

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Rural Utilities Service

**RUS BULLETIN 1778-1**

**SUBJECT:** Water Programs Emergency and Imminent Community Water Assistance Grants Project Selection Criteria

**TO:** State Directors, Rural Development

**ATTN:** Rural Utilities Service Program Directors

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Date of Approval

**OFFICE OF PRIMARY INTEREST:** Assistant Administrator, Water and Environmental Programs

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS:** File behind 7 CFR 1778.

**AVAILABILITY:** This bulletin is available on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/regs.htm>.

**PURPOSE:** To provide project selection criteria.



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Assistant Administrator  
Water and Environmental Programs

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DATE

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grant Program  
Project Selection Criteria

State Program Official's Project Score \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Applicant \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Congressional District No. \_\_\_\_\_

Grant Request \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Initial or Subsequent \_\_\_\_\_

Priorities Points

A. Population: The proposed project will serve a rural area with a population:

- 1. Not in excess of 1,500. -----> 30
- 2. More than 1,500 and not in excess of 3,000 -----> 20
- 3. More than 3,000 and not in excess of 5,000. ----> 15

B. Income: The median household income of population to be served by the proposed project is:

- 1. Not in excess of 70% of the statewide nonmetropolitan median household income. ----> 30
- 2. More than 70% and not in excess of 80% of the statewide nonmetropolitan median household income. ----->20
- 3. More than 80% and not in excess of 90% of the statewide nonmetropolitan median household income. ----->10
- 4. More than 90% of the statewide nonmetropolitan median household income. ----->0

C. The proposed project will correct a:

1. Quantity of water available from private individually owned wells or other sources of water. -----> 30
2. Quality of water available from private, individually owned wells or other individual sources of water. ----->30
3. Quantity of water available from an established system's source of water. ----->20
4. Quality of water available from an established system's source of water. ----->20

D. Acute shortage: Grants made in accordance with §1778.11(b) of this part to assist an established water system, remedy an acute shortage of quality water, or correct a significant decline in the quantity or quality of water that is available.----->

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State Program Official

Date

Instructions: In parts A-D circle the points for those priorities that are met by the proposed project and enter the total project score on page one. The State Program Official can recommend discretionary points by providing a written justification in RUS Bulletin 1778-2. Discretionary points will be assigned by the Agency Administrator.