

**Georgia Environmental Finance Authority  
2026 Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) Call for Projects  
Project Scoring Criteria**

Projects will be rated in five categories to determine eligibility and selection for funding from the CWSRF.

CWSRF Scoring System Categories (maximum 100 points)

1. Readiness to proceed (maximum points available 20 points)
2. Compliance and water quality benefits (maximum points available 20 points)
3. Priority project types (maximum points available 15 points)
4. Priority planning elements (maximum points available 30 points)
5. Priority applicant status (maximum points available 15 points)

**CWSRF Scoring System – Detailed Breakdown**

**Readiness to Proceed (only one option can be selected)**

Planning, Design and/or Engineering Project ONLY	20 pts
SERP - Categorical Exclusion or Notice of No Significant Impact determination published in a letter from the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD).	10 pts
SERP approved (EPD published a final approval letter after public comment).	15 pts
Technical Review (Plans and Specs) approved by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD).	15 pts
Technical Review (Plans and Specs) and SERP approved by EPD	20 pts

**Compliance and Water Quality Benefits (only one option can be selected)**

Project will support implementation of a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) plan (provide applicable TMDL, water body name, and water body ID).	20 pts
Project is needed to <b>FULLY ADDRESS</b> deficiencies documented in an enforcement action, e.g., Notice of Violation (NOV) or Consent Order	20 pts

(CO) The NOV or CO must be within the last three years and attached to application.

Project will extend sewer to address faulty septic systems. 20 pts

Project will contribute to a change in the status of a stream segment currently listed as “not supporting” its designated use to “supporting” its designated use on the 305(b)/303(d) list. (provide the specific stream segment ID) 20 pts

**Priority Project Types (To receive these points, the priority project scope must exceed 50 percent of the total project cost.) Only one option can be selected**

Aging and Critical Infrastructure: Projects which replace, rehabilitate, or improve critical water infrastructure that has reached or exceeded its design life, reducing the risk of failure and ensuring continued delivery of essential water services. 15 pts

Conservation: Eligible CWSRF projects described by GEFA’s [Financing Conservation Projects](#) including water efficiency and conservation, energy production and conservation, and nonpoint source pollution control projects. 15 pts

Innovation: Applicant proposes project that uses an innovative approach (i.e., an approach that is new to GEFA, new to the state or community, or rarely used in this manner or in this field) to improve WQ benefits, 15 pts

Resilience: Projects that increase the resilience of treatment works to extreme weather. [Overview of CWSRF Eligibilities](#) (See page 8) 15 pts

Regional Significance: Projects that involve collaboration between at least two cities, counties, or other eligible borrowers including regionalization or consolidation. 15 pts

Cybersecurity: Development of effective cybersecurity practices and measures at publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) See this document for eligible projects: [Supporting Cybersecurity Measures with the CWSRF](#) 15 pts

**Priority Planning Elements (select all that apply)**

Aligns with Regional Water Plan: Project proposals are consistent with the implementation priorities, vision, and goals articulated in the applicable Regional Water Plan. 10 pts

Capital Improvement Planning: Applicant has implemented an asset management plan as of the date of application OR Applicant has a current capital improvement plan that span at least 10 years and proposed project is included in the plan. See attached documentation of asset management plan or capital improvement plan. 10 pts

Rate-making: Applicant has performed a rate study and implemented a rate change within the last two years. See attached rate study and rate change documentation. 10 pts

**Priority Applicant Status (select all that apply)**

First-time borrower (outside of lead service line inventory funding) 5 pts

WaterFirst Community 5 pts

PlanFirst Community 5 pts