

**WAC 246-296-130 Project priority rating and ranking criteria.**

The department shall, at a minimum, consider the following to assign points, and rate and rank proposed projects:

(1) Criteria for risk categories and points based on:

(a) Type and significance of public health problems the project will resolve;

(b) If the project is needed to bring the public water system into compliance with federal, state, and local drinking water requirements; and

(c) Current compliance status.

(2) Additional points based on the type of project being proposed if the project:

(a) Is ready to proceed to construction;

(b) Completes projects previously funded by DWARF grants or loans;

(c) Is to consolidate or restructure multiple public water systems;

(d) Creates a sustainable regional public health benefit;

(e) Is a water main replacement project that coincides with other infrastructure projects;

(f) Qualifies as a green project; or

(g) Serves a disadvantaged community.

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