

# **Water Utilities Technical Assistance Program (WUTAP)**

## **Prioritization Criteria for Selection of Systems to Receive Assistance**

### **Prioritization Criteria**

TWDB will use the following prioritization criteria to establish the score.

<b>Size - Number of Service Connections for System</b>	<b>Points</b>
Number of Service Connections less than or equal to 1,000 .....	<b>5</b>
Number of Service Connections is greater than 1,000 but not more than 5,000 .....	<b>4</b>
Number of Service Connections is greater than 5,000 but not more than 25,000 .....	<b>3</b>
Number of Service Connections is greater than 25,000 but not more than 100,000 ...	<b>2</b>
Number of Service Connections is greater than 100,000 but not more than 150,000	<b>1</b>
Number of Service Connections is greater than 150,000 .....	<b>0</b>

<b>Rural area - provides service only to rural areas</b>	<b>Points</b>
The system serves only rural areas.....	<b>4</b>
The system serves some areas that are not rural.....	<b>0</b>
<i>(TWDB will use the definition of rural political subdivision as defined in Section 15.001 of the Texas Water Code.)</i>	

<b>Income - Annual Median Household Income (AMHI) of the service area compared to the State of Texas AMHI</b>	<b>Points</b>
Service Area AMHI is less than or equal to 65% of State AMHI .....	<b>4</b>
Service Area AMHI is greater than 65% but not more than 75% of State AMHI.....	<b>3</b>
Service Area AMHI is greater than 75% but not more than 90% of State AMHI.....	<b>2</b>
Service Area AMHI is greater than 90% but not more than 120% of State AMHI.....	<b>1</b>
Service Area AMHI is greater than 120% of State AMHI.....	<b>0</b>

<b>Operations - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) violations</b>	<b>Points</b>
System has had no TCEQ violations in the previous 36 months as of the date the TWDB considers the system.....	<b>3</b>
System has had only maximum contaminant level violations in the previous 36 months as of the date the TWDB considers the system.....	<b>1</b>
System has TCEQ violations that are not maximum contaminant level violations in the previous 36 months as of the date the TWDB considers the system .....	<b>0</b>

<b>Previous Participation - Applicant entity has participated in the WUTAP previously, for either their water or wastewater system.</b>	<b>Points</b>
The entity's water or wastewater systems have NOT participated in WUTAP previously.....	<b>5</b>
The entity's water or wastewater system has previously participated in WUTAP.....	<b>0</b>

**Customer Growth** – Percentage of growth of the population and connections served over the past 3 years (2022-2025). The percent of change in population and the percent of change in connections served will be averaged together to produce one value.

	<b>Points</b>
Growth of 10% or more.....	<b>4</b>
Growth of 7% or more and less than 10% .....	<b>3</b>
Growth of 4% or more and less than 7%.....	<b>2</b>
Growth of 1% or more and less than 4%.....	<b>1</b>
Growth of less than 1%.....	<b>0</b>

*Formula for Customer Growth calculation:*

$$\frac{\frac{2025 \text{ POP} - 2022 \text{ POP}}{2022 \text{ POP}} + \frac{2025 \text{ CNX} - 2022 \text{ CNX}}{2022 \text{ CNX}}}{2} \times 100 = \text{Customer Growth \%}$$

*Where POP = Population Served and CNX = Number of Connections*

**Annual Audit Issues - Internal Control Issues** **Points**

System has not had an annual audit completed within the last two (2) years.....	<b>5</b>
System’s annual audit contains material weaknesses/significant deficiencies related to internal controls.....	<b>3</b>
System’s annual audit is completed timely.....	<b>0</b>

**Organizational Operations – documented procedures** **Points**

System does not have documented procedures for operation and Maintenance related to cash and cash management, accounts receivables/payables, preparation of financial statements, and any internal control processes.....	<b>5</b>
System has not updated procedures within the last 2 years.....	<b>3</b>
System’s procedures are up to date.....	<b>0</b>

**Previous TWDB Funding –** **Points**

System has never submitted a Project Information Form/Application.....	<b>5</b>
System has submitted PIFs/or applications but was deemed ineligible/incomplete.....	<b>3</b>
System has received funding from TWDB.....	<b>0</b>

**Disadvantaged Business Enterprises -** **Points**

System has no experience soliciting consultants using federal DBE requirements.....	<b>5</b>
System has experience soliciting consultants using federal DBE requirements.....	<b>0</b>

<b>Customer Rate Review -</b>	<b>Points</b>
System has not conducted a rate analysis.....	<b>10</b>
System has not conducted a rate analysis in the last 10 years.....	<b>7</b>
System has not conducted a rate analysis in the last 5 years.....	<b>3</b>
System has completed a rate analysis in the last 5 years.....	<b>0</b>

<b>Water Conservation Plans -</b>	<b>Points</b>
System does not have water conservation plan.....	<b>5</b>
System has not updated its water conservation plan in the last 5 years.....	<b>3</b>
System has updated water conservation plan.....	<b>0</b>

Maximum of 60 points

Tiebreaker - (1 point) - the system with the fewest number of service connections