

POLICY: FUNDING LEVEL FOR ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS

Authority: The Board for Financing Water Projects is authorized by Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 349.982 to establish requirements for participation in the Capital Improvements Grant Program.

Purpose: To establish a policy to calculate a scale for the Board for Financing Water Projects to determine the amount of grant funds to award to eligible recipients and a process for calculating a level of required matching funds.

NRS 349.981 1(c-g) provides that eligible recipients are eligible to receive grant funds awarded by the Board for Financing Water Projects. Eligibility for these projects was included in AB 20, adopted by the 2023 Nevada Legislature. NRS 349.381 2 gives the board sole discretion of who is to receive a grant.

Policy:

Table 1. Project need

Project need	Possible points	System points
Project benefits public health or the environment per current Clean Water State Revolving Fund Loan (SRF) priority list	15	
Project is necessary to increase reliability or sustainability per current SRF priority list	10	
System condition per current SRF priority list	5	

Table 2. Community need for state assistance

Community need for state assistance	Possible points	System points
$\frac{\text{State mean household income}}{\text{System mean household income}}$ (recent income survey or most recent US census)		
If result is 1.00 or less, no points are given	0 to 75	
If result is 1.01 to 1.75 then decimal value equals points awarded. (for example, 1.26 equals 26 points)	0 to 75	

Table 3. Adopted sufficient residential utility rate

Adopted sufficient residential utility rate	Possible points	System points
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Sufficient rate is below 1.5% of the community's median household income	0	
Sufficient rate is 1.5% to 2.0% of the community's median household income	15	
Sufficient rate is above 2.0% of the community's median household income	25	

Table 4. Residential connections serviced by the system

Residential connections serviced by the system	Points possible	System points
Fewer than 250	25	
250 – 499	15	
500 – 999	8	
1,000 – 2,999	4	
3,000 – 4,999	2	
5,000 and above	0	

Table 5. Other factors

Other factors	Possible points	System points
Approved, up-to-date and compliant operations and maintenance manuals	5	
Asset management plan and/or fiscal sustainability plan in place and updated within the last five years	15	
Applicant has obtained alternate funding up to the maximum extent possible	15	

Table 6. Deductions

Deductions	Points possible	System points
Applicant has not committed to adequately funding a capital replacement fund	-30	
Second home/vacation homes account for >30% of connections	-30	
Applicant's inadequate project management or project oversight on prior loan(s)/grant(s) resulted in project delays and/or cost over runs	-25	
Applicant failed to timely submit required financial reports, draw requests, and/or progress reports for prior loan/grant project(s)	-10	
Opportunity for local or alternate funding not utilized	-30	

Calculating system points

Maximum points possible: 150

Maximum grant amount is 85% of eligible project cost

$((A/B) + C)/D = \text{Total system points}$

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]