

New Mexico's DWSRLF Priority Ranking System

All eligible projects will be rated with respect to seven categories to determine their ranking and selection for funding under nm's DWSRLF. The categories are as follows:

- Public Health
- Safe Drinking Water Act Compliance
- Affordability
- Regionalization
- Water Conservation
- Sustainability
- Population

The total project score is the sum of the scores for each category.

Public Health	
<u>Inconsistent Water Supply</u> : Project is for a new well or source for systems which experience water outages.	12 Points
<u>Backup source</u> : Project includes development of a second backup well or surface water intake.	6 Points
<u>Improve water quality in areas not currently served</u> : Project extends water service to existing residences that are not currently served by a centralized water system and the local groundwater is contaminated.	8 Points
<u>Provide service to areas not currently served</u> : Project extends water service to existing homes not currently served by a centralized water system.	4 Points
<u>Water storage</u> : Project is for additional storage capacity to ensure adequate supply during emergency situations (excluding storage requirements for fire flow.)	5 Points
<u>Inadequate water supply</u> : Project is for additional wells or sources to ensure system can provide minimum design flow requirements.	3 Points
Safe Drinking Water Act Compliance	



<u>Acute violations</u> : System is in violation of acute treatment technique requirements or an MCL of an acute contaminant, and the proposed project will address the problem.	15 Points
<u>Non-acute violations</u> : System has 3 or more violations of non-acute treatment technique requirements or MCL exceedences of non-acute contaminants, and the proposed project will address the problem.	10 Points
<u>Ground Water Under the Direct Influence of Surface Water (GWUDI) Sources</u> : System has received a formal GWUDI determination, and the proposed project will address the problem.	12 Points
<u>Distribution Compliance</u> : Project upgrades or treatment that helps maintain compliance with regulations associated with the distribution system. (e.g. UV, flush hydrants, chlorination, improve tank turnover).	6 Points
<u>Water Pressure</u> : Project addresses a water pressure problem.	4 Points
<u>Rehabilitation</u> : Project replaces or rehabilitates failing or inadequate infrastructure (for reasons other than water loss).	3 Points
Affordability (Community Water Systems Only)	
Affordability ratio ² .01 to .015	2 Points
Affordability ratio ¹ greater than .015	3 Points
Water System Regionalization/Consolidation	
<u>Emergency Interconnection</u> : Project addresses the need for an emergency source through interconnection with another public water system.	3 Points
<u>Regionalization Activities</u> : Project is a regionalization effort among two or more public water systems that results in the consolidation of the public water systems.	5 Points
Water Conservation	



<u>Water Conservation</u> : Project is expected to result in 15% or more water conservation.	6 Points
<u>Metering</u> : Project includes metering an unmetered system.	4 Points
Sustainability	
<u>Energy Efficiency</u> : Project implements renewable energy or energy conservation to reduce the amount of energy consumed from the grid to produce, treat and deliver water.	2 Points
<u>Green Infrastructure</u> : Project includes green infrastructure.	2 Points
<u>Environmentally Innovative Projects</u> : Project uses environmentally innovative concepts to produce, treat and/or deliver water.	2 Points
<u>Asset Management</u> : Systems that have developed or are in the process of developing an asset management plan will receive one point will for each core component completed. The core components are: asset inventory, level of service, critical asset assessment, life cycle costing, and long-term funding strategy.	5 Points Maximum
<u>Operation Improvements</u> : Project streamlines or improves operations of the system (e.g. radio read meters, looping, SCADA, additional valves).	3 Points
Population	
Based on Drinking Water Bureau records, Systems with a population of 3,300 will be awarded 5 points. The number of points decreases linearly to 0 as population decreases to 0 or increases to 10,000 from 3,300. Systems with a population over 10,000 will receive 0 population points.	5 Points Maximum
Total	128 Points Maximum

¹ The affordability ratio is calculated by dividing projected average annual cost for water service upon the completion of the proposed project by the Median Household Income of the public water system's service area.

