



Prioritization for State Water Implementation Fund for Texas (SWIFT)

The Texas Legislature directed the TWDB to develop rules that specify how projects will be prioritized for SWIFT funding according to criteria (in bold). The prioritization system in 31 Texas Administrative Code §363.1304 assigns points as follows:

<i>Highest consideration must be given to projects that will:</i>	Maximum Points	<i>Additional criteria that TWDB must consider:</i>	Maximum Points
Serve a large population , based on a range of populations to be served by the project, from at least 10,000 to at least 1,000,000	30	Local contribution , including federal funding ; up-front capital (such as funds already invested in the project or cash on hand); and/or in-kind services to be invested in the project	5
Provide assistance to a diverse urban and rural population , based on the number of rural populations served in addition to at least one urban population	30	Financial capability of the applicant to repay , based on the applicant's household cost factor (the average annual cost of service per household divided by the median household income)	2
Provide regionalization , based on the number of entities served in addition to the applicant	30	Emergency Need , based on the TCEQ's list of local public water systems with a water supply that will last less than 180 days without additional rainfall; a water supply need anticipated to occur in an earlier decade than identified in the most recent state water plan; and/or the applicant has used or applied for federal funding for the emergency	5
Meet a high percentage of water supply needs of users to be served by the project , based on water supply needs, as identified in the state water plan, that will be met during the first decade the project becomes operational	30	Readiness to proceed , based on applicant's completion of preliminary planning and/or design work; ability to begin implementing or constructing the project within 18 months of application deadline; and acquisition of water rights associated with the project	8
Maximum "Highest Consideration" <i>(Points awarded in this section may not exceed 50)</i>	50	Maximum "Additional Criteria" Subtotal*	35
Maximum Total Points: 85 (Sum of "Highest Consideration" Subtotal and "Additional Criteria" Subtotal)			

*Points are no longer awarded based on the priority assigned by regional water planning groups (RWPGs), due to legislative changes from House Bill 1905, 87th Legislative Session, relating to relieving RWPGs of certain duties (including project prioritization).