



WATER SUPPLY DEVELOPMENT REVOLVING FUND PROJECT PRIORITY LIST APPLICATION

Please complete the following application to allow WIFA to determine the eligibility and priority of your water supply development project. Please contact WIFA at 602-364-1310 or [wsdrf@azwifa.gov](mailto:wsdraf@azwifa.gov) with any questions. Once completed please email as an attachment along with supporting materials to [wsdrf@azwifa.gov](mailto:wsdraf@azwifa.gov)

1. APPLICANT AND CONTACT INFORMATION

1.1. Entity Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

County: _____

Entity Type: _____

General Location of Water Service Area (*i.e. communities served, cities or towns*):

1.2. Representative to be Contacted Regarding Application

Name: _____ Title: _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

2. SYSTEM INFORMATION *(if applicable)*

2.1. ADEQ Public Water System (PWS) identification number: _____

2.2. ADWR Community Water System number: _____

2.3. ADWR AMA Service Area Right Number: _____

2.4. Population of water provider's service area (*include year*): _____ in year _____

2.5. System Compliance (SELECT ONE):

- Notice of violation(s) and/or consent orders from regulatory agency (*If yes, please attach*)
- Currently in compliance with applicable regulatory agencies

2.6. Is the system ACC regulated? Yes No

If yes, please list the ACC Water System Number and attach most recent ACC Water Annual Report (see [link](#) to ACC):

2.7. Is the system within an Active Management Area (AMA)? Yes No

If yes, please list which AMA, any associated AMA water right numbers and attach most recent ADWR Water Use Report (see [link](#) to ADWR):

3. PROPOSED PROJECT INFORMATION

3.1. Project Name: _____

3.2. County and local jurisdictions where the project will be located: _____

3.3. Groundwater Basin where the project will be located (*see link for [Arizona's Groundwater Basins](#)*):

3.4. Projected Lifespan of the project (*please include how you calculated this timeframe*)

3.5. Briefly summarize the water supply challenges this project will address:

3.6. Briefly summarize the proposed solution:

3.7. Type of project(s) to be funded:

- Planning and Design Only
- Acquisition of Water Rights (*please indicate surface water or specific type of groundwater rights*)
- Conveyance
- Reclamation and Reuse of Water
- Recovery of stored water (*please indicate the source of stored water*):
- Replenishment of Groundwater
- Active or Passive Stormwater Recharge Structure
- Water Conservation

4. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Project Priority Value points are indicated in blue. Additional details on the scoring process can be found in Attachment 1.

4.1. Water Demands – The Authority shall evaluate the existing, near-term, and long-term water demands of the water provider as compared to the current available water supplies of the water provider. *Please include the most recent water use data and any related water studies used to estimate the available water supply and future water demands as an attachment to this application. Studies and sources include demand projection studies performed by licensed hydrologist, published internal/external supply and demand study, or demand projections, and other hydrologic publications or water models conducted by local, state, or federal governments, or qualified consultants.*

a. Is there a documented deficiency with existing near-term and long-term water demands compared to the volume and reliability of existing supplies of the proposed recipient of the water supply? **100 points**

Yes No **If yes, please attach.*

b. Has the water provider experienced any of the following in the past year? **50 points**

- A groundwater well operated by the water provider has gone permanently dry
- A groundwater well operated by the water provider has intermittent periods of going dry
- The water provider has experienced a water outage > 24 hours to their customers

Provide a brief description of the water supply issues experienced by the system:

4.2. Project Benefits – The Authority shall evaluate the long-term reliability and security of the water supply to be developed through the project, the ability of the project to provide multiple benefits and to benefit multiple jurisdictions, the applicant’s existing and planned conservation, best management practices (BMPs), and water management programs, and the comments from water users, local citizens, and/or affected jurisdictions. Please include any applicable conservation plans, drought preparedness plans, documentation of BMPs reported to ADWR, or any other relevant water management documentation as well as public comments regarding the project.

a. The project will improve water supplies by doing one of the following (SELECT ONE):

- Increasing recharge of aquifers and underground storage *100 points*
- Increasing water reclamation and reuse *100 points*
- Extending services to areas with existing populations not currently served by a PWS *100 points*
- Conservation through reducing existing water use *100 points*
- Conservation through more efficient uses of existing water supplies *50 points*
- Reducing reliance on groundwater or Colorado River water *50 points*
- Developing a previously underutilized source of water for the community impacted *50 points*
- Improving source water protection and preventing contamination *50 points*
- Consolidating two or more public water systems into one public water system *50 points*
- Providing water supply benefits to more than one jurisdiction *50 points*
- Other (please describe):

Points determined by WIFA staff; *max 100 points*

b. Other project benefits include (SELECT ALL THAT APPLY):

- Providing improved reliability and/or redundancy for the water system *10 points*
- Funding will support an entity who is already implementing effective conservation measures, best management practices, or a water/watershed management program *10 points*
**If yes, please attach documentation of conservation measures, BMPs, or management programs*
- Positive comments in support of the project have been received by the applicant from water users, local citizens, and/or affected jurisdictions *10 points*
**If yes, please attach public comments*

Provide a brief description of the water supply benefits this project will have:

4.3. Feasibility – The Authority shall evaluate the feasibility of the project, including the proposed design and operation of the project, the cost-effectiveness of the project, and the degree to which the project will maximize or leverage multiple available funding sources.

a. Design and operational feasibility (SELECT ONE)

The project has a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) which supports the feasibility of the proposed design and operations of the project *40 points*

**If yes, please attach.*

The project has an alternative study which supports the feasibility of the project *10 points*

**If yes, please attach.*

The project does not have a PER or alternative study which supports the feasibility of the project *0 points*

b. Cost-effectiveness (SELECT ONE)

The cost and effectiveness of the processes, materials, techniques, and technologies for carrying out the proposed project or activity for which assistance is sought *has been studied and evaluated AND to the maximum extent practicable, a project has been selected taking into account the cost of constructing the project or activity; the cost of operating and maintaining the project or activity over the life of the project or activity; and the cost of replacing the project or activity 10 points*

**If yes, please attach documentation supporting the cost-effectiveness*

Cost-effectiveness has not been evaluated and/or documented for this project *0 points*

c. Funding sources (SELECT ONE)

Additional funding sources have been sought for this project *10 points*

**If yes, please list the funding source and status of funding:*

Additional funding sources have not been sought for this project *0 points*

4.4. Financial Need – The Authority shall evaluate the applicant’s need for financial assistance.

a. Median Household Income (MHI) of Service Area: _____

**MHI should be obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau information located at the following website: www.data.census.gov. The median household income from the area served by the applicant (AMHI) divided by the state’s median household income (SMHI) as determined by most recently available census data 5-year estimate. Financial need points will be awarded based on the following:*

- AMHI is less than or equal to 45% of the SMHI *100 points*
- AMHI is greater than 45% and less than or equal to 50% of the SMHI *90 points*
- AMHI is greater than 50% and less than or equal to 55% of the SMHI *80 points*
- AMHI is greater than 55% and less than or equal to 60% of the SMHI *70 points*
- AMHI is greater than 60% and less than or equal to 65% of the SMHI *60 points*
- AMHI is greater than 65% and less than or equal to 70% of the SMHI *50 points*

- AMHI is greater than 70% and less than or equal to 80% of the SMHI *40 points*
- AMHI is greater than 80% and less than or equal to 90% of the SMHI *30 points*
- AMHI is greater than 90% and less than or equal to 100% of the SMHI *20 points*
- AMHI is greater than 100% and less than or equal to 110% of the SMHI *10 points*
- AMHI is greater than 110% of the SMHI *0 points*

5. READINESS TO PROCEED INDICATORS

5.1. Debt authorized? Yes No **If yes, please attach.*

a. Authorization date (or expected authorization date): _____

b. What is your statutory authority to enter into debt with WIFA?

c. Approved revenue source for loan repayment (SELECT ONE):

- System Revenue
- General Obligation
- Special Assessment
- Excise Tax
- Other: _____

5.2. Anticipated project timeline:

a. Design start date or anticipated start date: _____

b. Construction start date or anticipated start date: _____

c. Permitting (SELECT ONE):

- Approval to construct permit has been obtained
- Plans and specifications have been submitted to permitting agencies for approval
- Design has not been completed
- Other or not applicable

If not applicable or multiple permits are required, please explain:

d. Procurement timeline (SELECT ONE)

- Project is ready for bid/procurement
- Project is currently out for bid/procurement
- Bidding/procurement is complete

Enter bid/procurement award date or anticipated award date:

Provide a brief description of the project timeline as it relates to design, construction, permitting, or procurement for this proposal:

5.3. Desired grant award and/or loan closing date:

- a. Estimated date WIFA funding required: _____
- b. Estimated schedule of funding disbursements:

6. REQUESTED AMOUNT

Estimated Financial Assistance Costs & Funding Sources

Amount funded locally:	\$
Amount requested from WIFA for this project*:	\$
Other source:	\$
Total:	\$

**Maximum per project is \$5,000,000. Please note ARS 49-1273 limits the amount eligible as a loan to eligible entities at \$3,000,000 and the amount eligible as a grant at \$2,000,000. See Attachment 1 for more details on how the amount of loan verse grant will be determined.*

7. CERTIFICATION AND AUTHORIZATION

I certify that _____ will meet any applicable environmental requirements and permitting requirements imposed by federal, state, or local agencies for this project.

I certify that the information contained in this application is, to the best of my knowledge, true, accurate and correct.

I hereby affirm that I, _____, am the _____ and I am authorized by _____ to submit this application on behalf of the organization for which I am acting.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 1. Scoring Process

Each project's Priority Value score is calculated using the following input variables (*maximum points in parenthesis*) shown in the formula below:

$$\text{Priority Value (440)} = \text{Water Demands (150)} + \text{Project Benefits (130)} + \text{Feasibility (60)} + \text{Financial Need (100)}$$

All applicants on the WSDRF-PPL will receive a financial assistance index score displayed as a percentage based on the table below. The index is reported as the percentage of the market rate interest that the borrower will be charged on the loan portion of a project.

Table 1. Financial Assistance Index

		Total Priority Value Points				
		Above 260	220-259 points	180-219 points	140 -179 points	Below 140
Financial Need Points	100	70%	70%	70%	75%	75%
	90	70%	70%	75%	75%	80%
	80	70%	75%	75%	80%	80%
	70	70%	75%	80%	80%	80%
	60	75%	80%	80%	80%	80%
	50	75%	80%	80%	80%	80%
	40	80%	80%	80%	80%	85%
	30	80%	80%	80%	80%	85%
	20	80%	80%	80%	85%	90%
	10	80%	80%	85%	90%	90%
	0	80%	85%	90%	90%	95%

The percentage of loan versus grant will be recommended for award based on the following table:

Table 2. Financial Incentives

Index Score	Grant and Loan Eligibility	Examples
70%-75%	Eligible to receive up to \$2M in grants. Any costs over \$2M may be covered by loan funds, not to exceed \$3M in loan	Project 1: \$2M total requested – 100% provided as grant Project 2: \$3M total requested – \$2M provided as grant and \$1M provided as loan Project 3: \$5M total requested – \$2M in grant and \$3M in loan
80%	Eligible to receive up to \$5M, 40% grant and 60% loan	Project 1: \$2M total requested – 40% provided as grant (\$800,000) and 60% provided as loan (\$1.2M) Project 2: \$3M total requested – \$1.2M provided as grant and \$1.8M provided as loan Project 3: \$5M total requested – \$2M in grant and \$3M in loan
85%-95%	Not eligible for grant, total loan is capped at \$3M	Project 1: \$2M total requested – 100% provided as loan Project 2: \$3M total requested – 100% provided as loan Project 3: \$5M total requested – \$3M in loan provided