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SUBJECT: SCALE TO DETERMINE GRANT AMOUNT		

STATEMENT OF POLICY:

It is the policy of the Board for Financing Water Projects to establish meaningful factors that can be applied objectively to determine the scale of project funding to be awarded for drinking water projects, in accordance with NRS 349.981 and NRS 349.983.

PURPOSE:

To establish a scale to determine the grant amount the Board for Financing Water Projects can award to each grantee.

REFERENCE:

NRS 349.983 3. "Each recipient of a grant shall provide an amount of money for the same purpose. The board shall develop a scale to be used to determine that amount, but the recipient must not be required to provide an amount less than 15 percent or more than 75 percent of the amount of the grant. The scale must be based upon the average household income of the customers of the recipient, and provide adjustments for the demonstrated economic hardship of those customers, the existence of an imminent risk to public health and any other factor that the board determines to be relevant."

BOARD POLICY:

Project Need	Possible Points	Community Points
Acute health concern per current Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF) priority list.	15	
Chronic health concern per current SRF priority list.	10	
System condition per current SRF priority list.	5	
Project Points		0

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Community Need for State Assistance	Possible Points	Community Points
State Mean Household Income/Public Water Supply Mean Household Income, recent income survey or most recent US census:		
If result is 1.00 or less, no points are given.	0 to 75 Possible	
If result is 1.01 to 1.75 then decimal value equals points awarded. (e.g. 1.26 would equal 26 points).		0
Project Points		0

Adopted Sufficient Residential Water Rate	Possible Points	Community Points
Sufficient rate is below 1.5% of the communities Median Household Income	0	
Sufficient rate is 1.5% to 2.0% of the communities Median Household Income	15	
Sufficient rate is above 2.0% of the communities Median Household Income	25	
Project Points		0

Persons Regularly Served per Bureau of Safe Drinking Water Information System	Possible Points	Community Points
Fewer than 500	25	
500 - 999	15	
1000 - 1999	8	
2000 - 3999	4	
4000 - 5999	2	
6000 and above	0	
Project Points		0

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Other Factors	Possible Points	Community Points
Approved, up-to-date and compliant Operations and Maintenance Manuals, Cross-Connection Control Plans, and Emergency Response Plans	5	
Approved, up-to-date Water Conservation Plan	3	
Approved, up-to-date source water protection program in place	5	
Asset management plan and/or fiscal sustainability plan in place and updated within the last five (5) years	15	
Applicant has obtained alternate funding up to the maximum extent possible	15	
Project Points		0

Deductions	Possible Points	Community Points
Applicant has not committed to adequately funding a capital replacement fund	-30	
Second home/vacation homes account for >30% of connections	-30	
Applicant did not demonstrate adequate project management or project oversight on prior grant that reduced project delays and cost over-runs.	-25	
Applicant failed to timely submit required financial reports, draw requests, and progress reports for prior grant project	-10	
Opportunity for local or alternate funding not utilized	-30	
Project Points		0

MAXIMUM POINTS ARE 150
MAXIMUM GRANT AMOUNT IS 85% OF ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

- 1) Number of points _____ (not to exceed 150) [A]
- 2) Divide points from #1 by 2.5 [B]
- 3) Add 25 points to result from #2 [C]
- 4) Divide #1 through #3 by 100 [D]

$$((A/B) + C)/D$$