

# Criteria Matters: **SRFs & KYWWATERS**

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# OVERVIEW

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## Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

- Goal: Facilitate PWS to maintain SDWA compliance
- Low interest loans

## Clean Water State Revolving Fund

- Goal: Facilitate projects to protect water resources/public health, and compliance with environmental standards
- Low interest loans

## KY Water & Wastewater Assistance for Troubled or Economically Restrained Systems Program

- Goal: Facilitate PWS/PWWS to address deficiencies and achieve compliance
- Grants, Low interest loans, No-interest loans, Forgivable loans



# DW SRF

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

Treatment: Install/Upgrade facility to comply with SDWA

Transmission and Distribution: Rehab/Replace pipes

- Source: Replacing contaminated sources
- Storage: Install/Upgrade finished water storage
- Regionalization: Interconnect 2 or more systems

New system: Replace contaminated wells

Planning & Design for eligible projects

- Construction/Rehab of Dams
- Construction/Rehab of Reservoirs
- Purchase of Water Rights
- Fire Protection
- Projects for Future Growth

## **INELIGIBLE PROJECTS**

# Prioritizing DW SRF Projects

- Developed by DOW
- Updated annually
- Published prior to Call for Projects
- Includes points available and helpful details!

## IV. PUBLIC HEALTH CRITERIA – DISTRIBUTION

This category provides points to distribution projects that will provide improved compliance with the National Drinking Water Standards of the SDWA.

### A. Hydraulics/Storage

Examples of projects under this category include waterline replacements, new water storage tanks or pump stations, and rehabilitation of existing storage tanks or pump stations. The applicant must be prepared to demonstrate the need for the project. For waterline replacement projects, scores are applied based upon the total linear feet of line to be replaced. Additional points may be applied for projects addressing excessive water loss and for projects replacing lead service lines.

- Replacement, cured-in-place, or in situ water line repair of inadequately sized water lines, lines with leaks, breaks, or restrictive flows due to age, or asbestos-cement pipe**  
Points Received: 10 points for up to the first 1,000 linear feet plus 2 points for each additional 1,000 linear feet (rounded to the nearest 1,000). Maximum of 50 points allowed.
- Water loss**  
Additional points may be applied for projects replacing lines to address excessive water loss due to line leaks/breaks and unaccounted-for water loss. (Twelve months of water loss calculations using an industry standard format must be provided to receive points for water loss):
  - 16-30% water loss: 1 points
  - 31-45% water loss: 2 points
  - >45% water loss: 5 points

## Priority System Guidance Document

For Eligible Infrastructure Projects  
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**Regionalization**

**Project Readiness**

**Compliance &  
Enforcement**

**Water Supply**

**Financial Need**

**DW SRF  
SCORING CRITERIA**

**Treatment**

**Security**

**Planning**

**Distribution**

**Sustainable  
Infrastructure**

**Lead/Emerging  
Contaminants**



# CW SRF

## ELIGIBLE PROJECTS

- Constructing POTW
- Nonpoint Source
- National Estuary Program Projects
- Decentralized Systems
- Stormwater
- Reduction of Demand for POTW Capacity
- Watershed Pilot Projects
- Energy Efficiency
- Reuse & Recycle
- Security
- Technical Assistance

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## E. Disadvantaged Community 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. Project-based census data may be used if provided by the applicant.

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.

**Points Received: 70**

Points will be given if the project is an area with a MHI between 80 and 100 percent of the Commonwealth's MHI as determined by the ACS 5 Year Estimate.

**Points Received: 50**

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**Planning**

**Financial Need**

**Water Quality**

**Green Projects**

**Project Needs**



# KYWWATERS

- Administered by KIA, General Assembly approves funding
- Public water or wastewater system
- Must meet one of eleven criteria
- Must include corrective action plan
- Emergency funding available
  - Avoid imminent interruption of service after state of emergency



# Project Profile Tips

- Maximize your points!
- Detailed narrative – match components
- Watch for inconsistencies
- Rehab vs. Replacement
- Don't submit at the last minute!



# Resources

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<https://eec.ky.gov/Environmental-Protection/Water/Funding/Pages/default.aspx>

<https://kia.ky.gov/kentuckywwaters/Pages/default.aspx>

# Questions?