

 INDIANA FINANCE AUTHORITY Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Loan Program Project Scoring and Ranking Worksheet¹ State Fiscal Year 2027 (July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027)	
Applicant Name:	Project Name:
SRF Project No.:	PWSID No.:

Core Project Points	Score	Maximum Points Available
Section 1: Acute Public Health / SDWA Compliance	0	50
Section 2: Chronic Public Health / SDWA Compliance	0	20
Section 3: Public Health / Water Works Regulations Compliance	0	25
Section 4: Affordability Criteria	0	25
Total Project Score:	0	120
Organizational Points		
1. Other Funds Available	0	5
2. Capacity Development / Sustainability	0	15
3. Regionalization	0	10
Total Organizational Points:	0	30
Lead Service Line Replacement (LSLR) and Inventory Points (if applicable)		
Lead Service Line Replacement and Inventory Points	0	50
Total LSLR Points:	0	50
Point Deduction		
Disconnection	0	-20
Total Deduction Points:	0	-20
TOTAL POINTS EARNED:	0	
TOTAL POINTS POSSIBLE:	200	

Instructions:

Projects are scored using the following criteria to develop the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Loan Program Project Priority List (PPL). To the extent practical, the DWSRF Loan Program expects to give priority to projects that:

1. Address the most serious risk to human health;
2. Are necessary to ensure compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA); and
3. Assist systems most in financial need on a per household basis, according to the State's affordability criteria.

Points are assigned to proposed projects that intend to correct deficiencies. For example, if the Public Water System has persistent violations of a Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) but the proposed project does not address that problem, the points associated with persistent violations of a MCL will not be assigned. However, if the Participant does not have persistent MCL violations, but the project will address another Public Water System's persistent MCL violations, such as through consolidation, the points associated with the persistent MCL violations will be assigned.

The total number of available Core Project Points is 120. The total number of available Organizational Points is 30. The total number of available Lead Service Line Replacement Points is 50. The Total Score is determined by adding the Core Project Points + Organizational Points + Lead Service Line Replacement Points - Deduction Points. **If a tie occurs, the project with the lowest Median Household Income (MHI) will prevail.**

A loan recipient must submit a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) on or before April 1 to the DWSRF with executed Asset Management Program Certificate in order to be Scored and Ranked on the PPL. A PER submitted after April 1 will be scored and unranked on the PPL. Participants that submit applications only (without a PER) will appear on the PPL as unscored and unranked.

¹ Scoring will be applied to multiple funding sources administered by the Indiana Finance Authority (Authority)

Core Project Points (upper limit 120 points)		
Section 1: Acute Public Health / SDWA Compliance (upper limit 50 points)		
Instructions: Assign points to projects that address acute public health concerns occurring within the last three years. The upper limit for points in this section is 50. Acute public health concerns affect an individual in the immediate short-term.		
Criteria to be corrected by project	Maximum Points	Points earned
1. Order from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) or Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) declaring a waterborne emergency at existing waterworks for acute public health concerns or other condition determined to be an acute public health concern.	50 Points	
2. Interim Enhanced/Long Term 1/Long Term 2 Surface Water Treatment Rule violation (including Filter Backwash Recycling and Ground Water Rules) i.e., inadequately treated surface water or groundwater under the influence of surface water.	50 Points	
3. Persistent Total Coliform Rule (TCR) or Nitrate violations.	50 Points	
4. Inadequate individual home water supplies documented by the local or state health department to show health hazards, such as exceeding drinking water Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCL).	50 Points	
5. Consolidation of a non-complying public water system (acute public health concerns).	50 Points	
6. Project addresses PFAS in the water system.	50 Points	
7. Project corrects a compliance issue associated with an Enforcement Targeting Tool (ETT) score of 11 or greater	50 Points	
Total Points:		0
Section 2: Chronic Public Health / SDWA Compliance (upper limit 20 points)		
Instructions: Assign points to projects that address chronic public health concerns occurring within the last three years. The upper limit for points in this section is 20 points. Chronic public health concerns affect an individual over a lifetime.		
Criteria to be corrected by project	Maximum Points	Points earned
1. Order from IDEM or ISDH for condition determined to be a chronic health concern.	20 Points	
2. Persistent MCL violations of the National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (Microorganisms, Disinfectants, Disinfection Byproducts, Inorganic and Organic Chemicals, and Radionuclides).	20 Points	
3. Consolidation of a non-complying public water system (chronic public health concerns).	20 Points	
4. Project addresses an emerging contaminant listed in EPA's Contaminant Candidate List 1 - 5 in the water system.	20 Points	
Total Points:		0

Section 3: Public Health / Water Works Regulations Compliance (upper limit 25 points)
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<p>Instructions: Assign points to projects for infrastructure improvements that will bring the existing public water systems into compliance with IDEM and/or water works regulations, such as Recommended Standards For Water Works (10 States Standards). The upper limit for points in this section is 25 points.</p>		
Criteria to be corrected by project	Maximum Points	Points earned
1. Resolve an IDEM connection ban, early warning notice, a non-SDWA violation, or addresses PFAS or other emerging contaminant as listed in EPA's Contaminant Candidate List 1 - 5.	10 Points	
2. Resolve inadequate pressure in water works.	10 Points	
3. Resolve conditions of inadequate water supply, including individual home wells and redundancy.	7 Points	
4. Ensure that drinking water receives appropriate treatment to meet secondary standards.	10 Points	
5. Ensure storage capacity in the water works is adequate.	7 Points	
6. Reduce leakage and increase accountability.	5 Points	
7. Ensure adequate flow in distribution system.	5 Points	
8. Prevent conditions favoring the entrance of contaminants (including lead or copper, or non-regulated contaminants) into the distribution system.	5 Points	
9. Install eligible security measures (alternate intake, fencing, lighting, cameras, motion detectors, secure chemical and fuel storage, security hatches, and access panels) or implementation of Source Water Protection projects or Wellhead Protection projects.	5 Points	
Total Points:		0
<p>Section 4: Affordability Criteria (upper limit 25 points)</p>		
<p>Instructions: Affordability points are assigned to assist community water systems most in need on a per household basis. Therefore, non-community systems are not eligible to receive affordability points. The upper limit for points in this section is 25 points.</p>		
Criteria to be corrected by project	Maximum Points	Points earned
1. Median Household Income If MHI <80% State MHI, assign 3 points If MHI <50% State MHI, assign 6 points	<u>3 points</u> 6 Points	
2. Percent of Population over 65 (> 16.9%)	5 Points	
3. Educational Attainment (≤ 28.2%)	6 points	
4. Population Trend (if decreased within 5-year ACS data, assign 5 points)	5 points	
5. Post-Project User Rate as Percentage of Lowest Quintile Upper Limit Income If >2.5%, assign 3 points If >4.5%, assign 6 points	<u>3 points</u> 6 points	
6. Percent of the impacted Population below the Poverty Line (>12.3%)	5 points	
Total Points:		0

Organizational Points (upper limit 30 points)		
Instructions: Organizational Points encourage community water systems to perform planning and proper operation and maintenance. Non-community water systems are not eligible for organizational points. The upper limit for points in this section is 30 points.		
Organizational Point	Maximum Points	Points earned
Section 1. Other Funds Available		
Instructions: Points are assigned to encourage community water systems to have other funds (cash on hand, grants or other loans) in addition to the construction loan from the DWSRF Loan Program. Assign points based on whether the system has the committed funds (Awarded) or is still in process of applying for other funds (Applying) as identified in the SRF application.		
No Other Funds Available	0 points	
Applying for Additional Funds	3 points	
Funds have been Awarded and/or Committed (includes leftover SRF funds)	5 points	
Total Other Funds Available Points		0
Section 2. Capacity Development / Sustainability		
1. Validated Water Loss Audit with Data Validity Score greater than 70	1 point	
2. Zero SDWA violations in last 12 months as reported on SRF application	1 point	
3. Member of InWARN Network or Hoosier Water Guardians	1 point	
4. Public Water System utilizes a Water Conservation Ordinance	1 point	
5. Project includes the remediation/redevelopment of a brownfield (IC 13-11-2-19.3) in conjunction with the Indiana Finance Authority Brownfields Program	5 point	
6. Project incorporates sustainable infrastructure as identified on the Green Project Reserve Sustainability Incentive Drinking Water Checklist.		
Category 1: Green Infrastructure	1 point	
Category 2: Water Efficiency	1 point	
Category 3: Energy Efficiency	1 point	
Category 4: Environmentally Innovative	1 point	
Category 5: Climate Resiliency	2 points	
Total Capacity Development / Sustainability Points		0
Section 3. Regionalization		
Regionalize with a nearby drinking water system	10 points	
Remain regionalized with a nearby drinking water system	10 points	
Total Regionalization Points		0
Lead Service Line Replacement and Inventory Points (upper limit 50)		
Instructions: Points are awarded based on the community-wide impact of the lead service line replacements determined through cost of proposed lead service line replacement compared to total project cost. Points are also awarded based on inventory validation.		
Criteria to be corrected by project	Maximum Points	Points earned
1. Impact of Lead Service Line Replacements	40 Points	
2. Inventory Validation	10 Points	
Total Points:		0
Point Deduction (lower limit -20)		
Instructions: Points are deducted when a project involves disconnection from an active and available regional water system.		
Disconnection	- 20 Points	
Total Deduction Points:		0