



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:

	Maximum Points
<i>Highest consideration must be given to projects that will:</i>	
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
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
Provide regionalization , based on the number of entities served in addition to the applicant	30
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
Maximum "Highest Consideration" Subtotal (Points awarded in this section may not exceed 50)	50
<i>Additional criteria that TWDB must consider:</i>	
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
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
Emergency Need , based on the TCEQ's list of local public water systems that have a water supply that will last less than 180 days without additional rainfall; a water supply need that is anticipated to occur in an earlier decade than identified in the most recent state water plan; and/or if the applicant has used or applied for federal funding for the emergency	5

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

Demonstration or projected effect of the project on water conservation, including preventing water loss, based on reductions in gallons per capita per day water use; meeting water loss thresholds established by the TWDB’s rules; or projected water efficiency improvements for agricultural projects 15

Priority assigned by the regional water planning group, based on the project’s percentile within the regional project ranking 15

Maximum “Additional Criteria” Subtotal 50

Maximum Total Points 100

