

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT

Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Notice of Public Participation:

Public Comment on the Delaware Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Priority List Ranking Criteria

The Department of Health and Social Services, Drinking Water State Revolving Fund ("DWSRF") is announcing the publication of the draft Project Priority List Ranking Criteria for DWSRF projects.

To meet public notice and participation requirements under §35.3580 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR Part 35 Subpart L), the Department of Health and Social Services, as the lead agency for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund in Delaware, is publishing the draft Project Priority List Ranking Criteria. The draft ranking criteria will be available for public review at <https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/dwsrf.html> for 30 days beginning March 1 through April 1, 2025.

The purpose of the public participation period is to gather comments regarding the draft ranking criteria.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED REVISIONS TO RANKING CRITERIA

1. A revision to Section 2j, Sustainability, to increase the maximum points from 270 to 290 to add if the borrower submitted a Lead Service Line Inventory to the Office of Drinking Water to ensure projects that are focused on replacing lead service lines are submitting their LSLI.
2. To add Section 2l, Readiness to Proceed, and 20 points if the project is intended to begin within one year, to ensure projects that are ready to begin get additional points.

The opportunity for public comment on the draft ranking criteria is available for 30 days beginning March 1 through April 1, 2025. Comments may be provided to DWSRF by mail or email to:

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund
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Responses to individual questions and comments will not be provided; however, the DWSRF staff will review and consider all comments and make any modifications to the ranking criteria that are deemed necessary. **DWSRF must receive comments no later than Monday, April 1, 2025.**

[https://regulations.delaware.gov/register/march2025/general/DWSRF_Ranking_Criteria_\(03.25_Register\).pdf](https://regulations.delaware.gov/register/march2025/general/DWSRF_Ranking_Criteria_(03.25_Register).pdf)

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