, US Fish and Wildlife service, National Resource Conservation Service, and U. S. Army Corps of Engineers); and

Criterion# 3: Borrower has received funding commitments from other funding sources; or the CWSRF is the sole source of funding.

To be considered “project ready”, the borrower must have completed a majority of the planning phase and be ready to bid the project.
Points Received: 30 if all three criteria have been met
**Note:** A full environmental review does not have to be finalized however the cross-cutter scoping process must be complete. Plans do not have to be approved by the Division of Water, but they must have been submitted for review. Potential borrowers may be asked to provide proof to substantiate claims.
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15 pts. each
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### IV. Developing and Updating the Project Priority List and Intended Use Plan

In order for a project to be considered for funding from the CWSRF, it must appear on the Comprehensive Project Priority List for the state fiscal year in which the project will receive a binding commitment. To be included in this list, an eligible project applicant must complete or update a Project Profile (and related mapping) in the Water Resource Information System (WRIS)
through the Area Development District (ADD). **Projects will not be accepted after the call for projects is closed.** Once the project is submitted for CWSRF funding, DOW staff will evaluate the project based on the ranking system discussed above and assign the project a numeric score. Eligible projects will then be added to the next Comprehensive Project Priority List. In the event of a tie, the following factors will be utilized to prioritize rank each project: (1) service of a small system as defined by population; (2) projects with existing enforcement actions (i.e. Agreed Orders, Consent Decrees); (3) water quality impacts; and (4) financial need as evident by the median household income of the applicant. If the project is only for accommodating future growth and will not address an existing water quality or public health need, and therefore does not receive any points from the above criteria, the project will be still included on the Comprehensive Project Priority List if it is eligible for CWSRF funding.

DOW and the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) will prepare an annual Intended Use Plan (IUP) that will describe how the state intends to use the funds in the Kentucky CWSRF for each state fiscal year, and how those uses support the objectives of the CWA. DOW will publish and maintain the IUP and Project Priority List on its CWSRF website. Each IUP will include an updated Comprehensive Project Priority List and a Fundable List of projects that are anticipated to receive funding during that state fiscal year. Once the IUP has been drafted, notice will be given to the public that the draft IUP is available for review and comment for a period of at least 30 days. After the comment period has ended DOW and KIA will review any comments received and make changes to the IUP as appropriate. Both the draft and final IUPs will be available on DOW’s CWSRF website.

**https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Funding/cwintendeduseplan/Pages/default.aspx**

**V. Eligible Project Applicants/Projects**

Any governmental agency shall be eligible to apply for financial assistance for planning, design and construction of eligible projects. Any project that triggers the requirement of 401 KAR 5:006 wastewater planning regulation to submit a facility plan will be eligible for planning and design loan only. A sewer extension project will be deemed ineligible if the receiving wastewater treatment plant is at or over 90% (for <10 mgd) or 95% (for >10 mgd) of its design capacity.

**VI. References**

Kentucky Division of Water website: **https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Pages/default.aspx**

Kentucky Division of Water CWSRF website: **https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Funding/CWSRF/Pages/default.aspx**

Kentucky Infrastructure Authority website: **http://kia.ky.gov/**

U.S. EPA CWSRF website: **https://www.epa.gov/cwsrf**
### VII. Kentucky Division of Water State Priority Watersheds

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APPENDIX C

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Comment 1: Remove or adjust the FY23 funding cap for base and supplemental base funding so that it does not adversely and disproportionally impact regional agencies operating as a result of 2018 HB513 legislation.

Response 1: The FY 2023 funding cap will remain in place for the funding cycle.

Comment 2: Use system provided MHI data to allow Disadvantaged Community Rate eligibility for the Paddy’s Run Flood Pump Station project, with the opportunity for 49% principal forgiveness through BIL supplemental funds and the second non-standard interest rate.

Response 2: The MHI data presented in the IUP is driven by the entire system’s MHI. The procedure to request another method of MHI Determination is found on page 14 of this document.