

Water Utilities Technical Assistance Program (WUTAP)

Prioritization Criteria for Selection of Systems to Receive Assistance

Prioritization Criteria

TWDB will use the following prioritization criteria to establish the score.

| Size - Number of Service Connections for System | Points |
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| Number of Service Connections less than or equal to 1,000 | 5 |
| Number of Service Connections is greater than 1,000 but not more than 5,000 | 4 |
| Number of Service Connections is greater than 5,000 but not more than 25,000 | 3 |
| Number of Service Connections is greater than 25,000 but not more than 100,000 ... | 2 |
| Number of Service Connections is greater than 100,000 but not more than 150,000. | 1 |
| Number of Service Connections is greater than 150,000 | 0 |

| Rural area - provides service only to rural areas | Points |
|--|---------------|
| The system serves only rural areas..... | 4 |
| The system serves some areas that are not rural..... | 0 |
| <i>(TWDB will use the definition of rural political subdivision as defined in Section 15.001 of the Texas Water Code.)</i> | |

| Income - Annual Median Household Income (AMHI) of the service area compared to the State of Texas AMHI | Points |
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| Service Area AMHI is less than or equal to 65% of State AMHI | 4 |
| Service Area AMHI is greater than 65% but not more than 75% of State AMHI..... | 3 |
| Service Area AMHI is greater than 75% but not more than 90% of State AMHI..... | 2 |
| Service Area AMHI is greater than 90% but not more than 120% of State AMHI..... | 1 |
| Service Area AMHI is greater than 120% of State AMHI | 0 |

| Operations - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) violations | Points |
|--|---------------|
| System has had no TCEQ violations in the previous 36 months as of the date the TWDB considers the system | 3 |
| System has had only maximum contaminant level violations in the previous 36 months as of the date the TWDB considers the system..... | 1 |
| System has TCEQ violations that are not maximum contaminant level violations in the previous 36 months as of the date the TWDB considers the system..... | 0 |

Customer Growth – Percentage of growth of the population and connections served over the past 3 years (2020-2023). The percent of change in population and the percent of change in connections served will be averaged together to produce one value.

| | Points |
|--|---------------|
| Growth of 10% or more..... | 4 |
| Growth of 7% or more and less than 10% | 3 |
| Growth of 4% or more and less than 7%..... | 2 |
| Growth of 1% or more and less than 4%..... | 1 |
| Growth of less than 1%..... | 0 |

Formula for Customer Growth calculation:

$$\frac{\frac{2023 \text{ POP} - 2020 \text{ POP}}{2020 \text{ POP}} + \frac{2023 \text{ CNX} - 2020 \text{ CNX}}{2020 \text{ CNX}}}{2} \times 100 = \text{Customer Growth \%}$$

Where POP = Population Served and CNX = Number of Connections

Annual Audit Issues - Internal Control Issues **Points**

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| System has not had an annual audit completed within the last two (2) years..... | 5 |
| System’s annual audit contains material weaknesses/significant deficiencies related to internal controls..... | 3 |
| System’s annual audit is completed timely..... | 0 |

Organizational Operations – documented procedures **Points**

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| System does not have documented procedures for operation and Maintenance related to cash and cash management, accounts receivables/payables, preparation of financial statements, and any internal control processes..... | 5 |
| System has not updated procedures within the last 2 years..... | 3 |
| System’s procedures are up to date..... | 0 |

Previous TWDB Funding – **Points**

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| System has never submitted a Project Information Form/Application..... | 5 |
| System has submitted PIFs/or applications but was deemed ineligible/incomplete..... | 3 |
| System has received funding from TWDB..... | 0 |

Disadvantaged Business Enterprises - **Points**

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| System has no experience soliciting consultants using federal DBE requirements..... | 5 |
| System has experience soliciting consultants using federal DBE requirements..... | 0 |

| Customer Rate Review - | Points |
|--|---------------|
| System has not conducted a rate analysis..... | 10 |
| System has not conducted a rate analysis in the last 10 years..... | 7 |
| System has not conducted a rate analysis in the last 5 years..... | 3 |
| System has completed a rate analysis in the last 5 years..... | 0 |

| Water Conservation Plans - | Points |
|---|---------------|
| System does not have water conservation plan..... | 5 |
| System has not updated its water conservation plan in the last 5 years..... | 3 |
| System has updated water conservation plan..... | 0 |

Maximum of 55 points

Tiebreaker - (1 point) - the system with the fewest number of service connections