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## **FOREWORD**

The Intended Use Plan (IUP) for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) and the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) was developed by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) from statements of need, cost projections, and timing of loan activities based on NDEE's experience with projects and SRF procedures. In addition, the NDEE held preliminary discussions with potential loan recipients for the purposes of projecting the activities and financial needs of State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2025 and the future. The detailed project scope, timing, and cost will be developed during individual loan agreement negotiations. This IUP will continue in effect from year to year until replaced by an Environmental Quality Council (EQC) approval action on the succeeding IUP. Please note that use of the term "Department" throughout is in reference to the NDEE.

## **INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT AND JOBS ACT OF 2021**

In November of 2021, Congress passed the Act, more commonly referred to as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL). Enacted to strengthen states drinking water and wastewater systems, the subsequent sections in this IUP provide specific details on the BILs General Supplemental and Emerging Contaminants Funding for each program, the Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Funding for the DWSRF, and the funding annually appropriated to the SRF. The start of BIL was challenging, with inflation and supply chain issues resulting in cost overruns, the near three year long time period needed for Build America Buy America guidance issuance, and the program's continued evaluation as to how to best implement LSL Replacement funding. The net result, this SFY 2025 IUP is an extension of last year's program, with minor improvements towards the LSL Replacement funding; however, the focus of traditional project priority list rankings will be on those municipalities and community public water systems that need to return into compliance with the Clean or Safe Drinking Water Act requirements, or for those projects that proactively address potential compliance issues.

## **FORMAT OF THE IUP**

State SRF programs have the flexibility to continue with combined IUPs and Project Priority Lists (PPLs) for both the BIL and Base program funding. This combined IUP identifies Base and BIL program eligible projects, including identifying additional subsidization and Green Project Reserve (GPR) funding amounts, while still meeting existing SRF requirements, those of Title VI of the Clean Water Act (CWA) and regulations, or Section 1452 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and regulations.

## **FORGIVENESS ASSISTANCE**

Congress established that 49% of BIL funding allocated to the SRF programs through the General Supplemental and LSL Replacement capitalization grants must be provided as additional subsidization for eligible SRF assistance recipients. For the Emerging Contaminants funding, the SRF must provide 100% of the funding as additional subsidization. Additional subsidization can be made in the form of grants or loans with forgiveness assistance. To reduce both requirements for receiving and the burden on reporting for the assistance, the SRF program will only offer forgiveness assistance to make it easier for communities to comply with SRF requirements.

The program then intends to allocate the maximum forgiveness amounts from annual appropriations, 30% from the CWSRF and 49% from the DWSRF, for consistency within all groups of projects when communities rely on SRF assistance. A range of 35% to 55% forgiveness for traditional projects (i.e., water towers, wastewater treatment plants, etc.), as the program provides state match for those federal awards, thus blending in loan only funds, lowering the overall range of available forgiveness. A change to a straight 60% for LSL replacement projects, with no state match being required for these funds and adding in available historical forgiveness to address this public health concern. Then concluding with a 55% to 75% forgiveness range for projects to address emerging contaminants (e.g., manganese drinking water treatment plants, etc.), as there is both no state match requirement and Congress mandating this be the greatest level of forgiveness that state SRF programs must offer to communities. Greater detail on this

important subject matter is presented at the end Section I in both the CW and DW SRF Sections, pages 8 and 30, and in Appendix E.

## **INTEREST RATES AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEES**

A change to interest rates and fees is planned. Each quarter of the fiscal year interest rates and fees will be determined from 40% of the average 10 and 30-year Municipal Bond rates, rounded down to the nearest even ten basis point level. Split between both rate and fee, there will be a minimum combined range of no less than 1% and no more than 2.5%, except for the Lead Service Line Replacement and the legacy zero percent programs, which will be set at 0%.

## **PUBLIC REVIEW, PARTICIPATION, AND COMMENTS**

The IUP and Project Priority Planning Lists are subject to public review and comment in accordance with CWA section 605 and SDWA section 1452(b)(1). The Department held a public hearing regarding the IUP at the EQC meeting on June 20, 2024 to receive public input and Council approval. The draft IUP, which includes the Project Priority Lists and ranking systems, was made available to the public at least 30 days prior to the hearing. Additionally, the notification was forwarded to Nebraska's Center for Rural Affairs, the Nebraska Section of the American Water Works and Water Environment Associations, the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, the Nebraska Regional Officials Council for the state's Economic Development Districts, the League of Nebraska Municipalities, and the Omaha Healthy Kids Alliance. A summary of the Department's responses to public comment and any public hearing testimony will be prepared and submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region VII, if necessary. Lastly, numerous virtual and in-person information events were held with groups of community leaders, consulting engineers and PWSs, the latter specifically for LSL Replacement funding, as part of the pre-IUP development process.

The Nebraska Legislature created the EQC in 1971 as the public body that adopts rules and regulations for the NDEE to administer, including this IUP. The Council consists of 17 members who are appointed by the Governor to serve staggered four-year terms. Council members are appointed to represent the following: food products manufacturing, conservation, agricultural processing, the automotive or petroleum industries, chemical industry, heavy industry, power generating industry, livestock industry, crop production, labor, county government, municipal government (two members, one from a city other than primary or metropolitan class), one member who is a professional engineer with experience in control of air and water pollution and solid wastes, one member who is a physician knowledgeable in the health aspects of air, water, and land pollution, one representative of minority populations, and one biologist. Appointments require the advice and consent of the Legislature.

The Council holds at least two regular meetings a year. The time and place of each meeting, together with an agenda and a description of proposed regulations and other actions to be considered, are public noticed in accordance with the Nebraska Administrative Procedure Act and posted on the agency webpage. The council conducts public hearings on proposed regulations and other actions to receive public input through testimony and written comments prior to making a final decision. Council meetings are open meetings, and a recording of the proceedings and minutes of each meeting are made, all of which are public records. The Council considers proposals from the Department to adopt, amend, or repeal regulations and may also consider rulemaking petitions initiated by citizens.

## **LEAD SERVICE LINE REPLACEMENT FUNDING**

The changes already noted above, a drop of borrowing rates to 0% and an increase to an across the board 60% forgiveness percentage were made in response to the challenge the LSL program presents. That where Congress has provided DWSRF loan funds for PWSs to replace assets that the systems do not own. Funding may also include a 10% increase in grant assistance for mechanical LSL inventory efforts (e.g., potholing, hydro-vacuum excavation, etc.) and first rights for return borrowing on outstanding LSL principal balances above \$500,000, excluding loan amendments.

## SECTION I - CWSRF

### INTRODUCTION

The CWSRF was created to provide below market financing for construction of publicly owned (wastewater) treatment works (POTWs) and nonpoint source control systems. For more information on eligibility, please refer to Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 131, *RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AND DRINKING WATER CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS*.

Section 606(c)(1) of the CWA requires the program to propose an annual plan setting forth the manner in which the Department intends to use the money available in the CWSRF. This document is Nebraska's SFY 2025 CWSRF IUP covering the time period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. Title VI of the CWA also requires that projects funded by the CWSRF be listed on the Project Priority Planning List. A priority ranking system and the Project Priority Planning List are prepared in accordance with Title II, Section 216 of the federal CWA and are included with this IUP for approval action by the EQC. Potential CWSRF projects are then selected from the Project Priority Planning List for funding. This IUP is an integral part of the cycle of events carried out annually in administering the CWSRF program. The IUP serves as a basis for developing new capitalization grant payment schedules with the EPA Region VII. In addition, the IUP serves as a basis for assessing the program's performance in administering the CWSRF. This document can be compared to the CWSRF Annual Report for a complete picture of what was planned versus that accomplished over the year. Assurances and certifications contained in the Operating Agreement established between the NDEE and the U.S. EPA Region VII were incorporated in this IUP.

This IUP, and for those through SFY 2027, will be a combined plan for both Base and BIL program funding. Sections in the IUP and the sources of funding in the Project Priority Funding Lists will be separate to ensure that EPA and the public can clearly identify Base and BIL eligible projects, including the required additional subsidization and GPR funding amounts.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND WHAT'S NEW FOR SFY 2025:

- This is a two-year, three capitalization grant CWSRF IUP. The federal budget was passed in December 2024 with Nebraska's Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2024 CWSRF capitalization grant estimated at \$4,176,000. This along with the BIL allotments for the general and emerging contaminants programs at \$11,632,000 and \$1,088,000, respectively, will bring in just under \$16.9M of new Federal program funding this fiscal year.
- The SRF programs, in an effort to increase efficiency and accessibility, completed an initial Kaizen process improvement effort during the fall of 2021. Those improvements will be re-evaluated by program staff in the upcoming fiscal year, including finalizing a standard operating procedures manual.
- Rates for fee and interest will be set at or below Market Rate for construction projects. Rates will be determined from 40 percent of the average 10-to-30-year Municipal Bond rates.
- During the bypass period, Planning and Design Loans may be available to municipalities to encourage pro-active planning efforts. Planning and Design Loans will have an interest rate of 0%, with a 0.5% administrative fee, and a maximum of five-year term.
- A technical assistance contract will be let for engineering services to optimize the operation of rural and small POTWs.
- Median Household Income (MHI) obtained from the American Community Survey (ACS) five-year data is now the 2018-2022 data information for this IUP.
- Municipalities with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) co-funding remain as a short-term readiness to proceed consideration.



**I. CWSRF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS**

The CWSRF has been created from a series of EPA Capitalization Grants and a required 20% State match provided through State general fund appropriations, match bond issuances and cash. Match funding will be accomplished through bond proceeds for the FFY 2024 grant, planned for July of 2024, and the match for FFY 2025 planned for July of 2025. Sources and uses of funds for the program two-year planning period discussed in this IUP are summarized below (See Appendix H: SRF Cash Flow Model for more information).

**CWSRF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS TABLE - Base Program (Est. 3/31/24)**

| <b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>                 |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Cash & Unexpended prior grants          | \$53,725,189         |
| EPA FFY 2024 Capitalization Grant       | \$4,176,000          |
| State 2024 Match                        | \$835,200            |
| Estimated 2025 Capitalization Grant     | \$4,176,000          |
| Estimated 2025 State Match              | \$835,000            |
| June 15, 2024 Loan Repayment            | \$6,919,317          |
| Loan Repayment SFY 2025                 | \$16,815,713         |
| Loan Repayment SFY 2026                 | \$16,860,467         |
| 2-year Projected Interest               | \$2,000,000          |
| DWSRF Cash Transfer                     | \$15,000,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$121,343,086</b> |
| <b>USES OF FUNDS</b>                    |                      |
| Match Bond Payment FFY 2024 - Base      | \$260,000            |
| Match Bond Payment FFY 2024 - BIL       | \$1,640,000          |
| Match Bond Payment FFY 2025 - Base      | \$835,200            |
| Match Bond Payment FFY 2025 - BIL       | \$2,706,200          |
| SFY 2025 Baseline Sampling (PFAS, etc.) | \$83,520             |
| SFY 2025 Engineering Administration     | \$83,520             |
| SFY 2026 Baseline Sampling (PFAS, etc.) | \$83,520             |
| SFY 2026 Engineering Administration     | \$83,520             |
| Current Loan Obligation                 | \$47,699,509         |
| Green Project Reserve Funding - Base    | \$835,200            |
| Priority Funding List - Base            | \$56,335,897         |
| SFY 2024 Planning List                  | \$10,697,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$121,343,086</b> |

Forty-two thousand (\$42,000) was withheld from the State grant allocation and awarded separately for 604(b) water quality planning.

**CWSRF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS TABLE – BIL General Program**

March 31, 2024 Estimate

| SOURCES OF FUNDS                        |              |
|---|--------------|
| EPA FFY 2024 Capitalization Grant       | \$11,632,000 |
| State 2024 Match                        | \$2,326,400  |
| EPA FFY 2025 Capitalization Grant       | \$13,531,000 |
| State 2025 Match                        | \$2,706,200  |
| TOTAL                                   | \$30,195,600 |
| USES OF FUNDS                           |              |
| SFY 2025 Baseline Sampling (PFAS, etc.) | \$0          |
| SFY 2025 Engineering Administration     | \$0          |
| SFY 2026 Baseline Sampling (PFAS, etc.) | \$0          |
| SFY 2026 Engineering Administration     | \$0          |
| Green Project Reserve Funding - BIL     | \$2,516,300  |
| Priority Funding List - BIL             | \$27,679,300 |
| TOTAL                                   | \$30,195,600 |

One hundred and seventeen thousand (\$117,000) was withheld from the State grant allocation and awarded separately for 604(b) water quality planning.

**CWSRF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS TABLE – BIL Emerging Contaminants Program**

March 31, 2024 Estimate

| SOURCES OF FUNDS                  |             |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| EPA FFY 2024 Capitalization Grant | \$1,088,000 |
| EPA FFY 2025 Capitalization Grant | \$1,088,000 |
| TOTAL                             | \$2,176,000 |
| USES OF FUNDS                     |             |
| FFY 2024 Transfer to DWSRF        | \$1,088,000 |
| FFY 2025 Transfer to DWSRF        | \$1,088,000 |
| TOTAL                             | \$2,176,000 |

Eleven thousand (\$11,000) was withheld from the State grant allocation and awarded separately for 604(b) emerging contaminant water quality planning.

**SOURCES AND USES OF ADMINISTRATION FUNDS TABLE**

March 31, 2024 Estimate

| <b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>              |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Cash Balance                         | \$1,959,964        |
| June 15, 2024 Fee Receipts           | \$471,225          |
| SFY 2025 Fee Receipts                | \$905,157          |
| SFY 2026 Fee Receipts                | \$843,386          |
| 2-year projected interest            | \$50,000           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$4,229,732</b> |
| <b>USES OF FUNDS</b>                 |                    |
| Program Administration SFY 2024/2025 | \$1,308,947        |
| Program Administration SFY 2026      | \$1,030,796        |
| Planning Grants SFY 2025             | \$60,000           |
| Planning Grants SFY 2026             | \$60,000           |
| NIT Grants SFY 2025                  | \$300,000          |
| OSG Match SFY 2026                   | \$0                |
| FFY 24 Cash Match                    | \$1,261,600        |
| Emergency Grants SFY 2025            | \$0                |
| <b>EST. ADMIN CASH FUND BALANCE</b>  | <b>\$208,389</b>   |

Note: The Administration Cash Fund may also be used for unanticipated disbursements of Forgiveness assistance in accordance with CWSRF State Statute.

Administration Costs (4%) - The maximum annual amount of CWSRF funds (not including any fees collected that are placed in the fund) that may be used to cover reasonable costs of administering the fund is the greatest of the following:

1. \$400,000; or
2. 0.2% of the current valuation of the fund; or
3. An amount equal to 4% of all grant awards received by the State CWSRF less any amounts used in previous years to cover administrative expenses.

For SFYs 2025 and 2026, the program will allocate one-half of 4%, for such activities that include: program costs for NDEE for day-to-day program management activities, other costs associated with debt issuance, financial management, consulting, engineering, and support services necessary to provide a complete program. Administrative costs are mostly paid out Administration Cash Fund for the year, with the exception of some engineering costs. In addition, the program is relying on the Northbridge loan and grant tracking software for the administration funds from both SRFs.

- Technical Assistance (2%) – Up to an amount equal to 2% of the annual capitalization grant may be used to aid state, regional, interstate, or municipal entities to provide technical assistance to rural, small, and tribal POTWs. The Department intends to use this assistance in SFYs 2025 and 2026 to conduct baseline sampling to determine the presence, if any, of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS/PFOA), in sewersheds of rural and small POTWs. In addition, a technical assistance contract will be let for engineering services to optimize the operation of rural and small POTWs and may include contracted services with efforts focused on workforce development.

The below is a tabled breakout of the administration and sampling costs from the grants.

| Funding - FFY         | Base Program | BIL-General Program | BIL Emerging Cont. |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Administration - 2024 | \$83,520     | \$0                 | \$0                |
| PFAS/Eng.TA - 2024    | \$83,520     | \$0                 | \$0                |
| Administration - 2025 | \$83,520     | \$0                 | \$0                |
| PFAS/Eng.TA- 2025     | \$83,520     | \$0                 | \$0                |

The following is the 2% – Reserved Authority:

| 2% – Reserve Authority           | Amount           |
|----------------------------------|------------------|
| FFY 2022 Cap Grant – BIL General | \$182,060        |
| FFY 2024 Cap Grant – BIL General | \$232,640        |
| <b>Total Reserved Authority</b>  | <b>\$414,700</b> |

For the additional subsidization required by the Federal Fiscal Appropriation, the CWSRF will disburse the minimum 20% required but intends to provide the maximum of 30% in loan forgiveness funding from the FFY 2024 grant to maintain continuity with the BIL funding requirements of exactly 49%. Historical unused additional subsidization authority per the November 2022 *Policy Change Regarding Additional Subsidization and Closeout of SRF Capitalization Grants* memorandum, as of May 9, 2023 was established at \$3,120,365, with \$2,437,098 remaining. From that total, up to \$1,200,000 will be blended into the Base and BIL General funding to increase assistance to maintain continuity of forgiveness assistance for all traditional CWSRF projects. This will also result in funding percentages equal to the DWSRF program. Forgiveness assistance will be provided at the time a disbursement request is processed.

**Base Maximum Allowable, BIL Required and Historical Unused Subsidization Authority**

| Fiscal Year      | Base Program | BIL-General  | Historical (Opt.) | BIL EC       |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 2024             | \$1,252,800  | \$5,669,680  | \$600,000         | \$1,088,000  |
| 2025 (Estimated) | \$1,252,800  | \$6,630,190  | \$600,000         | \$1,088,000  |
| <b>Total</b>     |              | \$16,005,470 |                   | \$2,176,000* |

\*BIL EC Funds to be transferred to DWSRF

Additional loan forgiveness in an amount not to exceed 65% of the revenue from administrative fees collected in the prior fiscal year may be provided in SFY 2025 from the Administration Cash Fund, most notably if a state source of forgiveness funding is required for a project. All levels of forgiveness will initially be reported in the Finding of No Significant Impact Statement (FNSI) or Categorical Exclusion (CatEx), whichever is issued for a project, before the loan agreement is signed.

## II. LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM GOAL STATEMENTS FOR THE CWSRF PROGRAM

The overall goal of the CWSRF is to assist municipalities in protecting the health and welfare of Nebraskans by helping to ensure the waters of the state are protected through the provisions of the CWA.

### A. Long-Term Goals

1. Manage the Nebraska CWSRF Program to fund projects which protect and improve the public health of the citizens of the state, and to ensure its revolving nature is assured in perpetuity, including an evaluation of the new rate setting policy. To request EPA capitalization grants and obtain state match, along with allocating recycled funds to projects, in a timely manner.
2. Protect and enhance Nebraska's water resources, the environment, and human health by providing affordable funding for eligible clean water projects.

3. Attend workshops/conferences and meet with municipalities, consultants, and other stakeholders to promote the program to the public as well as identify potential projects and obtain stakeholder input regarding modifications or enhancements to the program.
4. Encourage the incorporation of green infrastructure concepts and energy recovery, production, and conservation in funded projects through adjusted interest rates and grant opportunities.
5. Annually prioritize potential projects in Nebraska according to the greatest chronic public health and environmental health concerns being addressed and their readiness to proceed with construction and implementation. Allocate available funds to projects in a timely manner.
6. Pursue the development of a mechanism to evaluate and prioritize the most appropriate, affordable, and holistic, state, regional, and/or watershed-based solutions that address both point and nonpoint source water pollution problems.
7. Continue working with the other federal, state, and local programs to provide affordable financing for municipal pollution prevention and control projects.

## **B. Short-Term Goals**

1. Review SRF funding mechanisms/alternatives to determine if an alternative would result in providing greater benefits to more communities.
2. Target available loan funds to high priority needs in order to encourage construction of the highest impact water quality and/or human health improvement projects by providing the best funding assistance available.
3. Pursue public and private sector partnership by assisting in collaboration between municipalities and industry.
4. Appraise and further develop the Assessing Wastewater Infrastructure Needs (AWIN) program to ensure accurate information is being utilized in determining municipality assistance and calculation of their sustainability risk to properly implement affordability criteria.
5. Establish and implement all requirements of BIL funding.

## **III. METHODS AND CRITERIA FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS**

Nebraska's proposed distribution of available funds is determined by use of the following steps:

1. Prepare the CWSRF Project Priority Planning List in accordance with Title II Section 216 of the CWA, that noted within the Priority Ranking System;
2. Use the Project Priority Planning List to identify the potential projects for placement on the Priority Funding List;
3. Develop the CWSRF Capitalization Grant Payment Schedule which will provide resources for making timely binding commitments to the projects selected for assistance;
4. Provide for a process to add projects to the Project Priority Funding List and to bypass projects on the Funding List; and
5. Fund projects by disbursing 100% of match funds prior to withdrawing federal capitalization funds.

**A. Project Priority Planning List Preparation**

The NDEE did conduct a full needs survey this past year, with the switch to every other year for needs to be assessed. With the carried forward surveys for SFY 2025, the NDEE ranked 352 projects with just under \$1.35 billion in needs.

Projects identified during the needs survey process are ranked in accordance with the priority ranking system (Appendix A1) and placed on the Project Planning List (Appendix B1). Priority ranking is completed in April. Projects submitted during the IUP public notice period may be added to the Planning List in the IUP hearing by action of the EQC but will be ranked with zero points; therefore, only eligible for funding after the bypass dates.

**B. Identify Potential SRF Projects**

Willingness of a community to participate in the CWSRF program and readiness to proceed are important considerations for funding; therefore, the Priority Funding List of projects is not identical to the ranking order of the Project Priority Planning List. All other projects included in Appendix B1 are considered on the Project Priority Planning List. This includes potential projects with lower priority or projects that may not be ready to proceed until later in the year.

Up to three Project Priority Funding Lists may be established which show the name of the community; permit number or other applicable enforceable requirement, if available; the type of financial assistance; and the projected amount of eligible assistance. The primary table is for traditional CWSRF funding for which projects are shown that address both the Base and BIL General programs. The next is the GPR Priority Funding List that shows projects which may qualify as green. No less than 10% of the federal grant amount must be used for green infrastructure projects. CWSRF Section V(D) of this IUP provides additional information for GPR. The last table would be for Emerging Contaminant projects, but for Nebraska presently those only address manganese in drinking water, thus an inter-program transfer of funds from the CW to DWSRF is necessary.

The CWSRF Sources and Uses of Funds table identifies funding based on FFY 2024 Capitalization Grant and anticipated funding for FFY 2025. These lists are sized to obligate anticipated FFY 2025 funding if provided before the next IUP cycle.

Allocation of funds among potential CWSRF projects is a multi-step process:

1. Potential project sponsors are identified and contacted to determine project timing and level of interest in SRF funding. Those communities expressing a serious interest in proceeding under the SFY 2025 program are then asked to provide information regarding specific project scope, project timing, and funding needs, and are then tentatively listed for funding;
2. The sources and uses for the program funds are identified. The available funds are allocated to potential SRF projects for the Priority Funding List until full allocation is reached, in priority order. Potential projects that are not quite ready to proceed, or of lower priority, are placed on the Project Priority Planning List. Similarly, projects identified as green projects are placed on the GPR Priority Funding List; and
3. The IUP that includes the Project Priority Funding Lists is placed on public notice, then submitted to, with comments from the public received, and approved by, the EQC in a public hearing process.

**C. Develop CWSRF Capitalization Grant Payment Schedule**

In order to prepare a payment schedule for receiving capitalization grant funds from EPA, binding commitment projections were made (e.g., signed loan contracts). The information in the CWSRF IUP

Priority Funding List was used to determine the payment amounts. The following table shows the estimated EPA Capitalization Grant Payment Schedule.

**CWSRF CAPITALIZATION GRANT PAYMENT SCHEDULE TABLE**

| Program Funding<br>Cap Grant Year | SFY 2025<br>1Q<br>FFY 2024<br>4Q | SFY 2025<br>2Q<br>FFY 2025<br>1Q | SFY 2025<br>3Q<br>FFY 2025<br>2Q | SFY 2025<br>4Q<br>FFY 2025<br>3Q | SFY 2026<br>1Q<br>FFY 2025<br>4Q |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FFY 2024 - Base                   | \$4,176,000                      |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| State Base Match                  | \$835,200                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| FFY 2024 – BIL General            | \$11,632,000                     |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| State BIL General Match           | \$2,326,400                      |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| FFY 2024 – Emerging Contaminants  | Transfer to DW                   |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| FFY 2025 - Base                   |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | \$4,176,000                      |
| State Base Match                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | \$835,200,000                    |
| FFY 2025 – BIL General            |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | \$13,531,000                     |
| State BIL General Match           |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | \$2,706,200                      |
| FFY 2025 – Emerging Contaminants  |                                  |                                  | Transfer to DW                   |                                  |                                  |

Notes: Match will be deposited into the Fund before the State receives capitalization grant payment from EPA.

**D. Develop Disbursement (Outlay) Schedule for CWSRF Program Projects**

EPA uses this schedule along with the schedules from the other states’ programs to project their own cash flow needs. The actual binding commitment (a signed loan contract) will include an anticipated outlay schedule. Schedules from all projects are cumulated to project the CWSRF’s total cash flow needs. The CWSRF will disburse 100% of the required state match prior to any federal drawdowns from the Base and/or BIL General funded projects.

**E. Bypass Date and Changes to Funding List**

The NDEE employs a bypass date for funding of projects. Following the approval of the SFY 2025 IUP by the EQC, the CWSRF will use October 1<sup>st</sup> as the Bypass Date to help obligate available funds for clean water projects. Projects on the Priority Funding List will have funding reserved until the October 1<sup>st</sup> bypass date. Loans for funds in capitalization grants received by the program must be signed within one year of receipt of the grants. Therefore, after the bypass date, NDEE will provide financial assistance, subject to availability of funds, to the highest priority projects that are ready to proceed from the Priority Funding List, the Priority Planning List, or any entity identified in this IUP. Dependent upon the status of fulfilling grant equivalency conditions, preference for awarding forgiveness assistance may be given first to those bypass projects that meet the program’s Architectural and Engineering (A/E) procurement requirements. Amendments to existing loans can be closed at any time under the original loan agreement terms; however, that may or may not apply to interest rate. Environmental or public health emergency projects may not be held to the bypass date at the discretion of the NDEE Director.

All SRF projects are required to have a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)-like review done prior to any funding. This is done through the issuance of a CatEx or a FNSI. Projects that have been issued a CatEx or FNSI, but will not be able to close a loan prior to the end of SFY 2024, will be considered “in progress”. Projects in progress in SFY 2024 will be able to close loans, under the terms noted in the SFY 2024 IUP, unless the SFY 2025 funding list or bypass criteria provide better financing alternatives before that date. That may also apply to interest rate for those municipalities which were part of the 0% program. The binding commitment will expire at the end of SFY 2026. The municipality may request an extension of

one year for the binding commitment if unforeseen circumstances occur and prevent the municipality from closing the loan.

As authorized by Nebraska Revised State Statute §81-15,153, the Director may suspend the provisions of the IUP and prioritize available funds to meet critical environmental and/or public health needs resulting from a natural or manmade disaster requiring the activation of the State Emergency Operations Plan, or to meet the requirements of funds that are available to the program unexpectedly.

Nebraska, like much of the United States, has wastewater infrastructure needs related to aging pipes, failing and inefficient treatment plants, and/or increased energy costs. Two-thirds of Nebraska’s communities are losing population while seeing the existing population increase in age, making them less capable of handling the expense of large wastewater treatment projects. New water quality discharge requirements, such as lower ammonia limits, have put even more pressure on Nebraska’s small systems to update their systems. Today, many of the wastewater projects being planned and built make use of newer technology which could reduce operation and maintenance costs and/or energy needs, especially for small systems. With these facts in mind, Appendix B1-a is included in the IUP; it lists communities that may still have undocumented needs. Being included in this IUP and on this list does not mean the community will need, seek out, or receive funding from the CWSRF; but it does recognize the community’s possible future needs.

#### **IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

##### **A. Administrative Fees**

This fee is calculated on a semiannual basis and billed when loan principal and interest payments are due. The fee will be applied to all loans in accordance with Title 131 and the loan agreement. The fee is deposited into an account separate from the CWSRF accounts and is used for administrative costs, including state match. The Administration Cash Fund may be used for loan forgiveness and/or planning or new and innovative technology grant funds.

An annual fee of up to 1% may be charged against the outstanding principal on construction loans, and up to 0.5% for planning loans, to meet long-term administrative costs. These fees are not included in the loan principal. Fees collected in addition to principal and interest, which are not deposited as loan repayments, are considered “income received by the grantee” or “program income”, and will only be used for such purposes.

| <b>Fiscal Year - 2024</b> | <b>Base Program</b> | <b>BIL-General</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Program Income</b>     | \$146,160           | \$296,616          |

An annual administrative fee of 0% may be applied to loans made for emergency projects as defined by Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 131, *RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AND DRINKING WATER CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS* (Title 131), that serve as bridge financing while a borrower awaits to receive funding from other sources, such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Loan contracts may also establish that if other funding sources cannot be secured, the administrative fee may be adjusted up to 1.0% annually.

Administrative fees can be used to accomplish the long-term and short-term goals of the CWSRF program and for other eligible water quality related purposes. In addition, the fee on a loan made from leveraged bond proceeds may be set to reflect the cost of issuing bonds and management of the leveraged loan portfolio. Fees will be assessed on a semi-annual basis and billed at the same time invoices for principal and interest rates are mailed.

##### **B. CWSRF Market Loan Rates**

The CWSRF market loan rate determination procedure is described in the program regulations Title 131 and is based on the cost of obtaining money for the Fund and on public finance market rates. Rates will be



determined from 40 percent of the average of the 10 and 30-year Municipal Bond rates, rounded down to the nearest even ten basis point level, at the start of each quarter. For this IUP, there will be a split between both rate and fee, with a minimum combined range of no less than 1% and no more than 2.5%.

Projects which incorporate eligible GPR components may receive a deduction of up to 0.50% annual interest rate depending upon the percentage of project that is GPR eligible. Loans made for emergency projects that serve as bridge financing while a borrower awaits to receive funding from other sources, such as FEMA, will have an annual interest rate of 0%. The market rate for Planning Loans will be set at 0% for the SFY 2025 IUP, with fees remaining at 0.5%. Further, should the planning loan recipient return to the program for a construction loan, an additional subsidy of loan forgiveness up to the final Planning Loan awarded, may be added to the construction loan.

As an effort to continue to create jobs and generate new businesses, the NDEE may offer incentives for economic development through reduced interest rates. The NDEE Director may adjust the market rate of interest in response to changing public finance market conditions. The actual interest rate charged on each loan will be determined under the procedures described in Appendix C. Except those municipalities offered 0% assistance as part of the SFY 2023/2024 program will have that rate available through SFY 2025, but only for the project totals identified in SFY 2024.

**C. Terms**

The term limit of all financial assistance will be established by the NDEE and borrower in accordance with federal and state regulations, up to a maximum of 30 years, and cannot exceed the expected life of the project. Planning Loans will have a term up to a maximum of five years.

Repayment of loans will generally be based on a level payment amortization schedule with full amortization within the allowed maximum term of the initiation of operation. Loan recipients may request stepped payments or terms less than the maximum allowable term limit. Loan recipients may make payments early and in excess of their payment schedule. No prepayment is allowed within the first ten years of the loan if the loan recipient has received Loan Forgiveness and/or a Grant unless the borrower received additional assistance from another funding source. Principal and interest schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

**D. Financial Status of CWSRF**

**Estimate as of March 31, 2024**

The CWSRF has \$338,584,353 in outstanding loans and \$47,699,509 in loan and forgiveness obligations. Administrative expenses are paid out of fees charged on loans. Loan fees are deposited in the CWSRF Administration Cash Fund. The program collected \$856,589 fees in SFY 2023, and expended \$1,088,779. The Administration Cash Fund balance is \$1,739,699. Administrative Fee collection in SFY 2025 will increase to \$905,157. Expenditures will also increase but impacts will be limited with reliance on 4% administration allotment. The purpose of the switch of staff salaries into the 4% is to rely on the Administration Cash Fund to help meet state match requirements of BIL General allotments, with \$1,261,600 in cash match planned for the upcoming FFYs 2024 state grant match.

Capitalization grants from federal appropriations provided prior to FFY 2022 are entirely expended. The 2% and 4% allowabilities from future grants will be used as described in Part I of Section II of CWSRF Sources and Uses of Funds. Balances are shown in the following table.

**Balances Table**

| CAPITALIZATION<br>GRANT | 2%<br>TECH. ASST. | 4%<br>PROG. ADMIN | LOANS | BALANCE   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|-----------|
| <b>2022</b>             | \$98,057          | \$119,310         | \$0   | \$217,367 |
| <b>2023</b>             | \$76,740          | \$58,455          | \$0   | \$135,195 |
| <b>2023-BIL General</b> | \$213,220         | \$0               | \$0   | \$213,220 |

## E. Refinancing

Refinancing allows wastewater treatment works debt, including previous SRF loans, to be refinanced if the debt was incurred after March 7, 1985. Debt that was not previously financed by the CWSRF must have followed all of the SRF requirements in place at the time a project was constructed. The refinanced interest rate and administration fee will be at the current rates identified in this IUP. Refinanced projects will not be eligible for Loan Forgiveness or Grants and may only refinance once every 10 years. The term length will not exceed the maximum eligible term from the initiation of operation and there must be at least ten years of payment left to refinance a loan. For this IUP, refinancings may be limited to only municipalities that can show serious financial hardship criteria, including but not limited to being in a persistent poverty county, having a high social vulnerability index factor, or other factors deemed appropriate by the Department.

## F. Water Quality Planning

Section 604(b) of the CWA provides for \$100,000 or 1% of the CWSRF allotment, whichever is greater, to be used to carry out water quality management planning under Sections 205(j) and 303(e) of the CWA. Section 604(b) funds are provided through a grant application process separate from the capitalization grant process. The CWA Amendments of 1987 amend Section 205(j)(3) and direct the State to consider allocating up to 40% of the allotment to regional public comprehensive planning organizations and appropriate interstate organizations unless the Governor, with approval of the EPA Regional Administrator, agrees that less than 40% should be allocated.

The NDEE has notified appropriate organizations of the pass-through provision. The Department received no applications from appropriate organizations for water quality planning. The 205(j)(1) funds will be used for water quality planning on a statewide basis by the Department. The Governor has submitted a proposal to the EPA Region VII for allocation of these resources.

## G. Emergency Loan Assistance

The Department will consider applications for emergency loan assistance in the case of catastrophic failure of existing facilities, causing an environmental or public health threat, or for unforeseen threats of contamination in accordance with Title 131. The NDEE may provide funding for emergency projects at any time, subject to availability of funds and aside from the adopted Priority Funding and Planning Lists. Such financing shall not be used for routine maintenance of facilities.

For emergency assistance, eligible recipients will notify the Department of the need for emergency assistance. The notification must include the nature of the threat or failure, potential environmental or public health threat of the emergency, and a complete description of the proposed remedial action.

## H. Amendments to the IUP

Amendments to the IUP may be adopted by the EQC after a public notice and comment period.

NDEE may vary from the IUP without additional public participation when/if:

- It is determined to be minor; or
- It is in line with the bypass provisions; or
- An emergency assistance need is realized; or
- Unanticipated additional funds become available for loans and grants, such as a reallocation of funds.

Any changes such as these may be reported in the Annual Report to EPA.

## I. Delinquent Payment Penalty and Penalty Interest

Payments may be considered delinquent if not received within 15 days of the due date and will be assessed with a 5% administrative penalty. Penalty interest will accrue at the rate of 1% per month of the amount of such delinquent payment from and after the due date until it is paid.

## J. Audits and Reporting, EPA, and Environmental Requirements

Nebraska's CWSRF program is committed to transparency and accountability. To that end, program information noted in IUPs, Annual Reports, and other program materials are available upon request or through NDEE's website (<http://dee.ne.gov>). Project milestones and information are reported to EPA through the Clean Water SRF Data System. An independent audit is conducted annually by the State Auditor of Public Accounts office. Finally, all projects with estimated costs of \$30,000 or greater that receive federal funds are subject to reporting under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA). Beginning with the FFY 2011 Capitalization Grant, FFATA ensures that the public can access information on all recipients through <https://www.usaspending.gov>.

All potential CWSRF funded projects receiving loans from funds directly made available by capitalization grants and identified as Clean Water Section 212 projects must comply with the federal "cross-cutting" provisions (federal laws and authorities that apply by their own terms in federal financial assistance programs). The June 10, 2014 CWA amendments added an A/E procurement requirement beginning October 1, 2014. A/E Services, as defined in the amendments and guidance, include feasibility studies, preliminary engineering, design, engineering, mapping, surveying, and construction management. If federal funds are utilized for projects that do not have A/E contracts or A/E contracts funded by the CWSRF, then no action is required beyond reporting this in the IUP and Annual Report.

A NEPA-like environmental review process is required of all loans that are considered treatment works with the June 2014 CW amendments. The review will be conducted in accordance with 40 CFR 35.3140(b)(1) through (5) to ensure compliance with the CWA, Section 511(c)(1). The process culminates in the issuance of a FNSI or a CatEx for each potential CWSRF project prior to closing on loan contract documents. The FNSI and CatEx serve as the SRF's commitment to fund a project with current loan terms; however, the funding commitment may expire one year after the document is issued unless a longer time frame is identified. Additionally, the FNSI or CatEx expire five years after the date of issuance as in accordance with the NEPA-like provisions.

A continuing EPA requirement to address Environmental Results under EPA Assistance Agreements will be met by the inclusion of a summary or copy of this information in the Annual Report. All projects are required to comply with related anti-discrimination laws. These include:

- \* Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended,
- \* Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
- \* The Age Discrimination Act of 1975,
- \* Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and
- \* Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

The June 2014 CWA amendments codified the Davis-Bacon wage determination beginning October 1, 2014. It requires the application of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates to all wastewater treatment work projects funded in whole or in part by the CWSRF. Davis-Bacon applies to construction contracts over \$2,000 and their subcontractors (regardless of subcontract amount). To ensure compliance with these requirements, NDEE will verify that the correct wage determinations are being included in the bid specifications and/or construction contracts. NDEE will also aid recipients with the specific EPA Davis-Bacon contract language that is to be included in bid specifications and/or contracts and forms for the recipient to document compliance with the Davis-Bacon provisions based upon a review of weekly payrolls. Davis-Bacon requirements only apply to projects that are considered treatment works and therefore will not apply to projects that are not defined as a treatment work.

The June 10, 2014 CW amendments include an "American Iron and Steel (AIS)" requirement that required the CWSRF assistance recipients to use iron and steel products that were produced in the United States for projects for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a PWS or treatment works if the project was funded through an assistance agreement executed after that date. AIS only applies to projects that are considered wastewater treatment works and therefore will not apply to projects that are not defined as a treatment work.

The June 2014 CW amendments also included the A/E procurement, Fiscal Sustainability Plan, Cost and Effectiveness analysis, and a requirement to establish Affordability Criteria. Fiscal Sustainability Plans apply to the repair, replacement, and/or expansion of a treatment work project whose application was received on or after October 1, 2014. A Fiscal Sustainability Plan describes how a wastewater treatment facility owner will fund the creation, acquisition, operation, maintenance, rehabilitation, and disposal of assets to meet an owner's established level of service with the least overall cost from startup, operation, and end of life. The plans must include energy and water efficiency improvements. The Cost and Effectiveness analysis applies to all eligible recipients who submit an application on or after October 1, 2015. A Cost and Effectiveness analysis evaluates the design approaches that meet an owner's performance requirements while maximizing the potential for water and energy efficiency to the extent practicable. The Affordability Criteria had to be established by September 30, 2015 to assist in identifying municipalities that would experience a significant hardship raising revenue necessary to finance a project. The criteria must include income, unemployment data, population trends, and other data determined relevant by the Department. The criteria and procedures are described in Section V(C) and Appendix E.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-58) includes a "Build America, Buy America" requirement for CWSRF assistance recipients to use iron & steel and manufactured products, along with construction materials, that are produced in the United States for projects for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a PWS or treatment works.

On May 20, 2021, Executive Order (EO) 14030 was signed, Climate-Related Financial Risk, reinstating EO 13690, Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input (January 30, 2015). EO 13690 amends the original floodplain management standard established in 1977 by EO 11988, and was revoked by EO 13807 in August 2017, though is now reinstated. This action reestablishes the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) for federally funded projects. The new standard went into effect for FFY 2022 SRF capitalization grants, and those grants thereafter until revoked. The FFRMS applies to actions where federal funds (i.e., equivalency) are used for new construction, substantial improvement (i.e., projects worth more than 50% of the market value or replacement cost of the facility), or to address substantial damage to structures and facilities.

Federal cross cutting authorities, FFATA requirements, A/E procurement, signage for Base projects, signage BIL General projects (i.e., equivalency, additional subsidization loans), the prohibition on certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment (Public Law 115-232), and sub-recipient monitoring requirements associated with the receipt of more than \$750,000 in federal funds from any source during the fiscal year may be assigned to several projects where an equivalent amount of the capitalization grant is disbursed. Due to BIL funding requirements, it may be required that the vast majority of proposed loans will need to meet these requirements. However, if as reported, EPA continues to permit equivalency for all new legally required BIL program elements, for this IUP cycle the communities of Cozad, Crofton, David City, Elm Creek, Long Pine, Nebraska City, North Bend, Ogallala, Pender and Valentine will be equivalency targets for these requirements. And those municipalities may be eligible for a twenty basis point borrowing rate reduction as a result. Should final EPA guidance not permit the above, limited exceptions may be allowed whenever a loan only project satisfies a portion of the Base program equivalency requirement. Under those exceptions, ready to proceed projects for small municipalities with the greatest AWIN scores will not be subjected to equivalency requirements.

## **K. Transferring Authority of funds between the CWSRF and DWSRF**

Section 302 of the SDWA Amendments of 1996 authorized the transfer of funds between the CW and DW SRFs. The rules governing the transfer of funds limit the dollar amount a state can transfer to no more than

33% (thirty-three percent) of a DWSRF capitalization grant. As funding is available and as needs arise, the Department can transfer loan funds with the approval of the EQC in accordance with Section II, Part I. DWSRF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS of this IUP. Transfers between the two funds may enhance the lending capacity of one or both SRFs. Nebraska Revised State Statutes §71-5318 and §81-15,153 provide Nebraska’s legal authority to implement this transfer of funds and, with the approval of this IUP, the Department intends to make such a transfer between the programs in SFY 2025, the CWSRFs Emerging Contaminants allotment to the DWSRF. Then, a cash flow model was established wherein up to \$30,000,000 of cash from the DWSRF repaid funds account can be transferred to the CWSRF, should those funds be needed for disbursements CWSRF projects during the fiscal year, with \$15,000,000 projected to be transferred in SFY 2025. Due to the size of the scheduled DWSRF BIL allotments, there will be no long-term impact on the DWSRF should the cash transfer occur.

**V. CWSRF ADDITIONAL SUBSIDIZATION**

**A. Project Planning Activities and Report Grant**

The Department is reserving \$60,000 from the Administration Cash Fund for Project Planning Activities and Report (PPAR) grants and other financial assistance under this section as long as funds are available. Additional funds may be provided dependent on availability of funds and demand for planning assistance.

PPAR grants may be provided to municipalities with populations of 10,000 or fewer inhabitants which demonstrate serious financial hardship. Municipalities must also not have received a PPAR grant in the previous five years. PPAR grants may be provided for up to 90% of the eligible project cost. The Department will limit the maximum amount of PPAR grant funds to \$20,000 per project. Grants shall be awarded to municipalities based on the following:

1. Projects that would address a Notice of Violation, Administration or Consent Order.

Grants may be awarded to municipalities based on the following:

2. All remaining municipalities. Based on needs survey and other pertinent information, the eligibility within this category will be made from a committee evaluation process. In the Department, two members each from the Compliance, Engineering and SRF Sections will form the committee headed by the SRF Section Supervisor. All prospective grant candidates will be determined from a ranked choice basis, with the recommended grant recipients needing final approval from the Division Administrator.

The Department may also provide financial assistance through a PPAR grant for projects to investigate low-cost options for achieving compliance with the CWA, to encourage wastewater reuse, and conducting other studies for the purpose of enhancing the ability of communities to meet the requirements of the CWA.

**B. Emergency Assistance**

The Department has authority to provide Emergency Grant funding from the Administration Cash Fund. The Department will consider applications for emergency grants, subject to availability of funds, to an eligible borrower with a wastewater treatment works which has been damaged or destroyed by natural disaster or other unanticipated actions or circumstances. Such grants will not be used for routine maintenance of facilities.

The eligible borrower shall notify the Department of the need for emergency assistance by completing and submitting a report which: 1) Describes the type of emergency; 2) Provides a complete description of the proposed remedial action; and 3) Includes the estimated cost for the proposed remedial action.

The Department may consider financial capability of an eligible borrower in authorizing an emergency grant. A grant or a grant and loan combination may be offered. The loan portion of the grant and loan combination

will be subject to the administrative requirements for other loans governed by Title 131, State Statute, and Federal Regulations.

## **C. Loan Forgiveness**

Federal regulations also require states to develop affordability criteria to assist in identifying applicants that would have difficulty financing projects without additional subsidization. The criteria must be based on income, unemployment data, population trends, and other data determined relevant by the State. The Department chooses to provide additional subsidization in the form of loan forgiveness to qualifying communities that meet the requirements described in Appendix E. Loan recipients who receive loan forgiveness will not be required to repay on the portion that is considered forgiven and the loan contract will provide further details on the terms and conditions. At the time of the loan closing, all current IUP conditions are in effect and past IUP conditions are not available to the loan recipient unless directly specified.

Loan Forgiveness will typically be made available for communities of populations of 10,000 or less and are considered a financial hardship demonstrating an AWIN sustainability risk category of “moderate” or “high”. Communities that are not listed in AWIN, or have a score other than “moderate” or “high”, may submit to the NDEE documentation sufficiently demonstrating financial hardship and a request to be considered eligible for loan forgiveness. The SRF program will review and approve or deny requests made. Percentage eligible dependent based on population. Should forgiveness funds remain during the bypass period, “Low” Risk municipalities may become eligible in order of AWIN ranking, i.e., 9 then 8, then 7, etc.

The Department’s power and authority to distribute the additional subsidization is an existing authority under the Nebraska Environmental Protection Act, Nebraska Revised Statute §81-1504(4) and the Wastewater Treatment Facilities Construction Assistance Act, Nebraska Revised Statute §81-15,150. Together, these statutes allow the Department to accept and expend federal grants for projects described in these references.

## **D. Green Project Reserve (GPR)**

To the extent there are sufficient eligible project applications, not less than 10 percent of the funds made available shall be used for projects to address green infrastructure, water or energy efficiency improvements, or other environmentally innovative activities. This is termed the GPR. Green infrastructure projects for possible funding include the following: Elm Creek, Long Pine, and Valentine. Should the above-mentioned projects fail to proceed or qualify as green infrastructure, the Department will make a continued effort to solicit additional qualifying projects. Every effort will be made to meet the 10% reserve amount during this IUP cycle. Projects containing eligible green infrastructure may receive up to a 0.50% reduction in interest rate to encourage incorporation of GPR eligible infrastructure.

## **E. New and Innovative Technology Grant (NIT Grant)**

NDEE would like to ensure projects which introduce noteworthy innovations in technology that advances the drinking water, wastewater, and nonpoint source profession are recognized and supported. An additional subsidy may be offered for these potential innovations as long as funds are available. Examples include projects that explore and elevate the drinking water quality and wastewater treatment standards and challenge the current institutional approaches to wastewater treatment and technology. Projects will adhere to eligibility requirements and regulations as other SRF grant programs. No more than \$300,000 per year shall be used for the NIT Grant; thereby if these funds are available, they may also be used for CWSRF loans if needed.

## **F. Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants (OSG) program**

Urban stormwater is a significant source of water pollution and can be a potential public health concern. Stormwater can collect various pollutants including trash, chemicals, oils, and dirt/sediment and convey them to nearby waterways. When mixed with domestic and industrial wastewater in combined sewers,

stormwater can also contribute to combined sewer overflows during heavy storm events. Managing runoff remains a complex environmental challenge for local communities across the country. Many communities often face financial challenges trying to correct these issues given the costs to construct, operate, and maintain the infrastructure. This new grant program will provide funding for critical stormwater infrastructure projects in communities including combined sewer overflows (CSO) and sanitary sewer overflows (SSO).

The OSG program requires that at least 25% of the funds are awarded to rural or financially distressed communities. That award comes with a 20% local cost share match, that the CWSRF may offer in the form of a loan with a 50% grant from the CWSRFs Administration Cash Fund, should those funds be available.

## **VI. LEVERAGED OR POOLED BOND ISSUES**

Many communities are anticipating large capital expenditures associated with combined sewer separation, storm sewer, interceptor sewers, wastewater treatment plant upgrades, and nonpoint source control projects in SFY 2025 and beyond. Many of these projects are listed in the IUP. In order to have the opportunity to meet the anticipated needs, the Department proposes to have the ability to borrow funds through Nebraska Investment Finance Authority (NIFA) bond issues by leveraging the existing Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund. The CWSRF fund has a ~\$17 million annual revenue stream capable of supporting or securing leveraged bond issues, in addition to repaying the required 20% match bonds issued by NIFA. The Department is required to obtain EQC authorization prior to NIFA issuance of any leveraged bonds.

Leveraged bonds may be issued for any municipality or group of municipalities with eligible needs that meet program requirements but are otherwise unable to obtain loans due to availability of funds or their position on the priority list. Each leveraged bond issue will be designed as a self-supporting issue. The loan or loans made out of the proceeds from a leveraged bond issue will be designed to support that issue. The revenue from all of the other loans in the program may be used as a credit enhancement or supplemental pledge to improve the bond rating and lower interest rates on the leveraged bonds.

The interest rate charged to communities included in the leveraged pool will be based on the interest rate of the leveraged bonds. Also, the cost of issuance, as well as the cost of administration, will be considered in assessing administrative fees on these loans. The program has been considering leveraging and reserves the right to leverage in SFY 2025. Should this occur, the capitalization grant agreements for both programs will be amended and an opinion obtained from the Attorney General confirm that state law permits cross-collateralization of the SRF programs. Cross-collateralization allows funds from one SRF program to be used to secure the other from revenue shortfalls, and would be necessary should leveraged bonds ever be issued.

## **VII. SOURCE WATER PROTECTION AREA and WATER METER PROJECTS**

Projects associated with Source Water Protection areas are qualified for funding under nonpoint source eligibilities and may be included in the CWSRF priority lists. In addition, projects for Source Water Protection areas, which may be funded through the Source Water Protection set-aside under the DWSRF Program, are noted in the DWSRF Planning Priority List. Source Water Protection area projects need not be listed on the CWSRF priority lists to be eligible for funding. The CWSRF will consider funding Source Water protection area projects from DWSRF planning list after the CWSRF October 1<sup>st</sup> bypass date, and subject to availability of funding.

Similarly, the CWSRF program has funded drinking water meter projects out of the DWSRF planning list of projects under the GPR. Water meter projects are eligible under the CWSRF, and several have been funded incidental to larger CWSRF funded projects. The CWSRF program will consider funding water meter projects from CWSRF GPR funds after the CWSRF bypass date of October 1<sup>st</sup>, dependent on the availability of funds.

## VIII. LINKED DEPOSIT PROGRAM

This program is available to public or private entities for the construction, rehabilitation, and enhancement of eligible nonpoint source control systems. The CWSRF will partner with eligible lending institutions that will provide low interest loans to borrowers. Under a linked deposit loan program, the State agrees to deposit funds into an account with the eligible lending institution and the lending institution agrees to provide a loan to a borrower at a reduced interest rate below common market rates. No more than \$2,000,000 shall be used for the Linked Deposit Program, if funded in SFY 2025. The \$2,000,000 is not part of any set-aside; thereby if these funds are available, they may also be used for CWSRF loans. The type of nonpoint source control system projects include:

1. Onsite Wastewater Projects – Projects for onsite wastewater and private septic systems. This can include new onsite systems or the repair/replacement of an existing one.
2. Local Water Protection Projects – Projects include best management practices for nutrient control and other practices that have an environmental benefit.
3. Livestock Water Quality Facilities Projects – Projects include assisting livestock producers with manure management plans, structures, equipment, and more. Eligible borrowers include facilities not requiring a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Linked Deposit funds cannot be used for a project that would turn a non-NPDES permitted facility into a permit required facility.

A listing of general requirements for the Linked Deposit Program, including establishing a Linked Deposit Lender Agreement, have been added into this IUP under Appendix G – General Requirements for the Linked Deposit Program.

The Department is also researching and conducting strategic reviews on the Linked Deposit Program's funding abilities, policies, and regulations and evaluating them to help utilize and shape the program to better address Nebraska's nonpoint source needs. This includes expanding the Linked Deposit Program to allow more opportunities and securities for local banks to provide low-cost loans for borrowers and their projects as well as expanding project eligibilities to include other water quality categories allowed under the CWA.



**CWSRF Ranked Project Priority Funding List - Base**

| Priority Points | Community               | NPDES ID# | US Census 2020 Est. POP | Project Description(s)  | SRF Est. Funding    | Forgiveness % | Forgiveness Amount |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 138             | Plattsmouth - Amendment | NE0021121 | 6,544                   | WWTF Relocation - \$27,000,000  | \$27,000,000        | 0.00%         | \$0.00             |
| 122             | North Bend              | NE0040924 | 1,279                   | Collection System Rehab - \$3020200.00; Satellite Lift Station Improvements - \$432000.00; Wastewater Treatment Improvements - \$7027800.00 | \$10,480,000        | 6.80%         | \$712,640          |
| 118             | South Sioux City        | TBD       | 14,043                  | WWTF Expansion - \$68000000.00; Sewer line upgrades - \$2000000.00  | \$22,500,000        | 0.00%         | \$0.00             |
| 95              | Crofton                 | NE0049131 | 756                     | Waste Stabilization Pond(s)   | \$4,500,000         | 26.75%        | \$1,203,750        |
| 94              | Cozad                   | NE0112828 | 3,988                   | Headworks, lift station, UV, WWTF Repairs - \$6000000.00  | \$6,000,000         | 35.00%        | \$2,100,000        |
| <b>Totals:</b>  |                         |           |                         |   | <b>\$70,480,000</b> |               | <b>\$3,303,750</b> |

**CWSRF Ranked Project Priority Funding List - BIL**

| Priority Points | Community          | NPDES ID# | US Census 2020 Est. POP | Project Description(s)  | SRF Est. Funding    | Forgiveness % | Forgiveness Amount  |
|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------------|---|---------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| 134             | David City         | NE0021199 | 2,995                   | Wastewater Treatment System Improvements - \$18965000; Sanitary Sewer Collection System CIPP - \$700000.  | \$19,665,000        | 37.67%        | \$7,408,125         |
| 125             | Mullen             | NE0133329 | 500                     | Renovation to Existing Wastewater Treatment Facility - \$450000.00; Collection System Improvements - \$350000.00  | \$800,000           | 55.00%        | \$440,000           |
| 114             | Ogallala           | NE0040045 | 4,878                   | Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report - \$155000.00; WWTF Improvements - \$5000000.00; Lift Station and Collection System Improvements - \$2000000.00; Storm Sewer Improvements - \$345000.00 | \$7,500,000         | 21.67%        | \$1,625,000         |
| 111             | Nebraska City      | NE0021245 | 7,222                   | WWTF effluent pumping station \$1,000,000; Moving bed biofilm reactor (MBBR) and flood protection \$11,300,000. SFY 2024  | \$12,300,000        | 35.00%        | \$4,305,000         |
| 97              | Pender - Amendment | NE0040908 | 1,115                   | Collection system upgrades/ repair \$4,000,000;   | \$4,000,000         | 22.50%        | \$900,000           |
| <b>Totals:</b>  |                    |           |                         |   | <b>\$44,265,000</b> |               | <b>\$14,678,125</b> |

**CWSRF Green Project Reserve (Gpr) Funding List**  
 (Projects will be split between Base & BIL programs)

| Priority Points | Community | NPDES ID# | US Census 2020 Est. POP | Project Description(s)   | SRF Est. Funding    | Forgiveness % | Forgiveness Amount |
|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------|--|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 135             | Long Pine | NE0113344 | 305                     | Addition to Lagoon - \$1000000.00; Addition to Lift Station - \$500000.00; Addition to Force Main - \$500000.00; Construct new land application lagoon system. | \$2,000,000         | 55.87%        | \$1,117,200        |
| 86              | Valentine | NE0051489 | 2,633                   | Interceptor Sewer \$5,600,000  | \$5,600,000         | 45.00%        | \$2,520,000        |
| 52              | Elm Creek | NE0026042 | 979                     | New Water Meters \$700,000 and considering additional cells to lagoon system \$2,000,000   | \$2,700,000         | 40.00%        | \$1,080,000        |
| <b>Totals:</b>  |           |           |                         |  | <b>\$10,300,000</b> |               | <b>\$4,717,200</b> |

(1), (2), (3), (4) CW Needs Survey can be carried forward for up to four years if the project is in process. The number behind the community's name indicates the number of years it has been carried forward from the prior year(s).

\* Behind the priority points indicates communities that were in mid-process and therefore were carried over from the prior year.

Projects with listed forgiveness assistance are eligible per the Affordability Criteria listed in Appendix E.

**2020 U.S. Census Bureau estimated resident population, published by American Fact Finder**

**2018-2022 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, published by U.S. Census Bureau**

**In order to expeditiously execute loans for the available funds, applications for all projects will be accepted from the above lists, but may not be funded until the beginning of Federal Fiscal Year 2025 on October 1, 2024.**

## SECTION II - DWSRF

### INTRODUCTION

The DWSRF was created to provide low-cost financing for construction of publicly or privately owned PWSs. For more information on eligibility, please refer to Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 131, *RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AND DRINKING WATER CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS*.

Section 1452(b) of the SDWA requires the program to prepare an annual plan setting forth the manner in which the Department intends to use the monies available in the DWSRF. This is Nebraska's SFY 2025 IUP covering the time period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025. This IUP is an integral part of the cycle of events carried out annually in administering the SRF programs. The IUP serves as a basis for developing grant payment schedules with the U.S. EPA Region VII prior to awarding new capitalization grants to the state. In addition, the IUP serves as a basis for assessing the program's performance in administering the DWSRF. This document can be compared to the Annual Report to EPA for a complete picture of what was planned versus that accomplished over the year. This IUP includes the DWSRF Priority Ranking System and Project Priority Lists. Assurances and certifications contained in the Operating Agreement established between the NDEE and the U.S. EPA, Region VII, are incorporated in this IUP.

This IUP, and for those through SFY 2027, will be a combined plan for both Base and BIL program funding. Sections in the IUP and the sources of funding in the Project Priority Funding Lists will be separate to ensure that EPA and the public can clearly identify Base and BIL eligible projects, including the required additional subsidization and GPR funding amounts.

### HIGHLIGHTS AND WHAT'S NEW FOR SFY 2025

- This is a two-year, four capitalization grant DWSRF IUP. The federal budget was passed in March 2024, with Nebraska's FFY 2024 DWSRF capitalization grant estimated at \$4,661,000. This along with the BIL allotments for the general, LSL Replacement and emerging contaminants programs at \$22,985,000, \$28,650,000, and \$7,640,000, respectively, will bring just under \$64M of new program funding this fiscal year. The LSL Replacement capitalization grant though will be applied for in FFY 2025.
- The SRF programs, in an effort to increase efficiency and accessibility, completed an initial Kaizen process improvement effort during the fall of 2021. Those improvements will be re-evaluated by program staff in the upcoming fiscal year, including finalizing a standard operating procedures manual.
- Rates for fee and interest will be set at or below Market Rate for construction projects. Rates will be determined from 40 percent of the average 10-to-30-year Municipal Bond rates.
- During the bypass period, Planning and Design Loans may be available to municipalities to encourage pro-active planning efforts. Planning and Design Loans will have an interest rate of 0%, with a 0.5% administrative fee, and a maximum of five-year term.
- Funding for new projects to address Emerging Contaminants will be limited to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS/PFOA) in PWSs. Projects that address manganese may become eligible during the bypass period, depending on the availability of funding.
- MHI - ACS five-year data is now the 2018-2022 data information for this IUP.
- For the LSL Replacement program borrowing rates to 0% will continue with a decrease to an across the board 60% forgiveness percentage. A 10% increase in grant assistance for mechanical LSL inventory efforts (e.g., potholing, hydro-vacuum excavation, etc.) will continue, if applicable, and first rights for return borrowing on outstanding LSL principal balances above \$500,000.

**I. DWSRF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS**

The DWSRF has been created from a series of EPA Capitalization Grants and a required 20% State match provided through State general fund appropriations, match bond issuances and cash. Match funding will be accomplished through bond funds and program cash for the FFY 2024 Capitalization Grant, planned for July of 2024, and the match for the FFY 2025 Capitalization Grant is planned for July of 2025. Sources and uses of funds for the program two-year planning period discussed in this IUP are summarized in the following table. See Appendix H: SRF Cash Flow Model for more information. Sources and uses of funding in the program years discussed in this IUP are summarized below. There are also some funds remaining in set-asides from prior year grants (see Section IV(D)).

**DWSRF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS TABLE – Base Program**  
**March 31, 2024 Estimate**

| <b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>                       |                      |
|---|----------------------|
| Cash and unexpended prior grants              | \$170,029,305        |
| EPA FFY 2024 Capitalization Grant             | \$4,661,000          |
| State 2024 Match                              | \$932,200            |
| Estimated FFY 2025 Capitalization Grant       | \$4,661,000          |
| Estimated State 2025 Match                    | \$932,200            |
| June 15, 2024 Loan Repayments                 | \$3,456,330          |
| SFY 2025 Loan Repayments                      | \$7,488,858          |
| SFY 2026 Loan Repayments                      | \$7,811,635          |
| 2-Year Projected Interest on Fund Balance     | \$8,000,000          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                  | <b>\$210,807,528</b> |
| <b>USES OF FUNDS</b>                          |                      |
| Match Bond Payment FFY 2024 - Base            | \$500,000            |
| Match Bond Payment FFY 2024 – BIL             | \$4,000,000          |
| Match Bond Payment FFY 2025/26 – Base         | \$1,864,400          |
| Match Bond Payment FFY 2025/26 – BIL          | \$9,980,000          |
| Small System Technical Assistance SFY 2025    | \$0                  |
| Small System Technical Assistance SFY 2026    | \$93,220             |
| DWSRF Program Administration SFY 2025         | \$186,440            |
| DWSRF Program Administration SFY 2026         | \$186,440            |
| Capacity Dev/Source Water Protection SFY 2025 | \$450,000            |
| Capacity Dev/Source Water Protection SFY 2026 | \$450,000            |
| PWS Program Admin SFY 2025                    | \$0                  |
| PWS Program Admin SFY 2026                    | \$0                  |
| Current Loan Obligations                      | \$117,336,310        |
| Transfer to the CWSRF                         | \$15,000,000         |
| Funding Priority List – Base                  | \$53,735,718         |
| SFY 2024 Planning List Loans                  | \$7,385,000          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                  | <b>\$210,807,528</b> |

Estimates for FFY 2025 based on recent DWSRF allotments.

**DWSRF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS TABLE – BIL General Program**

March 31, 2024 Estimate

| <b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>           |                     |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| EPA FFY 2024 Capitalization Grant | \$22,985,000        |
| State 2024 Match                  | \$4,597,000         |
| EPA FFY 2025 Capitalization Grant | \$24,950,000        |
| State 2025 Match                  | \$4,990,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$57,522,000</b> |
| <b>USES OF FUNDS</b>              |                     |
| PWS Program Admin SFY 2026        | \$0                 |
| Priority Funding List - BIL       | 51,822,000          |
| SFY 2024 Planning List Loans      | \$5,700,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                      | <b>\$57,522,000</b> |

**DWSRF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS TABLE – BIL LSL Replacement Program**

March 31, 2024 Estimate

| <b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| EPA FFY 2024 Capitalization Grant                                    | \$28,650,000        |
| EPA FFY 2025 Capitalization Grant                                    | \$28,650,000        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$57,300,000</b> |
| <b>USES OF FUNDS</b>   |                     |
| FFY 2024 LSL Inventories – 2% Small PWSs & Hydro-Vacuum Excavator(s) | \$249,999           |
| FFY 2024 LSL Inventories – 15% Excavations                           | \$2,865,000         |
| FFY 2025 LSL Inventories – 15% Excavations                           | \$2,865,000         |
| SFY 25 Priority Funding List – BIL LSL                               | \$27,435,475        |
| SFY 24 Priority Planning List – BIL LSL                              | \$23,884,526        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   | <b>\$57,300,000</b> |

**DWSRF SOURCES AND USES OF FUNDS TABLE – BIL Emerging Contaminants Program**

March 31, 2024 Estimate

| <b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>               |                     |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
| EPA FFY 2024 Capitalization Grant     | \$7,640,000         |
| Transfer from CWSRF 2024 EC Cap Grant | \$1,088,000         |
| EPA FFY 2025 Capitalization Grant     | \$7,640,000         |
| Transfer from CWSRF 2025 EC Cap Grant | \$1,088,000         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                          | <b>\$17,456,000</b> |

| <b>USES OF FUNDS</b>                    |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| SFY 2026 Baseline Sampling (PFAS, etc.) | \$0                 |
| Current Loan Obligations                | \$2,920,720         |
| SFY 25 Priority Funding List – BIL EC   | \$14,535,280        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                            | <b>\$17,456,000</b> |

**SOURCES AND USES OF ADMINISTRATION CASH FUNDS TABLE**

March 31, 2024 Estimate

| <b>SOURCES OF FUNDS</b>                   |                    |
|---|--------------------|
| Cash Balance                              | \$1,422,207        |
| June 15, 2024 Fee Receipts                | \$284,601          |
| SFY 2025 Fee Receipts                     | \$541,585          |
| SFY 2026 Fee Receipts                     | \$502,320          |
| 2-Year Projected Interest on Fund Balance | \$100,000          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                              | <b>\$2,850,713</b> |
| <b>USES OF FUNDS</b>                      |                    |
| Program Administration SFY 2024/2025      | \$920,889          |
| Program Administration SFY 2026           | \$674,107          |
| Planning Grants SFY 2025                  | \$60,000           |
| Planning Grants SFY 2026                  | \$60,000           |
| Emergency Grants SFY 2025                 | \$0                |
| FFY 2024 Cash Match                       | \$1,029,200        |
| SUDC WIIN Grant match FFY 2025            | \$0                |
| <b>PROJECTED ADMIN FUND BALANCE</b>       | <b>\$106,517</b>   |

Note: The Administration Cash Fund may also be used for unanticipated disbursements of Planning/Source Water Protection Grants, and for Forgiveness assistance in accordance with DWSRF State Statute.

Section 1452 of the SDWA authorizes states to set-aside funds to implement provisions of the SDWA. Coordination on the utilization of these set-asides is accomplished through year round planning with staff from the Drinking Water and Planning & Aid Divisions at NDEE. That process, input from numerous staff within each division, is the rationale for the distribution of funds between the Fund and the set-aside accounts, described hereafter and in greater detail during the annual set-aside workplan submission to EPA.

The DWSRF Program Administration (4%) set-aside will be used for activities that may include program costs for the NDEE’s day-to-day program management activities and other costs associated with debt issuance, financial management, consulting, and support services necessary to provide a complete program. In addition, the program is relying on the Northbridge loan and grant tracking software for the administration funds from both SRFs. Administrative costs will also be paid out of Administration Cash Fund, most notably for expenses. The full 4% funding amount will be allocated from the base FFY 2024 Base grant award and the projected FFY 2025 Base grant, a total of \$186,440 and \$186,440, respectively. The following is the 4% Set-Aside – Reserved Authority:

| <b>4% Set Aside – Reserve Authority</b> | <b>Amount</b> |
|---|---------------|
| FFY 2016 Cap Grant                      | \$332,480     |
| FFY 2019 Cap Grant                      | \$444,120     |
| FFY 2020 Cap Grant                      | \$440,440     |

|                                  |                    |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| FFY 2022 Cap Grant – BIL General | \$719,680          |
| FFY 2023 Cap Grant – BIL General | \$842,200          |
| FFY 2024 Cap Grant – BIL General | \$919,400          |
| <b>Total Reserved Authority</b>  | <b>\$3,698,320</b> |

The Technical Assistance to Small Systems (2%) set-aside may be used to provide technical, financial, and managerial assistance to PWSs serving 10,000 or fewer persons. This will be accomplished through contracts with organizations and/or engineering consultants with expertise in dealing with small systems and will be coordinated by NDEE, including lead service line identification and efforts focused on workforce development. For this set-aside, the DWSRF will allocate the full 2% funding amount from the projected FFY 2025 grant, a total of \$93,220, and \$249,999 will be allocated from the BIL-LSL grant for LSL inventories, which can include the purchasing of hydro-vacuum excavators. The authority from the FFY 2024 Base will be reserved in full. Furthermore, a team composed of numerous organizations and private citizens interested in public water supply issues will continue to develop initiatives for the 2% set-aside. The following is the 2% Set-Aside – Reserved Authority:

| <b>2% Set Aside – Reserved Authority</b> | <b>Amount</b>      |
|--|--------------------|
| FFY 2016 Cap Grant                       | \$166,240          |
| FFY 2019 Cap Grant                       | \$222,060          |
| FFY 2022 Cap Grant – BIL General         | \$359,840          |
| FFY 2023 Cap Grant – BIL General         | \$421,100          |
| FFY 2024 Cap Grant – Base                | \$93,220           |
| FFY 2024 Cap Grant – BIL General         | \$459,700          |
| <b>Total Reserved Authority</b>          | <b>\$1,722,160</b> |

Under the Local Assistance & Other State Programs (15%) set-aside, NDEE will allocate \$0 for the administration of Capacity Development, which will include Technical, Managerial and Financial capacity assessments of all DWSRF loan recipients, as sufficient funding from past grant awards remains. The Capacity Development Coordinator will oversee that all Public Water System Capacity Surveys are completed for systems receiving aid from the DWSRF to ensure that technical, managerial, and financial requirements are being met. Nebraska’s Title 179 regulations for Public Water Systems, Chapters 2 (Section 15), 9 and 10 address Federal DWSRF capacity development and operator certification program requirements. Source Water Protection administration, and the Water Well Specialist will also be \$0 as sufficient funding from past grant awards remain. The set-aside may at times also fund land acquisition projects from the planning list of projects. Source Water Protection will include costs for contracting groundwater modeling efforts and a groundwater evaluation tool. The program proposes to allocate \$450,000 from FFY 2024 funds for security and source water protection grants, described in detail in subsequent sections. Dependent upon the grant conditions, it is planned that \$450,000 from the FFY 2025 funds will be used for similar set-aside activities.

From the Lead Service Line Replacement BIL Grant, should a PWSs wish to conduct mechanical inventory (e.g., potholing, hydro-vacuum excavation, etc.) efforts as part of a LSL removal project, those efforts can be funded with a grant through the 15% set-aside, up to 10% of the available LSL replacement capitalization grant assistance.

The Public Water Supply Program Administration (10%) set-aside, is used to provide personnel salaries, benefits, and all other related operating expenses (e.g., travel, etc.) for staff employed in Nebraska’s Public Water Supply Supervision (PWSS) Program. The staff positions include program specialists in the Monitoring and Compliance and Field Services Programs, engineers in the Engineering Section (e.g., plan review) and geologists in the Groundwater Section. The NDEE may also engage in several activities to

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support training programs with the University of Nebraska to provide 50% tuition cost reimbursements for continuing education to qualified water licensed operators. The full funding amount will be allocated from the FFY 2024 Base grant and projected for FFY 2025 BIL General grant, with the authority from the FFY 2024 BIL General grant being reserved. The following is the 10% Set-Aside - Reserved Authority:

| 10% Set-aside Reserved Authority | Grant Amount        | 10% Utilized        | Reserved Authority  |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| FFY 1997 Cap Grant               | \$12,824,000        | \$298,442           | \$983,958           |
| FFY 1998 Cap Grant               | \$7,121,300         | \$300,000           | \$412,130           |
| FFY 1999 Cap Grant               | \$7,463,800         | \$300,000           | \$446,380           |
| FFY 2000 Cap Grant               | \$7,757,000         | \$300,000           | \$475,700           |
| FFY 2001 Cap Grant               | \$7,789,126         | \$300,000           | \$478,913           |
| FFY 2002 Cap Grant               | \$8,052,500         | \$300,000           | \$505,250           |
| FFY 2003 Cap Grant               | \$8,004,100         | \$300,000           | \$500,410           |
| FFY 2004 Cap Grant               | \$8,303,100         | \$300,000           | \$530,310           |
| FFY 2005 Cap Grant               | \$8,285,500         | \$300,000           | \$528,550           |
| FFY 2006 Cap Grant               | \$8,229,300         | \$300,000           | \$522,930           |
| FFY 2007 Cap Grant               | \$8,229,300         | \$500,000           | \$322,930           |
| FFY 2008 Cap Grant               | \$8,146,000         | \$500,000           | \$314,600           |
| FFY 2009 Cap Grant               | \$8,146,000         | \$700,000           | \$114,600           |
| ARRA Cap Grant                   | \$19,500,000        | \$0                 | \$1,950,000         |
| FFY 2010 Cap Grant               | \$13,573,000        | \$750,000           | \$607,300           |
| FFY 2011 Cap Grant               | \$9,418,000         | \$750,000           | \$191,800           |
| FFY 2012 Cap Grant               | \$8,975,000         | \$897,500           | \$0                 |
| FFY 2013 Cap Grant               | \$8,421,000         | \$1,492,100         | \$(650,000)         |
| FFY 2014 Cap Grant               | \$8,845,000         | \$1,234,500         | \$(350,000)         |
| FFY 2015 Cap Grant               | \$8,845,000         | \$1,234,500         | \$(350,000)         |
| FFY 2016 Cap Grant               | \$8,312,000         | \$1,234,500         | \$(403,300)         |
| FFY 2017 Cap Grant               | \$8,312,000         | \$1,234,500         | \$(403,300)         |
| FFY 2018 Cap Grant               | \$11,036,000        | \$1,234,500         | \$(130,900)         |
| FFY 2019 Cap Grant               | \$11,103,000        | \$1,234,500         | \$(124,200)         |
| FFY 2020 Cap Grant               | \$11,011,000        | \$1,101,100         | \$0                 |
| FFY 2021 Cap Grant               | \$11,100,000        | \$1,100,100         | \$9,900             |
| FFY 2022 Cap Grant – Base        | \$7,008,000         | \$0                 | \$700,800           |
| FFY 2022 Cap Grant – BIL General | \$17,992,000        | \$0                 | \$1,799,200         |
| FFY 2023 Cap Grant – Base        | \$4,938,000         | \$493,800           | \$0                 |
| FFY 2023 Cap Grant – BIL General | \$21,055,000        | \$0                 | \$2,105,500         |
| FFY 2024 Cap Grant – Base        | \$4,661,000         | \$0                 | \$466,100           |
| FFY 2024 Cap Grant – BIL General | \$22,985,000        | \$0                 | \$2,298,500         |
| <b>Total Remaining Authority</b> | <b>\$32,544,103</b> | <b>\$18,690,042</b> | <b>\$13,854,061</b> |

On March 12, 2019, the Governor approved LB307 allowing for the transfer of funds between the CW and DW SRFs. This transfer of funds authority was originally authorized through FFY2001 under Section 302(a)



of P.L. 104-182, the federal SDWA Amendments of 1996. The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2006 (P.L. 109-54, Title II, August 2, 2005, 119 Stat. 530), provided: "That for fiscal year 2006 and thereafter, State authority under section 302(a) of P.L. 104-182 shall remain in effect." Thus, the statute provides the same authority established by congress in P.L. 109-54, up to 33% of each DWSRF capitalization grant may be transferred between the funds. The table below is provided to establish the reserved authority for all grants.

**Base and BIL General Programs**

| CW and DW SRF Transfers - Reserved Authority | Amount               |
|--|----------------------|
| FFY 1997 Cap Grant                           | \$4,231,920          |
| FFY 1998 Cap Grant                           | \$2,350,029          |
| FFY 1999 Cap Grant                           | \$2,463,054          |
| FFY 2000 Cap Grant                           | \$2,559,810          |
| FFY 2001 Cap Grant                           | \$2,570,412          |
| FFY 2002 Cap Grant                           | \$2,657,325          |
| FFY 2003 Cap Grant                           | \$2,641,353          |
| FFY 2004 Cap Grant                           | \$2,740,023          |
| FFY 2005 Cap Grant                           | \$2,734,215          |
| FFY 2006 Cap Grant                           | \$2,715,669          |
| FFY 2007 Cap Grant                           | \$2,715,669          |
| FFY 2008 Cap Grant                           | \$2,688,180          |
| FFY 2009 Cap Grant                           | \$2,688,180          |
| ARRA Cap Grant                               | \$6,435,000          |
| FFY 2010 Cap Grant                           | \$4,479,090          |
| FFY 2011 Cap Grant                           | \$3,107,940          |
| FFY 2012 Cap Grant                           | \$2,961,750          |
| FFY 2013 Cap Grant                           | \$2,778,930          |
| FFY 2014 Cap Grant                           | \$2,918,850          |
| FFY 2015 Cap Grant                           | \$2,918,850          |
| FFY 2016 Cap Grant                           | \$2,742,960          |
| FFY 2017 Cap Grant                           | \$2,742,960          |
| FFY 2018 Cap Grant                           | \$3,641,880          |
| FFY 2019 Cap Grant                           | \$3,663,990          |
| FFY 2020 Cap Grant                           | \$3,633,630          |
| FFY 2021 Cap Grant                           | \$3,663,990          |
| FFY 2022 Cap Grant – Base                    | \$2,312,640          |
| FFY 2022 Cap Grant – BIL General             | \$5,937,360          |
| FFY 2023 Cap Grant – Base                    | \$1,629,540          |
| FFY 2023 Cap Grant – BIL General             | \$6,948,150          |
| FFY 2024 Cap Grant – Base                    | \$1,538,130          |
| FFY 2024 Cap Grant – BIL General             | \$7,585,050          |
| <b>Total Reserved Authority</b>              | <b>\$107,395,539</b> |
| Proposed SFY 2025 DW Transfer to CW          | \$15,000,000         |
| <b>Total Remaining Reserved Authority</b>    | <b>\$92,395,539</b>  |

**BIL Emerging Contaminants**

| CW and DW SRF Transfers - Reserved Authority    | Amount             |
|---|--------------------|
| FFY 2022 Cap Grant – BIL EC                     | \$2,493,150        |
| FFY 2023 Cap Grant – BIL EC                     | \$2,521,200        |
| FFY 2024 Cap Grant – BIL EC                     | \$2,521,200        |
| <b>Total Reserved Authority</b>                 | <b>\$5,014,350</b> |
| SFY 2023 CW Transfer to DW                      | \$458,880          |
| Planned SFY 2024 CW Transfer to DW              | \$1,088,000        |
| Proposed SFY 2025 CW Transfer to DW             | \$1,088,000        |
| <b>Completed, Planned and Proposed Transfer</b> | <b>\$2,634,880</b> |
| <b>Total Remaining Reserved Authority</b>       | <b>\$4,900,670</b> |

For the additional subsidization required by the Federal Fiscal Appropriation, the DWSRF will disburse the minimum 12% required but intends to provide the maximum of 49% in loan forgiveness funding from the FFY 2024 grant to maintain continuity with the BIL funding requirements of exactly 49%. Historical unused additional subsidization authority per the November 2022 *Policy Change Regarding Additional Subsidization and Closeout of SRF Capitalization Grants* memorandum, as of May 9, 2023 was established at \$21,717,896, with \$13,529,297.50 remaining. From that total, \$7,500,000 will be taken from the BIL LSL Replacement funding to increase assistance for that effort from the required 49% up to 60%, and will meet the requirements (i.e., terms & conditions, etc.) of the BIL LSL Replacement allotments. Forgiveness funds will be targeted primarily to the highest ranked eligible projects on the Priority Funding Lists. These include projects that address public health needs, are needed to address critical capacity development concerns, those that replace existing PWS infrastructure and which are GPR eligible. Forgiveness assistance will be provided at the time a disbursement request is processed.

**Base Maximum Allowable, BIL Required and Historical Unused Subsidization Authority**

| Fiscal Year  | Base Program       | BIL-General         | BIL LSL             | Historical  | BIL EC              |
|--------------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| 2024         | \$2,283,890        | \$11,262,650        | \$14,038,500        | \$3,750,000 | \$7,640,000         |
| 2025 (Est.)  | \$2,283,890        | \$12,225,500        | \$14,038,500        | \$3,750,000 | \$7,640,000         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>\$4,567,780</b> | <b>\$23,488,150</b> | <b>\$35,577,000</b> |             | <b>\$15,280,000</b> |

Additional loan forgiveness in an amount not to exceed 65% of the revenue from administrative fees collected in the prior fiscal year may be provided in SFY 2025 from the Administration Cash Fund, most notably if a state source of forgiveness funding is required for a project. All levels of forgiveness will be reported in the CatEx or FNSI, whichever is issued for a project, before the loan agreement is signed. Lastly, additional loan forgiveness may be added to new or amended loans, wherein a past borrower agrees to amend existing DWSRF loan agreements and the Department’s prepayment requirements. The added forgiveness amount would be equivalent to the refinancing savings permissible under the SFY 2021/2022 CWSRF program.

## II. LONG-TERM AND SHORT-TERM GOAL STATEMENTS FOR THE DWSRF PROGRAM

The overall goal of the DWSRF is to assist PWSs in protecting the health and welfare of Nebraskans by helping to assure safe, adequate, and reliable drinking water through the provisions of the SDWA.

### A. Long-Term Goals

1. Manage the DWSRF fund so its revolving nature is assured in perpetuity in order to provide a source of continuing financial assistance to PWSs for future drinking water needs, including an evaluation of the new rate setting policy. To request EPA capitalization grants and obtain state match, along with allocating recycled funds to projects, in a timely manner.
2. Survey systems for drinking water infrastructure needs so NDEE can maintain a database for making program decisions, and to evaluate user charges on a regular basis.
3. Protect the public health by maximizing funding towards high priority projects.
4. Promote cost-effective water projects which consider several alternatives and include a cost-effectiveness analysis comparing the appropriateness of the alternatives.
5. Continue working with the other federal, state, and local programs to provide affordable financing for municipal pollution prevention and control projects.
6. Progress toward incorporating source water protection best management practices into public water supply operations.

## B. Short-Term Goals

1. Continue to attract customers to the program with low interest rates.
2. Assist systems which need to upgrade or construct new drinking water projects to attain and/or maintain compliance with the provisions of the SDWA and the regulations adopted there under.
3. Work with systems in need of technical, managerial, and financial assistance.
4. Provide at least 15% of the DWSRF capitalization funds for loans to small systems with populations less than 10,000 (as of March 31, 2024, 76.88% of the funds committed by the program were directed to small systems). It is estimated that just over 68.5% of the loans planned for signing this fiscal year will be made with small systems.
5. Revisions of source water delineations and the transition from source water assessments to protection activities will continue, utilizing the source water protection set-aside for granted projects.
6. Establish and implement all requirements of BIL funding.

## III. METHODS AND CRITERIA FOR DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Nebraska's proposed distribution of available funds was determined by use of the following steps:

1. The NDEE will identify set-aside amounts as authorized by the SDWA;
2. Prepare the DWSRF Project Priority Planning List in accordance with Section 1452(b) of the SDWA, that noted within the Priority Ranking System;
3. Use the Project Priority Planning List to identify the potential projects for placement on the DWSRF Funding List;
4. Develop the Capitalization Grant Payment Schedule which will provide resources for making timely binding commitments to the projects selected for assistance;
5. Provide for a process to add projects to the Project Priority Funding List and to bypass projects on the Funding List; and
6. Fund projects by disbursing 100% of match funds prior to withdrawing federal capitalization funds.

### A. Set-Aside Utilization

The State intends to utilize the authorized set-asides as described in Section I DWSRF Sources and Uses of Funds; see Section V for additional narrative description.

### B. Project Priority Planning List Preparation

The NDEE did not conduct a full needs survey this past year, with the switch to every other year for needs to be assessed. However, per the new protocol, nine system projects were ranked new this year, for PWSs that had not previously submitted surveys to identify projects eligible for funding under Section 1452(b) of the Federal SDWA. With the carried forward surveys for SFY 2025, the NDEE ranked 420 projects with just under \$1.85 billion in needs.

Projects identified during the needs survey process are ranked in accordance with the priority ranking system (Appendix A2) and placed on the Project Planning List (Appendix B2). Projects from SFY 2024

Project Priority Planning List were automatically carried forward and included on the Project Priority Planning List. Projects submitted during the IUP public notice period may be added to the Planning List in the IUP hearing by action of the EQC but will be ranked with zero points; therefore, only eligible for funding after the bypass dates.

### **C. Identify Potential DWSRF Project - Funding List Preparation**

After public health, willingness of a community to participate in the DWSRF program and readiness to proceed are important considerations for funding; therefore, the Priority Funding List of the DWSRF projects is not identical to the ranking order of the Project Priority Planning List. The projects anticipated for funding in the SFY 2025 IUP are shown on the DWSRF Priority Funding List. All other projects included in Appendix B2 are considered on the Project Priority Planning List. This includes potential projects with lower priority or projects that may not be ready to proceed until later in the year.

Three Project Priority Funding Lists have been established which show the name of the PWS, a description of the project, the priority assigned to the project, the expected terms of financial assistance, and the size of the community served. The primary table is for traditional DWSRF funding for which projects are shown that address both the Base and BIL General programs. The subsequent tables are for Emerging Contaminant projects, for Nebraska those which address manganese or PFAS in drinking water, and a standalone table of LSL Replacement projects. The DWSRF Sources and Uses of Funds table identifies funding based on FFY 2024 Capitalization Grant and anticipated funding in FFY 2025. These lists are sized to obligate anticipated FFY 2025 funding if provided before the next IUP cycle.

Allocation of funds among potential DWSRF projects is a multi-step process:

1. Potential DWSRF project sponsors are identified and contacted to determine project timing and level of interest in SRF funding. Those communities expressing a serious interest in proceeding under the SFY 2025 program are then asked to provide information regarding specific project scope, project timing, and funding needs, and are then tentatively listed for funding;
2. The sources and uses for the program funds are identified. The available funds are allocated to potential SRF projects for the Priority Funding List until full allocation is reached, in priority order. The funding allocation was checked to ensure that at least 15% of the funds were allocated to small systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons, except for LSL replacement projects which will rely on the program's historical bank of excess assistance to small systems, which vastly exceeds 15%; and
3. The IUP that includes the Project Priority Funding List is placed on public notice, then submitted to, with comments from the public received, and for approval by the EQC in a public hearing process.

### **D. Develop DWSRF Payment Schedule for State Capitalization Grant**

In order to prepare a payment schedule for receiving capitalization grant funds from EPA, binding commitment projections were made (e.g., signed loan contracts). The information in the DWSRF Priority Funding Lists was used to determine the payment amounts. The following table shows the estimated EPA Capitalization Grant Payment Schedule.

**DWSRF CAPITALIZATION GRANT PAYMENT SCHEDULE TABLE**

| Program Funding<br>Cap Grant Year | SFY 2025<br>1Q<br>FFY 2024<br>4Q | SFY 2025<br>2Q<br>FFY 2025<br>1Q | SFY 2025<br>3Q<br>FFY 2025<br>2Q | SFY 2025<br>4Q<br>FFY 2025<br>3Q | SFY 2026<br>1Q<br>FFY 2025<br>4Q |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| FFY 2024 – Base                   | \$4,661,000                      |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| State Base Match                  | \$932,200                        |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| FFY 2024 – BIL General            | \$22,985,000                     |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| State BIL General Match           | \$4,597,000                      |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| FFY 2024 – LSL Replacement        |                                  |                                  | \$28,650,000                     |                                  |                                  |
| FFY 2024 – Emerging Contaminants  | \$8,728,000                      |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |
| FFY 2025 – Base                   |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | \$4,661,000                      |
| State Base Match                  |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | \$932,200                        |
| FFY 2025 – BIL General            |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | \$24,950,000                     |
| State BIL General Match           |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | \$4,990,000                      |
| FFY 2025 – LSL Replacement        |                                  |                                  |                                  |                                  | \$28,650,000                     |
| FFY 2025 – Emerging Contaminants  |                                  |                                  | \$8,728,000                      |                                  |                                  |

Notes: Match will be deposited into the Fund before the State receives capitalization grant payment from EPA.

**E. Develop Disbursement (Outlay) Schedule for DWSRF Program Projects**

EPA uses this schedule along with the schedules from the other states’ programs to project their own cash flow needs. The actual binding commitment (a signed loan contract) will include an anticipated outlay schedule. Schedules from all projects are cumulated to project the DWSRF’s total cash flow needs. The DWSRF will disburse 100% of the required state match prior to any federal drawdowns from the Base and/or BIL General funded projects except for set-aside use, which may occur without state match payment.

**F. Bypass Date and Changes to Project Lists**

SFY 2025 Funding List projects will have funds reserved until the bypass date of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Loans for funds in capitalization grants received by the program must be signed within one year of receipt of the grants. Therefore, following the bypass date, DWSRF will offer financial assistance for projects ready to proceed in priority order down the Project Priority Planning List, until all remaining available project funds have been obligated. Priority for forgiveness assistance will be given for projects that protect public health and then for infrastructure replacements projects. Depending upon the availability of funds, the program may offer forgiveness to any eligible projects in ranked order after the bypass date. Amendments to existing loans can be closed at any time under the original loan agreement terms; however, that may or may not apply to interest rate. And environmental or public health emergency projects may not be held to the bypass date at the discretion of the NDEE Director.

All SRF projects are required to have a NEPA-like review done prior to any funding. This is done through the issuance of a CatEx or a FNSI. Projects that have been issued a CatEx or FNSI, but will not be able to close a loan prior to the end of SFY 2024, will be considered “in progress”. Projects in progress in SFY 2025 will be able to close loans, under the terms noted in the SFY 2024 IUP, unless the SFY 2025 funding list or bypass criteria provide better financing alternatives before that date. That may also apply to interest rate for those municipalities which were part of the 0% program. The binding commitment will expire at the end of SFY 2026. The PWS may request an extension of one year for the binding commitment if unforeseen circumstances occur and prevent the PWS from closing the loan.

The Director of NDEE can bypass the order of priority projects listed in the IUP to meet critical public health needs resulting from a natural or manmade disaster which may or may not activate the State Emergency Operations Plan, and to prioritize any remaining available funds for eligible drinking water projects.

Land Acquisition, Source Water Protection Area, and Water Meter Projects listed on the SFY 2025 IUP may also be funded in accordance with IUP CWSRF, Section I, Part VII “Source Water Protection Area and Water Meter Projects”. Land Acquisition, Source Water Protection Area, and Water Meter projects may be funded after the CWSRF bypass date, subject to availability of CWSRF funding. In addition, de-chlorination projects listed under the CWSRF ranking list may be funded as DWSRF low-priority projects after the October 1<sup>st</sup> bypass date, should funds remain available.

Every other year, projects ranked with at least 60 points will be carried forward for up to four years in the IUP if the criteria resulting in the system’s priority ranking remains in effect, along with any LSL Replacement projects. All remaining Low Priority status projects will be carried forward for up to four years in the IUP if the system has a PER on file with NDEE.

**IV. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Administrative Fees**

This fee is calculated on a semiannual basis and billed when loan principal and interest payments are due. The fee will be applied to all loans in accordance with Title 131 and the loan agreement. The fee is deposited into an account separate from the DWSRF accounts and is used for administrative costs, including state match. The Administration Cash Fund may be used for loan forgiveness and/or planning/source water protection grant funds.

An annual fee of up to 1% may be charged against the outstanding principal on construction loans, and up to 0.5% for planning loans, to meet the long-term administrative costs. These fees are not included in the loan principal. Fees collected in addition to principal and interest, which are not deposited as loan repayments, are considered “income received by the grantee” or “program income”, and will only be used for such purposes.

| <b>Fiscal Year - 2024</b> | <b>Base Program</b> | <b>BIL-General</b> | <b>BIL LSL</b> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>Program Income</b>     | \$118,856           | \$586,118          | \$0            |

Note: The \$0 amount for BIL LSL will also apply to the FFY 2025 grant award.

An annual administrative fee of 0% may be applied to loans made for emergency projects as defined by Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 131, *RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES AND DRINKING WATER CONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS* (Title 131), that serve as bridge financing while a borrower awaits to receive funding from other sources, such as the FEMA. Loan contracts may also establish that if other funding sources cannot be secured, the administrative fee may be adjusted up to 1.0% annually.

Administrative fees can be used to accomplish the long-term and short-term goals, and for other eligible public health related purposes. Fees will be assessed on a semi-annual basis and billed at the same time invoices for principal and interest rates are mailed.

**B. DWSRF Market Loan Rates**

The DWSRF market loan rate determination procedure is described in the program regulations Title 131 and is based on the cost of obtaining money for the Fund and on public finance market rates. Rates will be determined from 40 percent of the average of the 10 and 30-year Municipal Bond rates, rounded down to the nearest even ten basis point level, at the start of each quarter. There will be a split between both rate and fee, with a minimum combined range of no less than 1% and no more than 2.5%.

Loans made for LSL Replacement or emergency projects that serve as bridge financing while a borrower awaits to receive funding from other sources, such as FEMA, will have an annual interest rate of 0%. The market rate for Planning Loans will be set at 0% for the SFY 2025 IUP, with fees remaining at 0.5%. Further, should the planning loan recipient return to the program for a construction loan, an additional subsidy of loan forgiveness up to the final Planning Loan awarded, may be added to the construction loan.

The NDEE Director may adjust the rate of interest in response to changing public finance market conditions. The actual interest rate charged on each loan will be determined under the procedures described in Appendix C. Except those PWSs offered 0% assistance as part of the SFY 2023/2024 program will have that rate available through SFY 2025, but only for the project totals identified in SFY 2024.

**C. Terms**

The term limit of all financial assistance will be established by the NDEE and borrower in accordance with federal and state regulations, and cannot exceed the expected life of the project. Terms of up to 40 years are allowed for disadvantaged communities, with a maximum of 30 years for all other system. Planning Loans will have a term of five years.

Repayment of loans will generally be based on a level payment amortization schedule with full amortization within the allowed maximum term of the initiation of operation. Loan recipients may request stepped payments or terms less than the maximum allowable term limit. Loan recipients may make payments early and in excess of their payment schedule. No prepayment is allowed within the first ten years of the loan if the loan recipient has received Forgiveness unless the borrower received additional assistance from another funding source. Principal and interest schedules will be adjusted accordingly.

**D. Financial Status of DWSRF**

**Estimate as of March 31, 2024**

The DWSRF has \$136,385,629 in outstanding loans and \$115,792,525 plus \$25,482,115 in pending FFY 23 LSLR cap grant loan and forgiveness obligations. Administrative expenses are paid out of fees charged on loans. Loan fees are deposited in the DWSRF Administration Cash Fund. The program collected \$614,353 fees in SFY 2023, and expended \$287,202 in the year prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>. The Administration Cash Fund balance is \$1,422,207. Administrative Cash Fee collection in SFY 2025 will decrease to \$541,585, but expenditures on staff will remain level with the reliance on the 4% set-aside. The purpose of the switch of staff salaries into the 4% is to rely on the Administration Cash Fund to help meet state match requirements of BIL General allotments, with \$1,029,200 in cash match planned for the upcoming FFYs 2024 state grant match.

Capitalization grants from federal appropriations provided prior to FFY 2020 are entirely expended. The 2%, 10%, and 15% set-asides from future grants will be used as described in Part I of Section II of DWSRF Sources and Uses of Funds. Set-aside and loan balances are shown in the following table.

**Balances Table**

| <b>CAP GRANT</b> | <b>2% SET-ASIDE</b> | <b>4% SET-ASIDE</b> | <b>10% SET-ASIDE</b> | <b>15% SET-ASIDE</b> | <b>LOANS</b> | <b>BALANCE</b> |
|------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------|----------------|
| <b>2021</b>      | \$195,019           | \$0                 | \$101,255            | \$158,635            | \$0          | \$454,909      |
| <b>2022</b>      | \$140,140           | \$0                 | \$0                  | \$640,877            | \$0          | \$781,017      |
| <b>2023</b>      | \$98,760            | \$108,657           | \$493,800            | \$300,000            | \$0          | \$1,001,217    |
| <b>2023-BIL</b>  | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                  | \$0                  | \$16,275,009 | \$16,275,009   |
| <b>2022-EC</b>   | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                  | \$313,879            | \$1,255,394  | \$1,569,273    |
| <b>2023-EC</b>   | \$0                 | \$0                 | \$0                  | TBA                  | TBA          | TBA            |
| <b>2022-LSL</b>  | \$138,414           | \$0                 | \$0                  | \$2,835,000          | \$24,988,058 | \$27,961,472   |

## E. Refinancing

Municipalities that have incurred debt on their public water supply system, including previous SRF loans, can be refinanced if the debt was incurred after July 1, 1993. Debt that was not previously financed by the DWSRF must have followed all of the SRF requirements in place at the time a project was constructed. The refinanced interest rate and administration fee will be at the current rates identified in this IUP. Refinanced projects will not be eligible for Loan Forgiveness and may only refinance once every 10 years. The term length will not exceed the maximum eligible term from the initiation of operation and there must be at least ten years of payment left to refinance a loan. For this IUP, refinancings may be limited to only municipalities that can show serious financial hardship criteria, including but not limited to being in a persistent poverty county, having a high social vulnerability index factor, or other factors deemed appropriate by the Department.

## F. Emergency Assistance

Applications for emergency grant assistance in the case of catastrophic failure of the PWS or unforeseen threats of contamination to the source water supply will be considered by the Department in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute §71-5322 (10). NDEE may provide funding for emergency projects, including assistance for planning, at any time, subject to availability of funds and notwithstanding the adopted Priority Funding Lists. It must be documented that the emergency jeopardizes the PWS's ability to provide an adequate supply of safe drinking water on a continuous basis.

## G. Amendments to the IUP

Amendments to the IUP may be adopted by the EQC after a public notice and comment period.

NDEE may vary from the IUP without additional public participation when/if:

- It is determined to be minor; or
- It is in line with the bypass provisions; or
- An emergency assistance need is realized; or
- Unanticipated additional funds become available for loans and grants, such as a reallocation of funds.

Any changes such as these may be reported in the Annual Report to EPA.

## H. Delinquent Payment Penalty and Penalty Interest

Payments may be considered delinquent if not received within 15 days of the due date and will be assessed with a 5% administrative penalty. Penalty interest will accrue at the rate of 1% per month of the amount of such delinquent payment from and after the due date until it is paid.

## I. Audit and Reporting, EPA, and Environmental Requirements

Nebraska's DWSRF is committed to transparency and accountability. Program information noted in IUPs, Annual Reports, and other program materials are available upon request. The current IUP is also posted on NDEE's website (<http://DEE.ne.gov>). Project milestones and information are reported to EPA through the Drinking Water SRF Data System. Further, an independent audit is conducted annually by the State's Auditor of Public Accounts office. Finally, equivalency projects or set-aside uses with estimated costs of \$30,000 or greater that receive federal funds are subject to reporting under the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA), per EPA issued guidance. Beginning with the FFY 2011 Capitalization Grant, FFATA ensures that the public can access information on all recipients through <https://www.usaspending.gov>.



All DWSRF projects with funds directly made available by Capitalization Grants must comply with the Federal “cross-cutting” authorities, which are Federal laws and authorities that apply by their own terms in Federal financial assistance programs. All projects are required to undergo a State Environmental Review Process, and are required to comply with related anti-discrimination laws. These include:

- ✦ Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended,
- ✦ Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973,
- ✦ The Age Discrimination Act of 1975,
- ✦ Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and
- ✦ Section 13 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972.

EPA’s appropriations require the application of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage rates to all projects funded in whole or in part by the DWSRF. Davis-Bacon applies to construction contracts over \$2,000 and their subcontractors (regardless of subcontract amount). To ensure compliance with these requirements, NDEE will confirm that the correct wage determinations are being included in the bid specifications and/or construction contracts. NDEE will also aid recipients with the specific EPA Davis-Bacon contract language that is to be included in bid specifications and/or contracts, and forms for the recipient to document compliance with the Davis-Bacon provisions based upon a review of weekly payrolls.

The Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act (Public Law 114-322) includes Water System Assessment requirement (Section 2108) that any PWS serving 500 or fewer persons seeking funding from the DWSRF shall self-certify that they have considered an alternative drinking water supply from a drinking water delivery system sourced by publicly owned (1) individual wells, (2) shared wells and (3) community wells. This has long been, and will remain, a requirement of Nebraska’s DWSRF program through the sharing of services (regionalization) alternative evaluation in preliminary engineering report evaluations.

The America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-720) includes an “American Iron and Steel (AIS)” requirement for DWSRF assistance recipients to use iron and steel products that are produced in the United States for projects for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a PWS.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-58) includes a “Build America, Buy America” requirement for DWSRF assistance recipients to use iron & steel and manufactured products, along with construction materials, that are produced in the United States for projects for the construction, alteration, maintenance, or repair of a PWS or treatment works.

On May 20, 2021, Executive Order (EO) 14030 was signed, Climate-Related Financial Risk, reinstating EO 13690, Establishing a Federal Flood Risk Management Standard and a Process for Further Soliciting and Considering Stakeholder Input (January 30, 2015). EO 13690 amends the original floodplain management standard established in 1977 by EO 11988, and was revoked by EO 13807 in August 2017, though is now reinstated. This action reestablishes the Federal Flood Risk Management Standard (FFRMS) for federally funded projects. The new standard went into effect for FFY 2022 SRF capitalization grants, and those grants thereafter until revoked. The FFRMS applies to actions where federal funds (i.e., equivalency) are used for new construction, substantial improvement (i.e., projects worth more than 50% of the market value or replacement cost of the facility), or to address substantial damage to structures and facilities.

It is the program’s intent to assist as many projects from the SFY 2025 Funding Lists (Appendix B2) as possible with the loan and forgiveness funds. NEPA-like environmental review requirements, Federal cross cutting authorities, FFATA, signage for Base projects, signage BIL General projects (i.e., equivalency, additional subsidization loans), the prohibition on certain telecommunication and video surveillance services or equipment (Public Law 115-232), and sub-recipient monitoring requirements associated with the receipt of more than \$750,000 in federal funds from any source during the fiscal year may be assigned to several projects where an equivalent amount of the capitalization grant is disbursed. Due to BIL funding requirements, it may be required that the vast majority of proposed loans will need to meet these requirements. Equivalency projects for this IUP cycle the communities of Cedar-Knox Rural Water Project, Dakota City, Hampton, Howells, Fairbury, Fullerton, Oakland, Plainview, Seward, Weeping Water, and Wisner for traditional projects. Per the EPA issued guidance, equivalency is not applicable for Emerging

Contaminants and LSL Replacement funding, as those projects must meet all federal requirements. And those PWS projects which are substantially impacted by Build America Buy America may be eligible for a twenty basis point borrowing rate reduction as a result. Should final EPA guidance not permit the above, limited exceptions may be allowed whenever a loan only community satisfies the equivalency requirement. Under those exceptions, small systems may not be subjected to equivalency requirements, but only under the Base program.

## **J. Disadvantaged Community**

Additional assistance for Disadvantaged Communities through loan forgiveness will utilize the long-standing criteria provided in Appendix E. Additional assistance of loan terms up to 40 years will be available to communities which have a MHI less than or equal to 120% of the State MHI, using the 2018-2022 ACS data set published by the U.S. Census Bureau. The community may also complete an income survey and submit the results to the NDEE for review or petition the Department for increased assistance based on additional eligibility factors noted in Appendix E.

Forgiveness funds will be targeted to the highest priority eligible projects on the Priority Funding List until all designated funds are obligated. The SFY 2025 program will rely on the existing disadvantaged community forgiveness criteria, except that a policy change to a 60% forgiveness ceiling amount dependent in part on system population and project type, will be in effect for allocating all the FFY 2024 and 2025 funds to public health and infrastructure replacement projects, and if funds remain, to those in accordance with the bypass process.

An exception to the above, up to a 75% forgiveness amount may be extended to those systems that need to implement projects that address emerging contaminants, as a result of an emergency or that intend to supply water to another system to address that system's Administrative Order.

## **V. DWSRF GRANTS**

The following sections apply for the set-aside funding authorized under past Capitalization Grants that are specifically noted for the planned FFY 2024 set-asides, and should the FFY 2025 Capitalization Grant become available during SFY 2025. The exception is for Planning Grants and the study on workforce development, which will be disbursed out of the Administration Cash Fund.

### **A. PWS Security Grants**

Security Grants activity, which may include costs to administer the program, may be funded with up to \$300,000. The intent of this grant is to provide funds to PWSs serving a population of 10,000 or fewer to improve the security of public water supplies. Eligible PWSs must:

1. Be a political subdivision with a population of 10,000 or fewer;
2. Have a PWS Emergency Response Plan that has been approved by NDEE;
3. Have attended a workshop regarding potential biological, chemical, and terrorism threats that affect PWS; and
4. Provide a 10% match to improve the protection of PWSs.

The maximum amount of each grant is \$10,000. The PWS Security Grant may include, but is not limited to, installing alarm systems, cyber-security, hardened locks, fencing, lighting, sampling stations, etc. The grants will be funded on a first come first serve basis. NDEE may send a letter to all eligible PWSs on or shortly after July 1, 2024, advising the PWSs of the availability of the grants and the application process.

## B. Project Planning Activities and Report Grant

Planning activity may be funded with up to \$60,000, as noted, from the Administration Cash Fund. Project Planning Activities and Report (PPAR) Grants are intended to provide financial assistance to PWSs for PERs for projects seeking funding through the Water Wastewater Advisory Committee (WWAC) common pre-application process. The WWAC Common Pre-application is provided in Appendix E. Any award of such a grant to a PWS shall contain a requirement that the PER be submitted to the NDEE for review and approval. Planning grants shall be awarded to PWSs based upon one the following criteria:

1. The PWS has received an Administrative Order or other enforcement action through NDEE;
2. The PWS is a single well system due to the loss of a production well(s) to avoid an Administrative Order or other enforcement action through the NDEE;

Grants may be awarded to municipalities based on the following:

3. The PWS is a multiple well system and has lost two or more production wells to avoid an Administrative Order or other enforcement action through the NDEE; and
4. All remaining PWSs. Based on needs survey and other pertinent information, the eligibility within this category will be made from a committee evaluation process. In the Department, two members each from the Compliance, Engineering and SRF Sections will form the committee headed by the SRF Section Supervisor. All prospective grant candidates will be determined from a ranked choice basis, with the recommended grant recipients needing final approval from the Division Administrator.

To qualify for a Planning Grant, a PWS must meet the following criteria:

1. Their project must be listed on the DWSRF IUP Priority Planning List; and
2. The applicant must be a political subdivision with a population of 10,000 or fewer.

The grant will be up to 90 percent of the PER and other eligible costs, and will require 10 percent matching funds from the PWS; however, such grant is not to exceed a maximum of \$20,000 in federal funds.

Regional Planning Grants will be provided where a Regional PWS, either existing or proposed, will have a project that will address present or prevent future violations of health-based drinking water standards and the regional PWS will not be privately owned. The proposed Regional PWS will have their project on the Priority Planning List or will supply water to a PWS that has a Priority Planning List project to qualify for funding. To be eligible for a Regional Planning Grant, the initial scope of a Regional PWS must be to provide a supply of potable water to a minimum of three community PWSs. Regional Planning Grants will be up to 80 percent of the cost of the PER, or other eligible costs, and will require 20 percent matching funds from the PWS; however, such grant is not to exceed a maximum of \$29,000 in federal funds. If applicable, Regional Planning Grants will be ranked based on the ranking of the PWSs that will be supplied water by the regional system.

## C. Source Water Protection Grants Program

Source Water Protection Grant activity may be funded with up to \$150,000. Source Water Protection Grants will be for proactive projects geared toward protecting Nebraska's drinking water supplies and will address drinking water quality, quantity, and/or education.

Eligible applicants are political subdivisions with a population of 10,000 or fewer that operate a PWS. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for these grants is issued in the spring of each year. Previous grantees and other eligible applicants are sent notices and the RFP can be viewed online at <http://dee.ne.gov>.

Eligible projects are designed to provide long-term benefits to drinking water quality or quantity, or the education of the public using the water system. Grants cannot be used to purchase land or for the sole purpose of developing a Source Water or Wellhead Protection Plan.

#### **D. New and Innovative Technology Grant (NIT Grant)**

NDEE would like to ensure projects which introduce noteworthy innovations in technology that advances the drinking water, wastewater, and nonpoint source profession are recognized and supported. An additional subsidy may be available for these potential innovations. Examples include projects that explore and elevate the drinking water quality and wastewater treatment standards and challenge the current institutional approaches to water treatment and technology. Projects will adhere to eligibility requirements and regulations as other SRF grant programs. If funds are available, no more than \$300,000 shall be used for the NIT Grant as long as funds are available and are not part of any set-aside.

#### **E. Emerging Contaminant Baseline Sampling**

At a minimum, PWS supply wells or entry points into systems will be tested for 29 potential PFAS contaminants. Other emerging contaminants may be sampled by the Department, if upon further evaluation it is deemed necessary. This is not routine monitoring, but a data collection effort to establish a baseline. No costs will be charged to the systems. It is anticipated that the results will help justify an extended monitoring schedule should PFAS become a regulated contaminant.

**DWSRF Ranked Project Priority Funding List - Base**

| Priority Points              | Community        | PWS Number | Population | Project Description   | Project Est. Cost   | Forgiveness % | Forgiveness Amount |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|---|---------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 200                          | Burr             | NE3113110  | 52         | Interconnect w/RWD due to Nitrate, Replace Mains and New meters (GPR) | \$1,620,000         | 60.00%        | \$972,000          |
| 180                          | Wisner           | NE3103903  | 1,239      | New WTP to address Nitrate, Well Pumphouse                            | \$2,900,000         | 46.14%        | \$1,338,060        |
| 90                           | South Sioux City | NE3104309  | 14,043     | Rehab WTP   | \$18,000,000        | 0%            | \$0                |
| 60                           | Seward           | NE3115905  | 7,643      | Replace Water Tower   | \$4,000,000         | 28.05%        | \$1,122,000        |
| 60                           | Blair – AMD      | NE3117905  | 7,790      | WTP Expansion   | \$27,000,000        | 0%            | \$0                |
| <b>Total Estimated Costs</b> |                  |            |            |   | <b>\$53,520,000</b> |               | <b>\$3,432,060</b> |

**DWSRF Ranked Project Priority Funding List - BIL**

| Priority Points | Community                      | PWS Number | Population | Project Description  | Project Est. Cost | Forgiveness % | Forgiveness Amount |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|--|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 190             | Plainview                      | NE3113902  | 1,282      | New Wells and transmission main to address Nitrate A.O.  | \$5,500,000       | 50.00%        | \$2,750,000        |
| 185             | Phillips                       | NE3108106  | 320        | Interconnect w/PWS due to Uranium  | \$1,000,000       | 28.93%        | \$289,300          |
| 160             | Cedar Knox Rural Water Project | NE3120303  | 3,056      | Interconnect with Yankton, SD to address TTHM A.O., distribution system upgrades and elevated storage tank replacement | \$14,000,000      | 48.92%        | \$6,848,800        |
| 160             | Fullerton                      | NE3112503  | 1,244      | New Well(s) to address Selenium  | \$1,400,000       | 46.41%        | \$649,687          |
| 155             | Hampton                        | NE3108102  | 432        | Interconnect with the City of Aurora to address Nitrate  | \$5,825,000       | 28.93%        | \$1,685,173        |
| 155             | Weeping Water                  | NE3102506  | 840        | New well to address Nitrate; Replace water main; New pump station.   | \$4,653,000       | 40.00%        | \$1,861,200        |
| 150             | Snyder                         | NE3105303  | 254        | New Well(s) due to PFAS  | \$1,111,350       | 0%            | \$0                |
| 145             | Giltner                        | NE3108103  | 406        | Replace/Loop mains; Repaint tank; New well   | \$750,000         | 0%            | \$0                |

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------|-------|--|---------------------|--------|---------------------|
| 145                          | Howells                      | NE3103704 | 561   | Replace failing well to address Nitrate            | \$952,000           | 40.00% | \$380,800           |
| 135                          | Fairbury – Amendment         | NE3109507 | 3,970 | Rehab Wells to address Nitrate                     | \$3,600,000         | 25.00% | \$900,000           |
| 130                          | Valentine                    | NE3103106 | 2,633 | New Well(s) to address PFAS; Replace Water Mains   | \$1,335,000         | 0%     | \$0                 |
| 105                          | Blair – AMD                  | NE3117905 | 7,790 | Lime Solids Control                                | \$6,000,000         | 0%     | \$0                 |
| 100                          | Fairmont                     | NE3105902 | 592   | Treatment for Manganese                            | \$800,000           | 0%     | \$0                 |
| 60                           | Seward                       | NE3115905 | 7,643 | Replace Water Tower                                | \$4,000,000         | 28.05% | \$1,122,000         |
| 60                           | Dakota City                  | NE3104301 | 2,081 | New well with transmission main; Standby generator | \$943,100           | 45.00% | \$424,395           |
| N/A                          | SFY 2024 Planning List Loans | N/A       | N/A   | Wahoo  | \$5,700,000         | 35.00% | \$1,995,000         |
| <b>Total Estimated Costs</b> |                              |           |       |  | <b>\$57,579,450</b> |        | <b>\$18,906,355</b> |

- NOTES: RANKING LIST SUBJECT TO CHANGE PER PENDING FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2025 PROGRAM APPROPRIATION
  - ALL PROJECTS CARRIED OVER FROM STATE FISCAL YEAR 2\*\*\* IUP
  - ALL LISTED PROJECTS PER SFY 2025 PRIORITY RANKING SYSTEM
  - Projects with listed forgiveness assistance are eligible per the Disadvantaged Community Definition listed in Appendix E
  - Loan Funding above the BIL Capitalization Grant totals will come from repaid state funds
  - In order to expeditiously execute loans for the available funds, applications for all projects will be accepted from the above lists, but may not be funded until the beginning of Federal Fiscal Year 2025 on October 1, 2024. Loan Only projects may have outlay schedules that extend past the FFY 2026 grant match requirements.
- A.O.** – ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

**CatEx** – CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

**FNSI** – FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

**GPR** – GREEN PROJECT RESERVE ELIGIBLE-New or Radio-Read Replacement Meters

**PWS** – PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

**RWD** – RURAL WATER DISTRICT

**WTP** – WATER TREATMENT PLANT

**DWSRF Emerging Contaminants Priority Funding List**

| Priority Points                      | Community     | PWS Number | Population | Project Description                     | Project Est. Cost | Forgiveness % | Forgiveness Amount |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|---|-------------------|---------------|--------------------|
| 150                                  | Snyder        | NE3105303  | 254        | New Well(s) due to PFAS                 | \$388,650         | 100%          | \$388,650          |
| 145                                  | Giltner       | NE3108103  | 406        | New WTP for Manganese removal           | \$2,250,000       | 71.19%        | \$1,601,700        |
| 135                                  | Fairmont      | NE3105902  | 592        | New Water Treatment Plant for Manganese | \$2,400,000       | 100%          | \$2,400,000        |
| 135                                  | Oakland – AMD | NE3102101  | 1,369      | New WTP for Manganese                   | \$91,500          | 100%          | \$91,500           |
| 130                                  | Valentine     | NE3103106  | 2,633      | New Well(s) due to PFAS                 | \$1,425,000       | 100%          | \$1,425,000        |
| <b>Total - Emerging Contaminants</b> |               |            |            |   |                   |               | <b>\$5,906,850</b> |

Notes: The funding combination of the Emerging Contaminant and traditional Base- & BIL-General portions of any project cannot exceed a 75% forgiveness level per state statute. Therefore, here are the combined total funding allocations to each of the Emerging Contaminant communities.

Snyder capped at 25.91% - (\$388,650 with 100% EC Forgiveness plus \$1,111,350 Base with 0% Forgiveness = \$1,500,000 @ 25.91%)  
 Giltner capped at 53.39% - (\$2,250,000 with 71.19% EC Forgiveness plus \$750,000 Base with 0% Forgiveness = \$3,000,000 @ 53.39%)  
 Fairmont capped at 75% - (\$2,400,000 with 100% EC Forgiveness with \$800,000 with 0% Forgiveness = \$3,200,000 @ 75%)  
 Valentine capped at 75% - (\$1,425,000 with 100% EC Forgiveness plus \$475,000 with 0% Forgiveness = \$1,900,000 @ 75%)

Projects with listed forgiveness assistance are eligible per the Disadvantaged Community Definition listed in Appendix E. There are several projects to address manganese on the priority planning list, which are ready to proceed but presently not listed as PFAS has now become a regulated contaminant. Those manganese projects will be evaluated for funding during the bypass funding period.

**DWSRF Lead Service Line Replacement Priority Funding List**

| Priority Points                              | Community                                | PWS Number | Population | Project Description | Project Est. Cost     | Forgiveness % | Forgiveness Amount   |
|--|--|------------|------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 145  | Schuyler                                 | NE3103701  | 6,547      | Replace LSL         | \$1,226,250           | 38.37%        | \$470,512            |
| 135  | Beatrice                                 | NE3106705  | 12,261     | Replace LSL         | \$2,000,000           | 60.00%        | \$1,200,000          |
| 135  | Fairbury                                 | NE3109507  | 3,970      | Replace LSL         | \$1,298,750           | 60.00%        | \$779,250            |
| 135  | Fremont                                  | NE3105312  | 27,141     | Replace LSL         | \$2,250,000           | 60.00%        | \$1,350,000          |
| 135  | Hastings                                 | NE3100101  | 25,152     | Replace LSL         | \$6,278,125           | 60.00%        | \$3,766,875          |
| 135  | Lincoln                                  | NE3110926  | 291,082    | Replace LSL         | \$64,175,000          | 60.00%*       | \$38,505,000         |
| 135  | York                                     | NE3118706  | 8,066      | Replace LSL         | \$4,885,000           | 34.38%        | \$1,679,463          |
| 120  | Albion                                   | NE3101102  | 1,699      | Replace LSL         | \$550,000             | 47.96%        | 263,780              |
| 120  | Blair                                    | NE3117905  | 7,790      | Replace LSL         | \$2,656,250           | 31.39%        | \$833,797            |
| 115  | Gibbon                                   | NE3010907  | 1,878      | Replace LSL         | \$100,000             | 60.00%        | \$60,000             |
| 110  | Kimball                                  | NE3110501  | 2,290      | Replace LSL         | \$2,000,000           | 60.00%        | \$1,200,000          |
| 90   | Nebraska City                            | NE3113106  | 7,222      | Replace LSL         | \$5,780,250           | 58.39%        | \$3,375,088          |
| 70   | South Sioux City                         | NE3104309  | 14,043     | Replace LSL         | \$6,238,750           | 60.00%        | \$3,743,250          |
| 60   | Chadron                                  | NE3104507  | 5,206      | Replace LSL         | \$1,950,400           | 60.00%        | \$1,170,240          |
| 60   | Grand Island                             | NE3107902  | 53,131     | Replace LSL         | \$18,477,625          | 60.00%        | \$11,086,575         |
| 60   | Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha | NE3105507  | 600,354    | Replace LSL         | \$105,733,000         | 60.00%*       | \$63,439,800         |
| 60   | Wahoo                                    | NE3115512  | 4,818      | Replace LSL         | \$2,570,750           | 28.79%        | \$740,119            |
| 30   | Kearney                                  | NE3101906  | 33,790     | Replace LSL         | \$4,066,550           | 60.00%*       | \$2,439,930          |
| 15   | Palmer                                   | NE3112103  | 439        | Replace LSL         | \$276,000             | 60.00%        | \$165,600            |
| 15   | Columbus                                 | NE3114110  | 22,111     | Replace LSL         | \$6,773,625           | 54.18%        | \$3,669,950          |
| 15   | Papillion                                | NE3115313  | 24,159     | Replace LSL         | \$11,665,000          | 0%            | \$0                  |
| 15   | North Platte                             | NE3111106  | 24,210     | Replace LSL         | \$5,000,000           | 60.00%        | \$3,000,000          |
| <b>Total - Lead Service Line Replacement</b> |  |            |            |                     | <b>\$255,9511,325</b> |               | <b>\$142,939,229</b> |

Notes: For PWSs shown with an \* (asterisk), the listed 60% forgiveness percentage is based on census tract poverty rate criteria listed in Appendix E. Should those systems wish to replace LSLs outside of the noted census track eligibility, it will be at a reduced percentage based on the available 2018-2022 ACS five-year estimates for the other noted communities within that PWSs service area. For Bellevue - 16.28%, Bennington - 0%, Chalco CDP 11.15%, Douglas County - 26.10%, Kearney - 50.25%, LaVista - 21.75%, Lincoln - 47.63%, Nebraska City - 58.38%, Omaha - 41.47%, Ralston - 60.00% and Sarpy County - 0%. The percentage noted for Bellevue is for those areas located outside of Census Tract 104.02 in Sarpy County. Projects with listed forgiveness assistance are eligible per the Disadvantaged Community Definition listed in Appendix E.



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Funding for LSL replacement projects will be allocated annually based on the known inventory of LSLs for each PWS for only the full replacement of any public or private LSLs. Should inventories be established by PWSs over the 5-year period of the BIL implementation, there may be a rebalancing of funds by the end of the BIL LSL Replacement funding program.

## Land Acquisition Source Water Protection Project Priority List

| Priority Points   | Community              | PWS Number | Population | Land Cost          |
|---|------------------------|------------|------------|--------------------|
| 160   | Cedar Knox Rural Water | NE3120303  | 3,056      | \$1,950,000        |
| 150   | Aurora                 | NE3108101  | 4,678      | \$2,000,000        |
| 130   | Valentine              | NE3103106  | 2,633      | \$700,000          |
| 135   | Wilber                 | NE3115105  | 1,937      | \$200,000          |
| 115   | Gibbon                 | NE3101907  | 1,878      | \$200,000          |
| 60  | West Knox RWD          | NE3120348  | 565        | \$500,000          |
| 60  | Burwell                | NE3107101  | 1,087      | \$100,000          |
| <b>Total - Land Acquisition and Source Water Protection</b> |                        |            |            | <b>\$5,650,000</b> |

## APPENDIX A1

### CWSRF Project priority ranking system

The State is responsible for the determination of priority given to the construction of publicly owned treatment works and preparation of a State Project Priority List under Title II, Section 216 of the federal CWA.

The Priority Ranking System shall be used to rank the projects on the State Project Priority List. Priority ranking for the projects utilizes the following eight categories to determine total points awarded. The greater the total number of points, the higher the ranking. When necessary, a tiebreaker as described later, is used. Communities that were in mid-process will be automatically carried forward from the prior year. Although ranked with zero priority points, all late survey submissions may still be eligible for funding after the bypass date. The ranking of all municipality projects will be conducted in even numbered fiscal years, with only ranking of unique discovered needs in odd fiscal years.

#### CATEGORY 1. PROJECT BENEFIT

This category incorporates several factors, including the type of project and the relative level of the impact on the environment. Points for only one benefit are awarded. When a project has more than one significant benefit, the benefit with the highest point value is used. In addition to the priority points awarded according to the following schedule, projects receive five supplemental benefit priority points for regionalization if the project includes the consolidation of wastewater collection and treatment systems owned and operated by two or more communities.

| Benefit:  | System Code: | Priority Points: |
|---|--------------|------------------|
| Elimination of raw or primary waste discharge   | A            | 35               |
| Separation of combined sewers   | B            | 35               |
| Public health benefit by elimination of frequent sewer backups or septic tank system – drinking water well spacing conflicts  | C            | 35               |
| Municipal wastewater collection and treatment system to replace on-site treatment systems   | D            | 30               |
| Remediation or protection of drinking water supply in zone of influence of municipal well field   | E            | 30               |
| Replacement or upgrade of wastewater treatment system to assure compliance with secondary treatment standards (Total Suspended Solids (TSS) and Biological Oxygen Demand (BOD)) | F            | 30               |
| Disinfection of wastewater effluent   | G            | 25               |
| Replacement or upgrade of wastewater treatment system to meet water quality-based permit limits (Ammonia, E-coli & PH)  | H            | 25               |
| Remediation of ground water at landfill site  | I            | 25               |
| Sludge stabilization  | J            | 25               |
| Storm water management  | K            | 20               |
| Addition or repair of wastewater collection system or lift station  | L            | 20               |
| Beneficial reuse (Gray water reuse, land apply line, & equipment, etc...)   | M            | 20               |
| Water quality enhancement for a Nonpoint Source project   | N            | 20               |
| Water conservation  | O            | 15               |
| Other benefits  | P            | 5                |

## CATEGORY 2. BENEFICIAL USE AND CLASSIFICATION OF RECEIVING WATERS

This category addresses receiving water that is currently impacted or has the potential to be impacted by existing situations, and that would be enhanced or protected by the proposed project. Points for only one beneficial use or one ground water classification are awarded. The applicable use or classification with the highest point value is utilized. Some projects may impact both surface water and ground water, but only the primary receiving waters are considered. Wastewater treatment and collection systems to replace existing septic tank systems, will use the ground water classification for point allocation, unless there is documentation of extensive discharges to surface waters. Improvements to existing complete retention lagoons will use the assigned use of the stream that is being protected for point allocation, unless the problem is excessive seepage rather than inadequate capacity. Sludge stabilization, sewer, and lift station project point allocation is based on the assigned use of the stream that receives or could receive the effluent discharge. Sewer projects that eliminate the need for septic tanks are allocated points based on the ground water classification.

| <b>Assigned Beneficial Use of Surface Water:</b>   | <b>System Code:</b> | <b>Priority Points:</b> |
|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Class A and Class B State Resource Waters          | Q                   | 25                      |
| Public Drinking Water                              | R                   | 25                      |
| Recreation   | S                   | 20                      |
| Class A – Cold Water Aquatic Life (Flows all year) | T                   | 10                      |
| Class B – Cold Water Aquatic Life (Seasonal flow)  | U                   | 10                      |
| Class A – Warm Water Aquatic Life                  | V                   | 10                      |
| Class B – Warm Water Aquatic Life                  | W                   | 5                       |
| <b>Ground Water Classification:</b>                |                     |                         |
| GA (public system)                                 | X                   | 25                      |
| GB (individual system)                             | Y                   | 15                      |

Classifications come from definitions in Nebraska Titles 117 and 118.

## CATEGORY 3. WATER QUALITY OF RECEIVING WATERS

The quality of water in the receiving stream or aquifer is another factor in project prioritization. Priority is given to projects potentially impacting bodies of water that have been degraded by pollutants and are impaired for one or more assigned beneficial uses. Neither the specific source of these pollutants causing the impairment, nor the specific impact of the potential project is considered in this assessment.

Some projects may impact both surface water and ground water, but only the primary receiving waters shall be considered. The projects that primarily impact surface waters are those projects that received priority points for Assigned Beneficial Use of Surface Water in Category 2. The projects that primarily impact ground water are those projects that received priority points for Ground Water Classification in Category 2.

An assessment of the quality of water in surface water bodies to support assigned beneficial uses is presented in the current Surface Water Quality Integrated Report. This report includes a list of water bodies that are not supporting assigned beneficial uses due to impacts of one or more pollutants, commonly referred to as the Section 303(d) List. Projects that primarily impact surface waters are awarded priority points if the water body that receives or could receive the wastewater discharge is listed in the report as having one or more beneficial uses impaired by one or more pollutants. Water bodies impaired by natural causes or conditions are not awarded priority points.

Pollution can also impact ground water and make it unfit for some uses. Watersheds were evaluated for ground water quality impairment for the Nebraska Unified Watershed Assessment. This evaluation considered contamination by nitrate and pesticides and administrative orders and notice of violations for public drinking water supplies issued by the Department. The SRF program will utilize information obtained from the Nebraska Water Quality Management Report, as prepared in accordance with Neb. Rev. State Statute 46-1304, and use the information to award additional points using the following assessment:

| <b>Indication of Water Quality Impairment</b>  | <b>System Code</b> | <b>Priority Points</b> |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Water Body Assessment Category Listed in Surface Water Quality Integrated Report</b>              |                    |                        |
| Category 4A or 4B  | Z                  | 20                     |
| Category 5   | AA                 | 20                     |
|  |                    |                        |
| <b>Nebraska Unified Watershed Assessment, Ground Water Quality Resource Component Weighted Value</b> |                    |                        |
| 100 Points   | BB                 | 20                     |
| 50 Points  | CC                 | 10                     |

#### **CATEGORY 4. ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

This category addresses enforcement actions initiated by the Department of Environment and Energy to address violations of the Environmental Protection Act and other related acts. Points are awarded for a project if the project can reduce or prevent future violations and essentially satisfy the enforcement action.

| <b>Enforcement Action</b>             | <b>System Code</b> | <b>Priority Points</b> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Consent Order                         | DD                 | 25                     |
| Administrative Order or EPA Orders    | EE                 | 25                     |
| Referral to Attorney General          | FF                 | 25                     |
| Compliance Schedule in NPDES Permit   | GG                 | 20                     |
| Notice of Violation or EPA 308 Letter | HH                 | 15                     |

#### **CATEGORY 5. READINESS TO PROCEED**

This category addresses the status of project planning, preparation of plans and specifications, and readiness to proceed with project construction.

| <b>Project Status</b>   | <b>System Code</b> | <b>Priority Points</b> |
|---|--------------------|------------------------|
| Construction Permit Issued  | II                 | 60                     |
| Plans and Specifications Submitted to NDEE                                      | JJ                 | 50                     |
| Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) or Categorical Exclusion (CatEx) Issued | KK                 | 40                     |
| Facility Plan Submitted to NDEE   | LL                 | 25                     |

#### **CATEGORY 6. POPULATION**

This category addresses the existing populations to be served by the proposed project. The population is also an indication of the relative magnitude of the impact on the environment that is addressed by the proposed project. If the facility serves the entire community, the population shall be taken from the latest official census. If the facility serves only a part of the community, an estimate of the existing population served shall be used. Estimates of the population previously served shall be used for projects relating to facilities no longer in service, such as remediation of closed landfill sites.

| <b>Population Served</b> | <b>Priority Points</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 50,000 or Greater        | 10                     |
| 10,000 - 49,999          | 8                      |
| 5,000 - 9,999            | 6                      |

| <b>Population Served</b> | <b>Priority Points</b> |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 2,500 - 4,999            | 4                      |
| 800 - 2,499              | 2                      |

### **CATEGORY 7. ASSESSING WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS (AWIN)**

This category addresses a community's sustainability risk to afford infrastructure projects in the future through the use of the AWIN Sustainability Model developed by NDEE. The AWIN Sustainability Model is a probability model that evaluates and scores a community based on the community's population trends, economic status, and resources. The low-risk range includes communities likely to have sustainable growth and needs little additional help. The moderate-risk range is comprised of communities with uncertain growth potential requiring further evaluation to determine the need for additional assistance. The high-risk range includes those communities that may need additional assistance to bring them into compliance without causing undesired financial stress.

| <b>Sustainability Risk:</b> | <b>Priority Points</b> |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| High                        | 25                     |
| Moderate                    | 15                     |
| Low                         | 0                      |

### **CATEGORY 8. FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

This category addresses the financial impact of the proposed project on the users that will provide the revenue to repay the loan. Priority points are awarded according to the annual cost of the loan per person as a percentage of the MHI of the community from the ACS five-year average. A 20-year loan shall be assumed with the interest rate based on the existing SRF market rate and rate system and MHI of the community.

| <b>Annual Loan Costs Per Person as a Percentage of Median Household Income</b> | <b>Priority Points</b> |
|--|------------------------|
| Greater than 0.2 Percent   | 10                     |
| 0.05 to 0.2 Percent  | 6                      |
| Less than 0.05 Percent   | 2                      |

### **TIEBREAKER**

Two or more projects may receive the same total priority points on the IUP project list. Although communities are informed when there is doubt about funding availability, in projects with the same priority point total, ties are broken at first appearance. The priority of these projects is reviewed as they proceed to bid opening. Ties are broken by consideration of enforcement actions, specific provisions of the permit issued for the facility, and inclusion of the project as an integral part of a designated surface or ground water project established under state or federal law. The following table shall be used to break ties:

| <b>Factor</b>   | <b>Priority</b> |
|---|-----------------|
| Enforcement Action                                    | Higher          |
| Compliance Schedule in Discharge Permit               | ↕               |
| Project is Part of a Designated Water Quality Project | ↕               |
| None of the above factors                             | Lower           |

If consideration of the above factors does not break the tie, priority shall be based on the annual loan cost per person as a percentage of the MHI. The project with the higher percentage, shall have the higher priority.

## APPENDIX A2

### DWSRF PRIORITY RANKING SYSTEM

1. Scope and Purpose. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Act §§71-5314 to 71-5327 requires that loans shall be made to eligible public water systems (PWSs) for eligible projects. The purpose of the priority ranking system is to establish a list of eligible projects to be funded in such a manner that priority for the use of the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund or the Land Acquisition and Source Water Loan Fund will be given to projects that (A) address the most serious risk to human health; (B) are necessary to ensure compliance with the Title 179, Public Water Systems; and (C) assist systems most in need, on a per person basis according to the affordability criteria.

Ineligible PWSs and ineligible projects will not be evaluated for priority points. For this fiscal year, an exception was made from the policy wherein late survey submissions are typically ranked with zero priority points, as there has been an increased amount of EPA funding authorized for the program. Late surveys received before the public notification for the EQC meeting were ranked following the system below. The ranking of all PWS projects will be conducted in even numbered fiscal years, with only ranking of unique discovered needs in odd fiscal years.

2. DWSRF Priority Ranking System.
  - a. Priority Ranking System for the Use of the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund. The following DWSRF priority ranking system, developed in coordination with the Department’s Drinking Water Division, shall be used to rank the projects on the DWSRF IUP priority lists for the use of the Drinking Water Facilities Loan Fund. Priority ranking of projects will be based on total points awarded for the following three categories. Points for only one benefit in each category shall be awarded; when a project has more than one significant benefit, the benefit with the highest point value shall be used. The greater the total number of points, the higher the ranking. The ranking will be done, and the priority lists prepared annually, before IUP drafting.
    - i) Health or Capacity Development Benefit Provided by Project. This category incorporates the type of project and the level of benefit to human health, or improvement to the PWS. These projects are for the development, construction, or modification of the PWS to ensure compliance with the requirements of the NSDWA and the regulations adopted thereunder.

| <u>Health or Capacity Development Benefit</u>   | <u>Priority Points</u> |
|---|------------------------|
| 1. <u>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)/Treatment Technique Requirements.</u><br>Maximum allowable levels are established for those parameters which may be detrimental to public health. Detected contaminant levels in excess of 80% of the MCL within the past 4 years may qualify the project for ranking under this category.  |                        |
| a. Concentration of a contaminant or duration of exposure may lead to the potential for life-threatening acute health effects (ex. high nitrates and methemoglobinemia in babies) or irreversible chronic effects (ex. high lead and neurological impairment in children). Detected concentration of a contaminant at 80% of its MCL or ACL within the past 4 years may qualify for ranking or, | 130                    |
| b. The contaminant is a carcinogen and it has been detected at 80% of its MCL within the past 4 years may qualify for ranking, or   | 115                    |
| c. Concentration of a contaminant or duration of exposure may be associated with non-life-threatening or reversible adverse long-term health effects (ex. excess chlorine and eye/nose irritation and stomach discomfort) and it has been detected above its MCL within the past 4 years may qualify for ranking.   | 100                    |
| 2. <u>Critical Capacity Development.</u> These projects would be for the development, construction, or modifications of the PWS to correct major deficiencies relating to the Design Standards in Title 179 NAC 2-007. Projects include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backup Wells/Sources for single Well PWSs</li> </ul>  | 85                     |

|   |    |
|---|----|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacement of significantly aged or deteriorated major infrastructure, including Wells and Storage. The eligibility of a project for assignment of this priority point subcategory will be made at the discretion of the Division Administrator.</li> </ul>   |    |
| <p>3. <u>Sustainability Factors</u>. These projects would address upgrade to and/or the replacement of existing major infrastructure, such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supply Wells, Ground or Elevated Storage</li> <li>Major Treatment Plant Renovations</li> <li>Major Distribution System Replacement projects (Replacement project phases are at least a minimum of 50% of the overall project cost)</li> </ul> | 55 |
| <p>4. <u>Secondary Contaminant Level (SMCL)</u>. Recommended maximum levels are set for parameters which are not harmful to health but make the water undesirable for use. Project would enhance water quality and include disinfection.</p>  | 40 |
| <p>5. <u>System Design Deficiencies</u>. These projects would be for the development, construction, or modifications of the PWS to or prevent deficiencies relating to the Design Standards in Title 179 NAC 7. Projects would address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inadequate source capacity</li> <li>Inadequate distribution pressure/storage</li> </ul>  | 25 |
| <p>6. <u>Other Factors</u>. These projects would address other water supply system concerns such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Replacement or rehabilitation of other minor system components that are aged and/or have exceeded design life</li> <li>Controls/automation to improve operational efficiency</li> <li>Security measures and/or Standby Power</li> <li>Chlorine and/or Fluoride Feed Systems</li> </ul>  | 10 |

- ii) Financial Impacts. This category addresses the financial impact of the proposed project on the users that will provide the revenue to repay the loan. Priority points are awarded according to the annual cost of the loan per person as a percentage of the MHI. A 20-year loan shall be assumed with the interest rate based on the minimum effective interest rate of the DWSRF Program.

| <b><u>Annual Loan Costs Per Person as a Percentage of Median Household Income</u></b> | <b><u>Priority Points</u></b> |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Greater than 0.8 Percent  | 45                            |
| Greater than 0.6 to 0.8 Percent   | 35                            |
| Greater than 0.4 to 0.6 Percent   | 25                            |
| Greater than 0.2 to 0.4 Percent   | 15                            |
| Less than or equal to 0.2 Percent   | 5                             |

- iii) Enforcement Action. This category addresses compliance with Title 179 drinking water standards and/or the enforcement actions taken requiring the system to address the deficiencies/water quality concerns that contribute to noncompliance, or any drinking water project needed as a result of an NDEE enforcement action.

| <b><u>Enforcement Action</u></b>  | <b><u>Priority Points</u></b> |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Administrative order issued/other enforcement action taken relating to design/infrastructure deficiencies/water quality or discharge concerns/etc. addressed by the proposed project. | 25                            |

- iv) Readiness to Proceed. This section addresses establishing the Priority Funding List per the status of a PWSs project, assessing the readiness to proceed within SFY 2025. The criteria that were utilized in establishing the Priority Funding List are as follows:

- (1) PWS with a Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) or Categorical Exclusion (CatEx) issued by the program; with priority over,
- (2) Status of Plans and Specifications (P&Ss) – P&Ss for Ranked Project prepared or under contract for design; with priority over,

- (3) Status of Engineering Report with Test Hole – Report for Ranked Project has been prepared and, if applicable, a Test Hole has been completed; with priority over,
- (4) Status of Engineering Report – Report for Ranked Project has been prepared, first and/or where additional ranking preference may be given to those projects with demonstrated readiness to proceed.

In the above-listed order, preference shall be first given to placing those High Priority PWSs/projects in ranked order on the Priority Funding List. Where such projects in a sufficient number do not exist, readiness to proceed criteria 2 through 4 shall be repeated for Low Priority PWSs/projects. Where ties in ranking points occur, the projects are ranked in descending order per the established tiebreaking criteria in Section 4 below. The intent of the Readiness to Proceed criteria is to identify those projects most likely to receive funding in the coming fiscal year based upon the information provided by the PWSs (or their Engineers). A limited comprehensive bypass may also be developed using the above-listed criteria, should additional funds become available during the fiscal year.

Two exceptions are made to the above-listed criteria. First, those projects that have been obligated or offered better funding through another Federal (USDA-Rural Development) or State (NDED-CDBG) infrastructure funding program will not be included on the Priority Funding List. Second, those PWSs that have turned down or passed on better funding offers from the DWSRF for the listed project in past fiscal years. During the public participation process (i.e., EQC IUP approval), those systems will still be included on the Priority Planning List, and can request in writing placement on the Priority Funding List at any time, should that PWS disagree with NDEE proposed ranking.

- b. Priority Ranking System for the Use of the Land Acquisition and Source Water Loan Fund. The following priority ranking system shall be used to rank the projects on the DWSRF IUP project list for the use of the Land Acquisition and Source Water Loan Fund. Priority ranking for the projects is based on total points awarded for the following three categories. Points for only one benefit in each category shall be awarded; when a project has more than one significant benefit, the benefit with the highest point value shall be used. The greater the total number of points, the higher the ranking.

- i) Health Benefit Provided by Project. This category incorporates the type of project and the level of benefit to human health. These projects are for the acquisition of land or a conservation easement to protect the source water of the system from contamination and to ensure compliance with the NSDWA and Title 179.

| <b><u>Health Benefit</u></b>   | <b><u>Priority Points</u></b> |
|--|-------------------------------|
| 1. <u>Acquisition of Land or a Conservation Easement to Protect the Source Water of the System from Contamination.</u> |                               |
| a. Acute Health Effects  |                               |
| i) Microbiological/Nitrate   | 40                            |
| b. Chronic Health Effects  | 35                            |
| 2. <u>Community Water System Implementing Voluntary Incentive Based Source Water Protection Measures.</u>              |                               |
| a. Acute Health Effects  |                               |
| i) Microbiological/Nitrate   | 40                            |
| b. Chronic Health Effects  | 35                            |

- ii) Financial Impacts. This category addresses the financial impact of the proposed project on the users that will provide the revenue to repay the loan. Priority points are awarded according to the annual cost of the loan per person as a percentage of the MHI. A 20-year loan shall be assumed with the interest rate based on the minimum effective interest rate of the DWSRF Program.



| <b>Annual Loan Costs Per Person as a Percentage of Median Household Income</b> | <b>Priority Points</b> |
|--|------------------------|
| Greater than 0.4 Percent   | 25                     |
| 0.2 to 0.4 Percent   | 15                     |
| Less than 0.2 Percent  | 5                      |

- iii) Enforcement Action. This category addresses compliance with Title 179 drinking water standards and/or the enforcement actions requiring the system to address the issues that contribute to noncompliance.

| <b>Enforcement Action</b>   | <b>Priority Points</b> |
|---|------------------------|
| Administrative order issued/other enforcement action taken relating to source water protection addressed by the proposed project. | 25                     |

3. Service Meters. Water service meters will be required as a part of the project, if the water system does not have service connections individually metered.
4. Tiebreaker. Two or more projects may receive the same total number of priority points on the IUP project list. Ties shall be broken only when (A) two or more projects receive the same total of priority points based on the above three categories, (B) the environmental reviews have been completed, (C) the systems are ready to sign the loan contracts, and/or (D) adequate funding for all these projects is not available. The status of the plans and specifications will be considered first in breaking the tie. Projects with plans and specifications approved by the Department shall have a higher priority than those projects with plans and specifications currently in the Department's review and approval process. For projects with a similar status of plans and specifications, as approved, the project with a higher annual loan cost per person as a percentage of the MHI shall have the higher priority. This last tiebreaking criterion is critical in establishing the projects to be included on the prioritized Funding Program Lists.
5. Small System Priority. Fifteen percent of the total funds available for the loans shall be earmarked for systems serving fewer than 10,000 persons except for LSL replacement projects which will rely on the program's historical bank of excess assistance to small systems, which vastly exceeds the 15% requirement.
6. Disadvantaged Community Definition. The purpose of the affordability criteria is to determine which of the projects receiving funds from the DWSRF may also qualify for financial assistance beyond the ordinary benefits available through the DWSRF. Eligible PWS may qualify for additional financial assistance if their population is equal to or less than 10,000 people with an MHI less than 120 (one hundred twenty) percent of the state MHI. See Appendix E.

## APPENDIX B1

### CWSRF Project Priority Planning List – Alphabetical Order

| Priority Points | Community  | NPDES ID# | US Census<br>2018-2022<br>Est. Pop. | Project Description   | Project Est. Cost |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 32              | Abie       | NEU132659 | 65                                  | GPS locate and map all sewer man holes and clean outs \$2200 - SFY 2024   | \$ 2,200          |
| 31              | Adams      | NE0045055 | 604                                 | West Main Street Extension (Phase 1) - \$1000000.00; GIS Mapping of sewer system - \$15000.00   | \$ 1,015,000      |
| 129             | Ainsworth  | NE0112267 | 1,616                               | NDOT Hwy 7 - Replace Sanitary Mains Services & Manholes - \$900000.00   | \$ 900,000        |
| 87              | Albion     | NE0026573 | 1,699                               | Replace/repair/add manholes - \$250000.00; Extend sewer lines - \$1100000.00; CCTV/CIPP sewer mains - \$500000.00; Solids handling of biosolids improvements - \$2500000.00   | \$ 4,350,000      |
| 55              | Alda       | NE0042056 | 647                                 | Sewer main improvements (CIPP, Rehab MHs, etc.) - \$500000.00; Lagoon improvements (bank stabilization) - \$150000.00; Lift station improvements - \$900000.00  | \$ 1,550,000      |
| 77              | Alexandria | -         | 148                                 | Sewer CIPP Lining - \$100000.00   | \$ 100,000        |
| 66              | Allen      | NE0031241 | 355                                 | Sewer main repair and replacement - \$130000.00; Sewer lift station repair - \$100000.00  | \$ 230,000        |
| 72              | Alma       | -         | 1,043                               | Sludge removal - \$100000.00; Sewer main repairs - \$50000.00; Manhole rehab - \$50000.00; Force main replacement - \$710000.00; Sewer lift station - \$500000.00   | \$ 1,410,000      |
| 47              | Amherst    | NE0112992 | 201                                 | Collection system repairs - \$50000.00  | \$ 50,000         |
| 81              | Ansley     | -         | 459                                 | Sewer main study with CCTV - \$45000.00; Line 8" main - \$400000.00; Replacement of 4 blocks 6" main - \$110000.00  | \$ 555,000        |
| 38              | Arapahoe   | NE0021521 | 1,002                               | Misc. sanitary sewer main extension, rehab, and replacements - \$175000.00; Misc. sanitary sewer manhole installation, rehab, and replacements - \$140000.00; Industrial development sanitary extension - \$250000.00 | \$ 565,000        |
| 46              | Arcadia    | NE0041297 | 283                                 | Reline mains - \$100000.00; Collection main replacement and extension - \$250000.00; Lagoon maintenance and rehab - \$200000.00   | \$ 550,000        |
| 80              | Ashton     | -         | 198                                 | Storm drainage - \$100000.00; Portable pump and pipe for land application - \$75000.00; Clean and TV sewer mains - \$25000.00; Line sewer mains - \$150000.00   | \$ 350,000        |
| 69              | Atkinson   | NE0021610 | 1,306                               | Replacement mains - \$300000.00; Lift station rehabilitation - \$200000.00  | \$ 500,000        |
| 111             | Auburn     | NE0027774 | 3,470                               | Manhole rehab, sewer lining - \$624017.00   | \$ 624,017        |

| Priority Points | Community       | NPDES ID# | US Census 2018-2022 Est. Pop. | Project Description  | Project Est. Cost |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 59              | Aurora          | NE0031810 | 4,678                         | Sewer main extension in multiple locations - \$2650000.00; West interceptor sewer main, Hwy 34 and O Rd south and east to south interceptor main - \$1000000.00; Existing sewer collection system repair/rehabilitation - \$200000.00; WWTF expansion - \$2500000.00; WWTF site irrigation by reuse water (green project) - \$100000.00  | \$ 37,950,000     |
| 66              | Bancroft        | NE0028088 | 496                           | Sewer system repairs - \$150000.00   | \$ 150,000        |
| 105             | Barneston       | NE0121711 | 90                            | Phase I: Construct new lift station - \$450000.00; Phase I: Replace water meters - \$100000.00; Phase I: Sewer system CCTV and review (I&I) - \$50000.00; Phase II: Lagoon improvements - new lagoon - \$1200000.00; Phase II: Sludge removal - \$200000.00; Phase II: Sewer collection system improvements - \$300000.00  | \$ 2,300,000      |
| 95              | Bartley         | -         | 270                           | Renovation of existing lagoon cells for increased capacity with line reconstruction and piping improvements with rip-rap - \$900000.00; Installation of concrete rip-rap on north and east dikes of existing lagoon cells for erosion control - \$125000.00  | \$ 1,025,000      |
| 66              | Bassett         | NE0112666 | 538                           | Renovate/repair collection system mains and manholes - \$200000.00; Control location - \$100000.00; Study of wastewater system - \$25000.00  | \$ 325,000        |
| 68              | Battle Creek    | NE0041301 | 1,194                         | Sewer main repair & replace - \$1250000.00; WWTF - part improvements (pumps, screen, motors) - \$400000.00; SSES Study - \$500000.00   | \$ 2,150,000      |
| 112             | Bayard          | NE0112739 | 1,140                         | Lagoon cell rehab - \$2750000.00; 12" truck sewer main replacement - \$450000.00; Ave C sewer main replacement between 8th and 11th Streets - \$100000.00; Lift station rehab (pumps rehab) - \$50000.00   | \$ 3,350,000      |
| 100             | Beatrice        | NE0020915 | 12,261                        | WWTF grit removal process upgrade (construction only) - \$2000000.00; WWTF influent headworks pump replacement #1, #2, and #3 (design & construction) - \$1350000.00; Lift Station No. 1 improvements (design & construction) - \$1300000.00; Lift Station No. 6 improvements (construction only) - \$800000.00; Industrial Park trunk sewer improvements pipe bursting (construction only) - \$650000.00; 24" CMP sanitary sewer replacement (study, design, and construction) - \$1000000.00 | \$ 7,100,000      |
| 151             | Beaver City     | NE0026476 | 537                           | Sewer extension north - \$93000.00; Manhole extensions (raise to surface) - \$48000.00; Dike and liner repair waste stabilization cell #3 - \$350000.00  | \$ 491,000        |
| 85              | Beaver Crossing | NE0023981 | 375                           | Sewer collection system repair - \$200000.00; Lagoon improvements and land application - \$750000.00; Individual water meters - \$550000.00  | \$ 1,500,000      |
| 62              | Bee             | NE0123200 | 171                           | Televising and rehabilitation of sewer mains - \$50000.00  | \$ 50,000         |
| 105             | Beemer          | NE0046086 | 611                           | Upgrade controls and SCADA - \$65000.00; Sewer main CIPP improvements - \$450000.00; WWTF improvements (building improvements, influent pump replacement, aeration basin diffuser and  | \$ 2,015,000      |

| Priority Points | Community  | NPDES ID# | US Census 2018-2022 Est. Pop. | Project Description  | Project Est. Cost |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
|                 |            |           |                               | air piping replacement, new clarifier, electrical system improvements) - \$1500000.00  |                   |
| 55              | Belden     | -         | 113                           | Renovate/repair collection system mains & manholes - \$400000.00; Highway sewer main repair - \$75000.00; Clean and televise sewers - \$75000.00   | \$ 550,000        |
| 87              | Belgrade   | -         | 103                           | Preliminary engineering report for wastewater system - \$30000.00; Lagoon upgrade - \$675000.00  | \$ 705,000        |
| 77              | Bellwood   | NE0046094 | 407                           | Collection system CIPP - \$125000.00   | \$ 125,000        |
| 87              | Benedict   | NE0114944 | 203                           | Sewer main extension - \$50000.00  | \$ 50,000         |
| 89              | Benkelman  | NE0112887 | 821                           | Sewer main extension - \$100000.00; Manhole rehab (lining and adjusts to ground) - \$100000.00   | \$ 200,000        |
| 29              | Bennet     | NE0040916 | 1,082                         | 4,000 LF of sanitary sewer main CIPP lining and manhole rehab to reduce I&I - \$200000.00; Update Programmable Logic Controller (PLC) at wastewater treatment plant - \$50000.00; Lagoon sludge removal - 3,000,000 gallons (projected need in 2027) - \$300000.00; GIS mapping of sewer system - \$15000.00 | \$ 565,000        |
| 64              | Bennington | -         | 2,026                         | Repair manholes and mains with lining of sanitary sewer mains along Stark and Allen Streets - \$450000.00  | \$ 450,000        |
| 26              | Bertrand   | exempt    | 709                           | Sewer extension \$20000.00; Water meters for reduced WWTF flows - included on DWSRF \$600000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 620,000        |
| 85              | Bladen     | -         | 205                           | Clean and repair sewer lines - \$100000.00; 1,800 LF 8" 6 manholes - \$100000.00; Sewer study - \$30000.00; Lagoon aeration system - \$50000.00; Land application system upgrades - \$50000.00   | \$ 330,000        |
| 73              | Blair      | NE0021482 | 7,990                         | Collection System PER - \$50000.00; South Street relief sanitary sewer main - \$1000000.00; Odor arrestor for WWTP - \$750000.00; Sanitary sewer main extension County Road P35 - \$500000.00; North trunk sewer main extension - \$1000000.00   | \$ 3,300,000      |
| 62              | Bloomfield | NE0021733 | 986                           | Replace Main Lift Station - \$1000000.00; Sewer Main Repair & Replacement - \$325000.00; CIPP Sewer Repair - \$200000.00; Sewer SCADA - \$125000.00; Valve Replacement / Lagoon Repair - \$100000.00   | \$ 1,750,000      |
| 44              | Blue Hill  | NE0027286 | 805                           | Manhole rehabilitation \$30000.00; Lift station replacement/rehabilitation \$30000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 60,000         |
| 70              | Bradshaw   | NE0121321 | 273                           | Replace and extend collection system - \$350000.00; Replacement of lift station - \$200000.00; Sludge removal / dredging - \$150000.00   | \$ 700,000        |
| 50              | Brady      | NE0031402 | 383                           | Add on Existing Lagoon/Land Application - \$500000.00; Televised Sewer Main - \$25000.00; Sewer Main Repair/Lining - \$400000.00   | \$ 925,000        |
| 22              | Brainard   | -         | 336                           | Sewer Main CIPP - \$125000.00  | \$ 125,000        |

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| 113             | Bridgeport       | NE0112119 | 1,454                         | Rebuild control structures and rehab a portion of Cell C at lagoon - \$280000.00; Upgrade Lift Station SCADA - \$30000.00; Replace Generator at lagoon - \$35000.00; Land application conversion - \$400000.00   | \$ 745,000        |
| 95              | Bristow          | exempt    | 70                            | Replace sewer lift station - \$200000.00   | \$ 200,000        |
| 71              | Broadwater       | exempt    | 95                            | Five new sampling stations for water testing - \$19675.00; One block of new sewer line - \$30000.00  | \$ 49,675         |
| 66              | Broken Bow       | NE0042374 | 3,506                         | Collection System Improvements (CIPP) - \$750000.00; WWTF Improvements (Grit/Screen) - \$750000.00; Manhole Rehabilitation - \$300000.00; WWTF Influent Basin Rehabilitation - \$20000.00  | \$ 1,820,000      |
| 96              | Brule            | NE0021229 | 331                           | Replace existing clarifier with concrete clarifier \$175000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 175,000        |
| 45              | Brunswick        | -         | 152                           | Replace sewer mains - \$500000.00  | \$ 500,000        |
| 81              | Burr             | NE0046116 | 52                            | Televise and replace sewer - \$30000.00  | \$ 30,000         |
| 87              | Burwell          | NE0021172 | 1,087                         | Replace influent pumping station with grit chamber & grinder - \$1300000.00; Replace remote lift station - \$400000.00; CIPP Sewer Main Rehabilitation - \$500000.00; Manhole Rehabilitation (25 manholes) - \$125000.00; New Control & Monitoring System - \$250000.00; Generator for Emergency - \$100000.00                                       | \$ 2,675,000      |
| 42              | Butte            | NE0139521 | 286                           | Repair or rehab manholes - \$50000.00  | \$ 50,000         |
| 51              | Byron            | NE0029271 | 83                            | Wastewater collection system improvements \$100000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 100,000        |
| 27              | Callaway         | exempt    | 563                           | Sewer mains and storm sewer to assisted living facility \$350000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 350,000        |
| 78              | Cambridge        | NE0024180 | 1,071                         | Collection system video inspection, cleaning, and repairs - \$300000.00; Rotor replacements - \$175000.00; South lift station pumps and force main - \$40000.00; WWTF RAS pump to splitter, misc. WWTF pumps - \$75000.00; UV building screw pump rehabilitation, aeration diffuser replacement - \$165000.00; WWTF & L.S. SCADA System - \$35000.00 | \$ 790,000        |
| 70              | Campbell         | NE0045098 | 272                           | Lagoon Rehab - \$250000.00; Lift Station Rehab - \$250000.00; Sewer Main CIPP Improvements - \$250000.00   | \$ 750,000        |
| 46              | Carroll          | NE0023990 | 191                           | Rehab sewer mains and manholes - \$200000.00   | \$ 200,000        |
| 67              | Cass Cnty SID #5 | NE0112437 | 645                           | Sanitary sewer repairs and replacements - \$150000.00; Sanitary lift station repairs and replacements - \$250000.00  | \$ 400,000        |
| 26              | Cedar Bluffs     | -         | 615                           | New lift station \$250000; SCADA controls at two lift stations \$45000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 295,000        |
| 62              | Cedar Rapids     | NE0049158 | 382                           | Video inspections and clean sewer mains - \$25000.00; Rehab manholes and repair mains - \$25000.00; Replace blowers at WWTF - \$20000.00; Replace standby generator - \$30000.00   | \$ 100,000        |
| 77              | Center           | exempt    | 79                            | Bazille St. and Weschendorff St. sewer (SAG) - \$25000.00; Sewer Mapping - \$10000.00  | \$ 35,000         |

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| 105             | Central City              | NE0025445 | 3,039                         | Mechanical WWTF improvements - \$500000.00; Lift station improvements - \$250000.00; Sewer collection improvements - \$1000000.00  | \$ 1,750,000      |
| 37              | Ceresco                   | NE0046124 | 919                           | System PER - \$37500.00; Sewage plant rebuild or replace - \$2500000.00; Lift station to accomodate new development - \$625000.00  | \$ 3,162,500      |
| 83              | Chadron                   | NE0029190 | 5,206                         | Wastewater sludge pond pivot - \$600000.00; Collection system improvements - \$425000.00; I/I study - \$80000.00; Replace 1300 LF sanitary sewer - \$160000.00   | \$ 1,265,000      |
| 57              | Chambers                  | NE0129488 | 288                           | Collection System Improvements - \$250000.00   | \$ 250,000        |
| 60              | Chapman                   | NE0031747 | 260                           | Effluent pumps for land application - \$70000.00; Replace mains and repair manholes - \$230000.00; Lift station alarms - \$30000.00; Lan application of wastewater - \$75000.00; Planning Study - \$35000.00; Rehab lagoon cells - \$600000.00 | \$ 1,040,000      |
| 49              | Chappell                  | NE0029211 | 844                           | Backup generator at wastewater plant - \$150000.00; Enclosing of head works - \$250000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 400,000        |
| 42              | Cheyenne County SID #1    | -         | 80                            | Flood plain modeling/environmental review/PER - \$250000.00; Replace 80 year old water/sewer lines - \$5982564.00  | \$ 6,232,564      |
| 87              | Clarks                    | NE0113549 | 344                           | Lift station replacements - \$150000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 150,000        |
| 31              | Clarkson                  | NE0021164 | 614                           | New grinder at lift station - \$125000.00; Sewer main repairs - \$200000.00  | \$ 325,000        |
| 46              | Clay Center               | NE0045110 | 735                           | Sewer collection system repairs - \$400000.00; Lift station generator - \$75000.00   | \$ 475,000        |
| 22              | Clearview Utilities Corp. | -         |                               | Extension of Kearney wastewater collection system to subdivision and install subdivision collection system to subdivision and install subdivision collection system and connect to city when able - \$1800000.00 - SFY 2024                    | \$ 1,800,000      |
| 87              | Clearwater                | NE0039781 | 320                           | Sewer manhole rehab - \$100000.00  | \$ 100,000        |
| 72              | Cody                      | -         | 168                           | Rehab lagoon - \$250000.00; Clean sewer lines including sawing roots - \$225000.00   | \$ 475,000        |
| 92              | Coleridge                 | NE0025429 | 537                           | Repair collection system - \$250000.00; Wastewater lagoons - complete retention - \$4000000.00   | \$ 4,250,000      |
| 55              | Colon                     | exempt    | 107                           | Collection system upgrades-sewer main lining - \$320000.00; Install irrigation pump to land apply lagoon discharge when full - \$125000.00   | \$ 445,000        |
| 67              | Comstock                  | NE0023892 | 68                            | Sewer main repairs - \$100000.00; Manhole repairs - \$50000.00   | \$ 150,000        |
| 46              | Concord                   | exempt    | 126                           | Sewer main repair/replacement - \$200000.00  | \$ 200,000        |
| 66              | Cook                      | NE0031640 | 319                           | Line 900 ft of sewer main - \$50000.00; Evaluation of colelction system - \$30000.00; Replace sewer mains - \$100000.00  | \$ 180,000        |
| 27              | Cortland                  | NE0027782 | 504                           | Survey for potential new development on the sewer capabilities - \$100000 - SFY 2024   | \$ 100,000        |

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| 94              | Cozad      | NE0112828 | 3,988                         | Replace sewer main Avenue C to E between 4th and 5th - \$250000.00; Sewer extensions for Lincoln Avenue and Avenue C - \$350000.00; Sewer extension for Hendee Drive - \$300000.00; Line sewer mains for repair and I&I - \$500000.00; Rehabilitate manholes - \$100000.00; Headworks, lift station, UV, WWTF Repairs - \$6000000.00 | \$ 7,500,000      |
| 82              | Craig      | exempt    | 202                           | Riprap lagoon dikes - \$100000.00; Lagoon piping repairs - \$25000.00; Collection system repairs - \$100000.00   | \$ 225,000        |
| 78              | Crawford   | NE0039799 | 840                           | Sewer Mains - \$350000.00; Manholes - \$225000.00; Scada upgrade - \$50000.00  | \$ 625,000        |
| 58              | Creighton  | NE0021253 | 1,147                         | BAR Screen/Fine Screen - \$250000.00; GRIT Removal Process - \$250000.00; Clean Out Digester - \$50000.00; Clean Out Aeration Tank - \$50000.00  | \$ 600,000        |
| 45              | Creston    | NE0071424 | 181                           | Replace aging and deteriorated mains in the collection system - \$300000.00; Collection system rehabilitation - \$50000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 350,000        |
| 68              | Crete      | NE0034304 | 7,099                         | Lift Station Replacements - \$700000.00; Collection System Rehabilitation - \$450000.00  | \$ 1,150,000      |
| 95              | Crofton    | NE0049131 | 756                           | Decommission Mechanical Plant after Waste Stabilization Pond is completed. - \$5000000.00; Sewer Rehab-Lining, Manhole Sealing - \$350000.00   | \$ 5,350,000      |
| 67              | Culbertson | NE0051624 | 534                           | Manhole Rehabilitation - \$50000.00; Storm Water Improvements to Control Excessive Runoff - \$200000.00  | \$ 250,000        |
| 64              | Curtis     | NE0026492 | 806                           | Riprap/Rehab of West Lagoon/Land Application - \$450000.00; Add on to Grit Chamber - \$15000.00; New line to West Lagoon - \$50000.00; New Splitter Bos - \$10000.00; Adjust manholes to grade, Replace failing force main, Replace and install new lift station - \$500000.00   | \$ 1,025,000      |
| 26              | Dalton     | -         | 284                           | Lagoon Cell Rehab - \$150000.00; Construct new flume at Lagoon - \$35000.00  | \$ 185,000        |
| 35              | Dannebrog  | NE0045136 | 273                           | Sewer Collection System, Sewer main repairs - \$100000.00; Lagoon Improvements - \$300000.00   | \$ 400,000        |
| 31              | Davey      | NE0024295 | 135                           | Rehabilitation of Sewer 1,000 L.F. - \$125000.00   | \$ 125,000        |
| 134             | David City | NE0021199 | 2,995                         | Wastewater Treatment System Improvements - \$18965000.00; Sanitary Sewer Collection System CIPP - \$700000.00; Sanitary Sewer Extension (Campground & Fairgrounds) - \$500000.00   | \$ 20,165,000     |
| 31              | Daykin     | NE0045144 | 153                           | Sludge removal - \$100000.00; Sewer Study - \$30000.00   | \$ 130,000        |
| 57              | Decatur    | NE0049123 | 410                           | New wastewater treatment plant - \$400000.00; Sanitary sewer system rehabilitation/cleaning/televising - \$100000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 4,100,000      |
| 70              | Denton     | NE0046141 | 189                           | Lagoon expansion and piping replacement - \$1500000.00; CIPP Lining/Sewer Main Repairs - \$250000.00   | \$ 1,750,000      |
| 125             | DeWitt     | NE0024341 | 530                           | New Wastewater Treatment Facility - \$1500000.00; Collection system Improvements - \$600000.00   | \$ 2,100,000      |

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| 92              | Diller     | NE0129500 | 247                           | Install control wiring to lagoon flow meters. Includes trenching, wire, and PVC conduit. - \$4410.00; Replacement influent and effluent meters - \$8072.13 - SFY 2024  | \$ 12,482         |
| 81              | Dodge      | NE0042064 | 611                           | Misc. Building Improvements (new electrical, doors, and windows) - \$250000.00; Generator and Automatic Transfer Switch - \$150000.00; Gate Valves for Basins - \$75000.00; Replace WWTP Communicator - \$75000.00; Replace or Line approximately 400 linear feet of defective sanitary sewer - \$66000.00; Concrete sidewalk repairs - \$10000.00 | \$ 626,000        |
| 69              | Doniphan   | NE0114952 | 809                           | Televising and Replace Sewer Mains - \$125000.00   | \$ 125,000        |
| 70              | Dorchester | NE0021539 | 610                           | Wastewater Collection System Study - \$40000.00; Collection Sewer Rehabilitation - \$1212200.00  | \$ 1,252,200      |
| 51              | Dunbar     | -         | 165                           | CCTV sewer & vacuum lift station wet well - \$25000.00; Earthwork and riprap at lagoon - \$250000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 275,000        |
| 35              | Duncan     | NE0046167 | 392                           | Sewer Collection System Improvements - \$650000.00   | \$ 650,000        |
| 70              | Dunning    | NE0112691 | 80                            | Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement - \$100000.00; Lagoon Dike Failed - \$75000.00   | \$ 175,000        |
| 80              | Dwight     | NE0046175 | 229                           | Lift Station updated with radio alarm system - \$125000.00; Sewer mains relining - \$63000.00; Manhole rehabilitation - \$21000.00; Lagoon Expansion - \$470000.00   | \$ 679,000        |
| 102             | Eagle      | NE0112062 | 1,065                         | Upgrade WWTF with ISAM SBR - \$10228000.00; Install new parallel trunk sewer - \$604000.00   | \$ 10,832,000     |
| 51              | Eddyville  | -         | 88                            | Lift station pump replacement - \$25000.00; Lift station controls - \$10000.00; Video survey and inspection, clean sewer - \$35000.00  | \$ 70,000         |
| 56              | Edgar      | NE0021695 | 428                           | Sewer Main CIPP Improvements - \$150000.00   | \$ 150,000        |
| 92              | Edison     | NE0023817 | 111                           | Video inspection and clean mains - \$30000.00; Storm sewer drainage ditch improvements east of Hwy 136 downstream of Ag Valley facility - \$500000.00; Manhole rehabilitation/manhole sealing - \$40000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 570,000        |
| 27              | Elgin      | NE0039811 | 717                           | Sanitary Sewer Collection Study (Preliminary engineering report) - \$55000.00  | \$ 55,000         |
| 52              | Elm Creek  | NE0026042 | 979                           | Considering adding additional cells to lagoon system - \$2000000.00  | \$ 2,000,000      |
| 42              | Elmwood    | NE0112127 | 654                           | Land application of treated sludge - \$4000.00   | \$ 4,000          |
| 77              | Elsie      | NEU133027 | 102                           | Add a bypass line around the first lagoon cell to the second lagoon cell in order to perform bank maintenance on the first lagoon cell. - \$40000.00   | \$ 40,000         |
| 56              | Elwood     | NE0031755 | 658                           | Dredge Lagoons - \$100000.00; Monitoring Wells - \$100000.00; Sewer Study - \$20000.00; Lagoon Rip-Rap, Gravel on Roads - \$120000.00  | \$ 340,000        |
| 42              | Emerson    | NE0041351 | 840                           | WWTF Upgrades - \$375000.00; Lagoon WWTF - \$2000000.00  | \$ 2,375,000      |
| 62              | Ewing      | NE0043699 | 373                           | Remove and Replace 3 Sewer Blocks - \$80000.00   | \$ 80,000         |



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| 35              | Exeter       | NE0040941 | 523                           | Land Application and/or Lagoon Expansion - \$2000000.00; Sewer Replacement/Relining - \$250000.00; Demolition of Old Lift Station - \$50000.00; Replacement of Main Lift Station Pumps - \$600000.00   | \$ 2,900,000      |
| 101             | Fairbury     | NE0024384 | 3,970                         | Improvements/upgrades to existing facility - \$6500000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 6,500,000      |
| 92              | Fairfield    | NE0045152 | 330                           | Continued Collection System Work - \$100000.00; Drainage Issues South Town - \$100000.00; Sewer Map (GPS) - \$8000.00  | \$ 208,000        |
| 92              | Fairmont     | NE0042374 | 592                           | Sewer Collection System CIPP Improvements - \$200000.00; Lagoon Improvements - \$200000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 400,000        |
| 94              | Falls City   | NE0021148 | 4,133                         | Rehab of manholes and repair/replacement of mains - \$1500000.00; Upgrades/repairs Wastewater Treatment Plant - \$3500000.00; Replace 8 inch force main - \$750000.00; WWTF Study - \$60000.00   | \$ 5,810,000      |
| 57              | Farnam       | NE0021512 | 182                           | Portable Emergency generator at Lift Station - \$100000.00; Replacement pump at Lift Station (Spare Purchased 2023) - \$15000.00; Level gauges and erosion protection at WW lagoons - \$250000.00; Construction of New Sewer Manholes & MH rehabilitation - \$30000.00 | \$ 395,000        |
| 61              | Farwell      | NE0045161 | 138                           | Video Inspection of Sewers and Clean - \$25000.00; Manhole Rehab and Sewer Repairs - \$25000.00; Sewer Study - \$20000.00  | \$ 70,000         |
| 31              | Firth        | NE0112241 | 649                           | Replacement of approximately eight blocks of existing sewer mains - \$500000.00  | \$ 500,000        |
| 78              | Fort Calhoun | -         | 1,108                         | TV Inspection / Spot Repairs / Slip Lining - \$150000.00; Sanitary Sewer Extension - North - \$150000.00; Lift Station Flood Protection - \$250000.00; Sanitary Sewer Extension - South - \$200000.00  | \$ 750,000        |
| 64              | Franklin     | exempt    | 941                           | Sewer collection system repairs - \$350000.00; Lagoon rehab - \$350000.00  | \$ 700,000        |
| 107             | Fullerton    | NE0026638 | 1,244                         | Storm Sewer Land Conservation - \$200000.00; Main St. Storm Sewer - \$2000000.00; Dredge Lagoons - \$200000.00; Sewer Main Repairs - \$1000000.00  | \$ 3,400,000      |
| 70              | Garland      | NE0023931 | 210                           | Perform study of existing sewer collection system - \$30000.00; Replace of line 28 blocks or 7,600 feet of sewer main - \$305000.00; Rehabilitate 4 manholes - \$10000.00  | \$ 345,000        |
| 29              | Geneva       | NE0031763 | 2,136                         | Sewer collection system repairs - \$350000.00; Sanitary sewer extension - \$650000.00  | \$ 1,000,000      |
| 64              | Genoa        | NE0027341 | 894                           | Sewer Replacement/Repair - \$175000.00   | \$ 175,000        |
| 82              | Gering       | NE0027936 | 8,564                         | Construct chlorine basin, for NPDES E. Coli Compliance - \$365000.00; Construct new accelerated aeration basin - \$1870000.00; Replace insulated covers on 3-B, 2B, and 1B basins - \$890000.00; Monument heights storm water improvements - \$570000.00               | \$ 3,695,000      |

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| 147             | Gibbon       | NE0029297 | 1,878                         | Gas building replacement - \$1100000.00; Misc. influent structure upgrades (valve force main; SBR inputs) - \$350000.00; Placing weir and splitter structure coating and structure fittings - \$125000.00; Dewatering structure north sludge lagoons - \$60000.00; South lift station and interconnecting piping - \$550000.00; Grit removal and headworks and headworks inputs/upgrades - \$1200000.00  | \$ 3,385,000      |
| 35              | Giltner      | NE045209  | 406                           | Rehabilitation of south lift station - \$350000.00; Sewer main replacement - \$300000.00; Land application system - \$100000.00  | \$ 750,000        |
| 26              | Glenvil      | exempt    | 260                           | Standby generator at lift station - \$30000.00; Rehab west lagoon cell - \$250000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 280,000        |
| 46              | Goehner      | exempt    | 181                           | Collection system lining and point repairs - \$250000.00; Preliminary Engineering Report - \$40000.00  | \$ 290,000        |
| 63              | Gordon       | exempt    | 1,504                         | Infiltration issues at our sewer lift station - \$1200000.00; I&I study evaluation - \$200000.00   | \$ 1,400,000      |
| 64              | Gothenburg   | NE0047376 | 3,478                         | Rehab wet well and concrete structures - \$55000.00; Replace old collection lines - \$8550000.00; Facility plans for wastewater system - \$15000.00; Sewer main extension - \$1000000.00   | \$ 9,620,000      |
| 91              | Grafton      | NE0045217 | 106                           | Sanitary sewer collection improvements - \$150000.00; New sewer system map - \$20000.00  | \$ 170,000        |
| 137             | Grand Island | NE0043702 | 53,131                        | WWTP flow improvements project - \$8251200.00; WWTP Septage receiving upgrades - \$113300.00; WWTP UV system upgrades - \$1147881.00; WWTP master plan update - \$318270.00; Sanitary sewer various locations rehabilitation - \$1252984.00; Sanitary sewer manhole rehab & open-cut repairs - \$1140000.00  | \$ 12,223,635     |
| 54              | Grant        | exempt    | 1,197                         | Lift station rehab - \$225000.00; Sewer main jetting, cleaning, foaming, and lining - \$20000.00; Storm drain inlet updates - \$15000.00; Storm drain main camera and repair - \$20000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 280,000        |
| 87              | Greeley      | NE0049212 | 402                           | Camera inspection in service lines and repairs where necessary - \$300000.00; Construction of new WWTF (3-cell lagoon) and lift station due to flooding & existing mechanical plant not meeting current water quality discharge requirements - \$2500000.00; Extend collection system to existing residents that have septic tanks & replace under sized mains in the S.E. part of the system (NDOT, north of O'Neill, east of Fitzgerald) - \$450000.00 | \$ 3,250,000      |
| 62              | Greenwood    | NE0027367 | 595                           | Collection System Improvements - \$200000.00   | \$ 200,000        |
| 117             | Gresham      | NE0027359 | 219                           | Sewer Rehab Work - \$300000.00; Culvert Replacement, Ditch cleaning - \$70000.00; Lift Station mixers - \$100000.00  | \$ 470,000        |
| 53              | Gretna       | -         | 5,083                         | Buffalo Creek sewer project phase 4 - \$2000000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 2,000,000      |
| 87              | Guide Rock   | NE0021601 | 199                           | Sewer collection system improvements (CIPP) - \$250000.00  | \$ 250,000        |
| 35              | Hadar        | NE0024210 | 280                           | Collection slip lining - \$125000.00; Lagoon repairs - \$400000.00; Sewer system extension - \$125000.00   | \$ 650,000        |



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| 81              | Holbrook  | NE0026476 | 201                           | Gringer at Lift Station - \$65000.00; Replacement Pumps at Lift Station - \$25000.00; Alarm System/Auto-Dialer/SCADA Upgrades - \$15000.00; Valve Maintenance at Lagoons - \$15000.00  | \$ 120,000        |
| 87              | Holdrege  | NE0021202 | 5,515                         | Grit Removal System - \$575000.00; Install One New SBR Basin and Associated Equipment - \$4945000.00; Replace Equipment on Sludge Pumps - \$275000.00; Iron Horse Grading and Detention with Piping to Wetland Groundwater Recharge - \$500000.00; Replace Back-up Sludge Blower - \$30000.00; Sanitary Extension and Replacement to Iron Horse with Grading and Storm Sewer - \$770000.00 | \$ 7,095,000      |
| 41              | Holstein  | NEG960018 | 191                           | Wastewater Rip Rap and Fencing - \$75000.00  | \$ 75,000         |
| 56              | Homer     | NE0025453 | 532                           | Sanitary Sewer System Televising and Cleaning - \$100000.00; Wastewater System Facility Plan - \$40000.00; Wastewater Treatment System Improvements - \$800000.00  | \$ 940,000        |
| 58              | Hooper    | NE0049093 | 857                           | Slip-line the existing 12" sanitary sewer main along Hwy 278 - \$200000.00; Sewer replacement along Grant Street from Pine to Hickory with new 12" - \$300000.00   | \$ 500,000        |
| 60              | Hoskins   | NE0020289 | 263                           | Repair Collection System Mains and Manholes - \$250000.00; Lift Station Rehab - \$400000.00; Upgrade Existing Lagoons - \$725000.00; Generator - \$100000.00   | \$ 1,475,000      |
| 75              | Howells   | NE0046205 | 561                           | Sewer Main Repairs - \$250000.00; Wastewater Lagoon Repairs - \$250000.00; Lift Station Repairs - \$1125000.00   | \$ 1,625,000      |
| 55              | Hubbard   | NE0041319 | 153                           | Sewer System Study - \$40000.00; Collection System TV Inspection and CIPP Lining - \$350000.00   | \$ 390,000        |
| 86              | Hubbell   | exempt    | 63                            | Reline the lagoon - \$30000 - SFY 2024   | \$ 30,000         |
| 110             | Humboldt  | NE0031844 | 800                           | Sludge pump improvements - \$75000.00; Lift station improvements - \$50000.00; Upgrade SCADA system - \$75000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 200,000        |
| 62              | Humphrey  | NE0049085 | 857                           | Rehab portion of collection system - \$650000.00; Rehab manholes of collection system - \$125000.00; Extension of sewer service annexed areas - \$1900000.00   | \$ 2,675,000      |
| 85              | Hyannis   | exempt    | 165                           | Sanitary Manhole and Pipeline Replacement - \$800000.00  | \$ 800,000        |
| 68              | Imperial  | NE0021491 | 2,068                         | Lagoon Expansion and Possible Land Application - \$950000.00; Improve Water Quality Mixer - \$100000.00; Collection System Improvement and Extension - \$225000.00; Airport Storm Drainage - \$225000.00   | \$ 1,500,000      |
| 85              | Inglewood | -         | 380                           | Gravity main improvements - \$250000.00; Lift station and force main improvements - \$500000.00; I&I study - \$125000.00   | \$ 875,000        |
| 60              | Jackson   | -         | 207                           | Lift Station Rehab - \$300000.00; Sanitary Sewer Televising and Cleaning - \$100000.00   | \$ 400,000        |
| 85              | Jansen    | NE0045233 | 101                           | Sanitary Sewer Collection Improvements - \$150000.00   | \$ 150,000        |

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| 47              | Juniata   | NE0028100 | 748                           | Stormwater Management - Detention/Retention - \$1117000.00; Lift Station Replacement - \$332000.00; 14th Street Sewer Main - New - \$336000.00; 5th Street Sewer Main Liner - \$45000.00; 5 year Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Plan - \$50000.00  | \$ 1,880,000      |
| 103             | Kearney   | NE0052647 | 33,790                        | 35th and 17th Ave Lift Station Renovations \$400,000; 11th Street and 30th Avenue West \$960,000; 4th Street from Avenue M East to WWTP \$6,930,000; WWTP North to Hwy. 30 \$10,440,000; West Kearney IT Park \$2,630,000; NE Sanitary Sewer Trunk Main to Clearview \$2,700,000; Clearview to 56th Street LS \$7,791,000; 16th Street East \$600,000; 30th Ave West to Knapps \$310,000; Canal Heights \$930,000; Yanney Avenue 11th St. to NRR St. \$1,390,000; 24th Avenue - 11th St. to NRR St. \$960,000; 16th St. from Buckle Add. to Yanney Ave. \$820,000; WWTF Trunk Line Extension to 11th Street w/LS \$1,490,000; Yanney Avenue - west towards 30th Avenue \$1,290,000; Elimination of 39th and 20th Lift Station \$750,000; Avenue E - 56th to Remington Heights \$1,810,000; Yendra Property - North of Cooks on 11th \$1,520,000; Airport Lining \$720,000; Patriot Park West Extension \$2,390,000; Eaton LS North to 56th \$6,910,000; Butler Ag west to TECH ONE Crossing \$1,110,000; 56th Street Place Extension \$791,000; Habitat Extension \$123,000; 56th and 30th Ave Subdivision \$2,879,900 - \$58644900.00 | \$ 58,644,900     |
| 68              | Kenesaw   | NE0021555 | 919                           | Lift Station Upgrades such as new pump, grinder and flow meter - \$30000.00; Lagoon updates such as cleaning out cells and new effluent valves - \$600000.00; 5 blocks of sanitary sewer main replacement and manhole replacement - \$235000.00; Vac trailer / Camera / Utility Pickup - \$120000.00; Storm sewer improvements - \$400000.00   | \$ 1,385,000      |
| 92              | Kimball   | NE0021644 | 2,290                         | Wastewater Treatment Plant Rehab - \$4338000.00; Replacement of Undersized Problem Sewer Pipes - \$2610000.00; Replacement of Undersized Sewer Pipes - \$2663000.00; Sewer Pipe Lining - \$1216000.00; Central Beltway Interceptor Replacement - \$931000.00; New Development Extensions - \$4701905.00  | \$ 16,459,905     |
| 82              | Laurel    | NE0023922 | 972                           | CIP - \$350000.00; CCTV Sewer Mains - \$15000.00; Sewer Main Extension - \$130000.00; Wastewater Treatment Improvements - \$2500000.00; Sewer Main to CRA - \$375000.00  | \$ 3,370,000      |
| 51              | Leigh     | NE0112101 | 435                           | Rehab Sewer Mains and Manholes - \$550000.00   | \$ 550,000        |
| 35              | Leshara   | -         | 108                           | Hydrology study, Develop Phase I engineering drawings and specifications for construction, Redevelop the open ditch network, Remove overgrown vegetation inhibiting drainage conditions, Remove and replace culverts, and Adjust the slopes to meet industry and state minimum design standards - \$890000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 890,000        |

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| 74              | Lexington  | NE0042668                | 10,348                        | Digester Renovation - \$2000000.00; Solids Dewatering Facility Improvement - \$5000000.00  | \$ 7,000,000      |
| 107             | Lincoln    | NE0036820 /<br>NE0112488 | 291,082                       | Theresa Street Capacity Expansion (currently at 60% of design), expected completion mid 2027. Includes two aeration basins, two finals, new power substation, and new Nonpot pumps and distribution - \$40000000.00; Northeast UV/nonpot replacement project (just bid), completion April 2025 - \$3200000.00; Northeast Digester Mixing project (in design, less than 30%), completion 2025 - \$3000000.00; Theresa Street A3 barscreen Project (in progress), completion April 2024 - \$1900000.00; Theresa Street Primary Improvements (not started), completion 2025 - \$1500000.00; Other Listed Projects: Theresa Street Raw Wastewater Pump #8 replacement (just bid), completion February 2025 (\$1,400,000); Infrastructure and building improvements, electrical, roofs (\$1,200,000); Decommissioning of Northeast sludge lagoon (est. completion 2024) (\$1,000,000); Lab HVAC replacement/building addition (specs done, yet to bid), completion 2025 (\$1,000,000); Land purchase next to Theresa Street (\$600,000); Cybersecurity (ongoing, \$75k per yer.) (\$150,000) - \$5350000.00 | \$ 54,950,000     |
| 70              | Lindsay    | NE0027278                | 283                           | Replace Sewer Mains - \$250000.00; Sewer Extension - \$125000.00; Lift Station Upgrades - \$100000.00  | \$ 475,000        |
| 51              | Litchfield | NE0039870                | 220                           | Sludge Removal - \$60000.00; Jet and Clean Mains - \$20000.00; Manhole Riser - \$40000.00; Stormwater Drainage - \$80000.00  | \$ 200,000        |
| 55              | Lodgepole  | exempt                   | 312                           | Industrial Generator - \$100000.00; Replace Sewer Line - \$175000.00; Storm Water Drainage - \$2000000.00  | \$ 2,275,000      |
| 135             | Long Pine  | NE0113344                | 305                           | Addition to Lagoon - \$1000000.00; Addition to Lift Station - \$500000.00; Addition to Force Main - \$500000.00  | \$ 2,000,000      |
| 65              | Loomis     | NE0045241                | 391                           | Lagoon Addition - \$850000.00; Sewer Extension for Subdivision/Remove Septics - \$150000.00  | \$ 1,000,000      |
| 94              | Louisville | NE0024228                | 1,319                         | Upgrade wastewater plant UV system - \$70400.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 70,400         |
| 62              | Loup City  | NE0045250                | 1,053                         | 2000 LF Sewer Main Replacement - \$350000.00; Land Application Equipment - \$100000.00; Lift Station Upgrades - \$600000.00  | \$ 1,050,000      |
| 57              | Lyman      | NE0112208                | 259                           | Addition of Lagoon Cell - \$459750.00; Abandonment of Discharge Structure - \$30000.00   | \$ 489,750        |
| 76              | Lynch      | NE0049204                | 194                           | Clean Mains - \$100000.00  | \$ 100,000        |
| 97              | Lyons      | NE0049182                | 824                           | Sewer Main - \$800000.00; Lagoon Aeration - \$25000.00; GIS System/Asset Management - \$30000.00; UV System - \$200000.00; Land Application - \$250000.00  | \$ 1,305,000      |
| 64              | Madison    | NE0049174                | 2,283                         | Preliminary Engineering Report - \$55000.00; Rehab and Line Manholes - \$60000.00; Pump/Dredge Lagoons - \$400000.00   | \$ 515,000        |

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| 65              | Malcolm             | NE0024261 | 457                           | Grit/Trash Removal System - \$300000.00; Replace Sewer Mains - \$200000.00; Wastewater Sludge Study - \$35000.00; Screw Pump or Centrifuge - \$1300000.00   | \$ 1,835,000      |
| 35              | Manley              | NE0042340 | 167                           | Pipe sewer lining - \$100000.00; Sewer pipe replacement - \$150000.00; Lift station replacement \$150000.00; Preliminary engineering report - \$30000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 430,000        |
| 91              | Marquette           | NE0046213 | 236                           | Sewer Lining/CCTV Collection System - \$100000.00; SCADA System - \$50000.00  | \$ 150,000        |
| 41              | Mason City          | exempt    | 151                           | Main repairs - \$75000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 75,000         |
| 85              | Martinsburg         | NE0113948 | 78                            | Sanitary Sewer Collection System Rehab/Relining - \$125000.00   | \$ 125,000        |
| 101             | McCook              | NE0021504 | 7,446                         | Installation of New Headworks Building and aerobic digestion - \$13436500.00; Collection System and Lift Station Improvements - \$5316000.00; Expansion of Cation Waste Lagoon or Construction of Reuse System - \$450000.00  | \$ 19,202,500     |
| 52              | McCool Junction     | NE0121932 | 453                           | Sewer Lining 600' - \$40000.00; Sewer Extension 1500 - 2000 ' - \$50000.00  | \$ 90,000         |
| 62              | McGrew              | -         | 75                            | Lagoon Rehabilitation - \$175000.00; Lift Station Rehabilitation - \$115000.00  | \$ 290,000        |
| 70              | McLean              | -         | 33                            | CCTV_ Clean Sanitary Sewer Mains - \$100000.00; Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement - \$50000.00  | \$ 150,000        |
| 6               | Mead                | NE0024309 | 617                           | Sewer Study and GIS mapping of utilities - \$30000.00; Storm sewer repair/replacement (3 blocks damaged from flooding) - \$780000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 810,000        |
| 70              | Meadow Grove        | NE0030741 | 287                           | Study - \$30000.00; Sewer Repair/Replacement - \$200000.00; WWTF Clarifier Repairs - \$800000.00; CIPP Sewer Line Repairs - \$400000.00   | \$ 1,430,000      |
| 85              | Merriman            | NE0114839 | 87                            | Lift Station Rehab for 2 lift Stations - \$750000.00; CCTV of Sewer Mains - \$25000.00  | \$ 775,000        |
| 51              | Middle Niobrara NRD | NE0051489 | 2,633                         | MNNRD is undertaking a Green Infrastructure Project of which a large majority of the lot is cement/asphalt covered and will be dug up and re-purposed for other uses. This will allow for GPR projects and improvements with educational show and tell can be beneficial for both water quality and re-purposing to reduce overall stormwater runoff. MNNRD received \$132,300 from NDEE through [OSG] funding. - \$132300.00 | \$ 132,300        |
| 64              | Milford             | NE0024333 | 2,155                         | Sewer main relining - \$125000.00; Sewer main replacement - \$50000.00; Manhole rehabilitation - \$50000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 225,000        |
| 65              | Miller              | NE0044997 | 129                           | Fencing Around Lagoon - \$40000.00; Effluent Pumps for Land Application - \$50000.00; Video Mains - \$40000.00; Repair/Clean Mains - \$90000.00; Sewer Study - \$20000.00; Sludge Removal - \$50000.00  | \$ 290,000        |

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| 27              | Milligan      | NE0039853  | 244                           | Sewer collection system repair - \$200000.00; Lift station and force main repair - \$300000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 500,000        |
| 62              | Minatare      | NE0043290  | 715                           | Lagoon Aeration - \$550000.00; Lagoon Rehabilitation - \$2000000.00; Bank Stabilization - \$50000.00  | \$ 2,600,000      |
| 65              | Minden        | NE0025411  | 3,118                         | Storm Sewer Improvements at Cemetery, E Hastings St - \$1092000.00; VFD Installation on 30 HP Blower at WWTP - \$76500.00; Collection System Master Plan - \$163800.00; Storm Sewer and Drainage Improvements in SE quarter of Town - \$1040000.00; UV disinfection system - \$350000.00  | \$ 2,722,300      |
| 89              | Mitchell      | NE0026123  | 1,548                         | Reducing the size of a cell in lagoon -   | \$ 500,000        |
| 70              | Monroe        | NE0046221  | 296                           | Replace existing mechanical wastewater treatment facility with new land application lagoon system outside of flood plain - \$2220000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 2,220,000      |
| 73              | Morrill       | exempt     | 934                           | Vac Truck Purchase - \$250000.00; Manhole Rehab - \$60000.00  | \$ 310,000        |
| 40              | Morse Bluff   | -          | 117                           | collection system - \$1000000.00; lagoon - \$1250000.00   | \$ 2,250,000      |
| 125             | Mullen        | NE01333329 | 500                           | Renovation to Existing Wastewater Treatment Facility - \$450000.00; Collection System Improvements - \$350000.00  | \$ 800,000        |
| 77              | Naponee       | exempt     | 83                            | Sewer Main Line Maintenance Program - \$30000.00  | \$ 30,000         |
| 111             | Nebraska City | NE0021245  | 7,222                         | WWTF effluent pumping station - \$1000000.00; Moving bed biofilm reactor (MBBR) and flood protection - \$11300000.00 - SFY Funding List 2024  | \$ 12,300,000     |
| 53              | Neligh        | NE0037010  | 1,536                         | Wastewater System Preliminary Engineering Reports - \$60000.00; Sanitary Sewer Extension to Serve Annexed Area - \$1000000.00; Replacement of High Maintenance Portion of Collection System - \$50000.00  | \$ 1,110,000      |
| 51              | Nelson        | exempt     | 456                           | Replace/repair storm sewer collection needs on main street - \$500000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 500,000        |
| 76              | Newman Grove  | NE0030996  | 667                           | Repair Manholes in Collection System - \$50000.00; Repair of Sewer Lines in Collection System - \$200000.00   | \$ 250,000        |
| 85              | Newport       | NE0114910  | 68                            | Flush and Clean Collection System - \$35000.00; Seal Lagoon and Well for Additional Water - \$100000.00   | \$ 135,000        |
| 91              | Niobrara      | NE0030716  | 365                           | Wastewater Treatment System Improvement - \$215000.00   | \$ 215,000        |
| 74              | Norfolk       | NE0033421  | 24,955                        | Omaha Ave. , Force Main and HWY 35 Gravity Sewer Improvements - \$9100000.00; WPC Plant - Class A Bio-Solids Study and Design - \$100000.00; WPC Rehab and Grit Removal & Overland Waste Receiving Station - \$9856000.00; WPC Plant Food Wall and Storm Water Pump System - \$3200000.00; WPC Plant BNR Evaluation - \$300000.00; WPC Admin Motor Control Center Replacement - \$300000.00 | \$ 22,856,000     |



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| 122             | North Bend | NE0040924                               | 1,279                         | Collection System Rehab - \$3020200.00; Satellite Lift Station Improvements - \$432000.00; Wastewater Treatment Improvements - \$7027800.00  | \$ 10,480,000     |
| 51              | North Loup | NE0029173                               | 254                           | 1500LF Sanitary Sewer Replacement - \$100000.00; 1200 LF Lining - \$50000.00; Televised and Cleaning Mains - \$40000.00  | \$ 190,000        |
| 67              | Oakdale    | NE0049069                               | 276                           | Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements - \$150000.00  | \$ 150,000        |
| 73              | Oakland    | NE024023                                | 1,369                         | Sewer Main Televising - \$80000.00; Sewer Main Relining - \$500000.00; Sewer Main Repair - \$50000.00; Manhole Repair - \$25000.00   | \$ 655,000        |
| 85              | Oconto     | NE0131997                               | 138                           | Replace Sewer Main - \$150000.00; Rehab Lagoon Cell - \$500000.00; Preliminary Engineering Report - \$30000.00; Adjust Manhole Cover - \$10000.00; GIS Mapping Collection System - \$5000.00   | \$ 695,000        |
| 65              | Odell      | NE0040975                               | 260                           | New Lagoons - \$2000000.00; Slip Lining - \$100000.00; Replace Sewer Line - \$100000.00; TV Inspection - \$25000.00; New Residential Pump Station - \$25000.00; Wastewater Facility Plan - \$30000.00  | \$ 2,280,000      |
| 114             | Ogallala   | NE0040045                               | 4,878                         | Wastewater Preliminary Engineering Report - \$155000.00; WWTF Improvements - \$5000000.00; Lift Station and Collection System Improvements - \$2000000.00; Storm Sewer Improvements - \$345000.00  | \$ 7,500,000      |
| 67              | Ohiova     | NE0129453                               | 120                           | Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement - \$100000.00; CCTV Collection System - \$40000.00; Replace/Rehab Splitter Box - \$10000.00  | \$ 150,000        |
| 161             | Omaha      | NE0036358 /<br>NE0112810 /<br>NE0133680 | 486,051                       | North downtown sewer separation \$1650000.00; Nicholas pump station improvements \$2950000.00; North downtown sanitary sewer lift station \$1180000.00; Sewer crossing stabilization at Thomas Creek and Ida streets \$600000.00; Giles Road siphon replacement \$3500000.00; 145th and Grover sanitary sewer relocation \$3320000.00; Carter Lake force main replacement \$8000000.00; Papillion Creek interceptor sewer \$15500000.00; West Papio interceptor siphon replacement \$5450000.00; Cole Creek CSO 203 sewer separation \$10100000.00; Forest Lawn Creek inflow removal and outfall storm sewer \$29500000.00; Nicholas Street sewer extension - Phase 3B \$22300000.00; CSO 212 - 64th Ave and William St \$9900000.00; CSO 119 south barrel conversion & sewer separation \$19100000.00; Bridge St and Missouri Ave lift station replacements \$6100000.00; Pershing and Inplant lift station and municipal headworks \$16800000.00; Papillion Creek belt filter solids dewatering replacement \$2700000.00; 6th and Leavenworth grit station replacement \$10000000.00; Missouri River WRRF digester 2 and 3 improvements \$24000000.00; Papillion Creek WRRF thermophilic digestion \$81000000.00; Papillion Creek WRRF biogas treatment and pipeline injection \$24900000.00; Missouri | \$ 431,550,000    |

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|                 |           |           |                               | River WRRF Phase 1 secondary expansion \$11000000.00; Missouri River WRRF flood hardening \$23000000.00 - SFY 2024  |                   |
| 95              | O'Neill   | NE0049051 | 3,581                         | Douglas Street to Hynes on 10th 6 blocks of lining - \$90142.00; Archer Street to Hynes Avenue 2 blocks of lining - \$34562; Morton Street and Fremont west to Cleveland lining - \$37710.00; Grant Street, 10th Street to 5th Street lining - \$172000.00; Douglas and 8th Street north upgrade 6" to 8" \$100000.00; Storm sewer drainage - \$890000.00 - SFY Funding List 2024 | \$ 1,324,414      |
| 90              | Ong       | exempt    | 49                            | Repair Liner Lagoon Cell - \$85000.00   | \$ 85,000         |
| 52              | Orchard   | exempt    | 363                           | 3000 feet open channel diversion ditch with a country roadway crossing - \$170000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 170,000        |
| 69              | Ord       | NE0024392 | 2,113                         | Sanitary Sewer Collection System Improvements - \$500000.00   | \$ 500,000        |
| 80              | Orleans   | NE0045268 | 341                           | Erosion Repair, Sludge Removal - \$300000.00; Rip Rap - \$500000.00; Evaluation of Sewer Facility - \$25900.00; CCTV System - \$40000.00  | \$ 865,900        |
| 49              | Osceola   | NE0046230 | 875                           | Miscellaneous System repairs - \$20000.00; Lift Station Repairs - \$50000.00  | \$ 70,000         |
| 64              | Oshkosh   | NE0021181 | 809                           | System Repairs in CCTV Investigation - \$50000.00   | \$ 50,000         |
| 61              | Osmond    | NE0040029 | 794                           | Remove/Repair Manholes & Wastewater System Repairs - \$350000.00; Septic Tank Effluent Pumping Study - \$450000.00  | \$ 800,000        |
| 80              | Otoe      | NE0121673 | 161                           | Fixing Sewer Issues from Smoke Testing Results - \$55000.00; Lift Station Improvements - \$350000.00; Lagoon Improvements - \$1000000.00  | \$ 1,405,000      |
| 87              | Overton   | NE0039993 | 607                           | Seal Lagoon Cells - \$150000.00; Rip Rap - \$750000.00; SCADA - \$25000.00  | \$ 925,000        |
| 67              | Oxford    | NE0031828 | 718                           | Sanitary Lift Station VFD - \$65000.00; Sanitary Lift Station Control Panel Up-Grade - \$45000.00; Sanitary Sewer Main Extensions & Replacements - \$325000.00; Sanitary Sewer Manhole Replacements & Rehab - \$250000.00; Box Culvert to Replace Aging Bridge - \$300000.00  | \$ 985,000        |
| 56              | Palisade  | NE0026115 | 294                           | Portable Emergency Generator at Lift Station - \$45000.00; Erosion Protection at Lagoon System - \$250000.00; Construction of New Manhole & Rehab of Manholes - \$30000.00  | \$ 325,000        |
| 56              | Palmer    | NE0031259 | 439                           | Replace Existing Lift Station at Zurich St & 3rd Road - \$366850.00; Remove & Replace ten existing sewer manhole - \$158125.00  | \$ 524,975        |
| 36              | Palmyra   | exempt    | 534                           | Refurbish existing lagoons - \$325000 - SFY 2024  | \$ 325,000        |
| 65              | Panama    | NE0046256 | 235                           | Lagoon Improvement - \$1600000.00; CIPP Lining - \$100000.00  | \$ 1,700,000      |
| 56              | Paxton    | NE0041289 | 516                           | Sanitary System Collection System Improvement - \$250000.00; Storm Sewer System Improvement - \$250000.00   | \$ 500,000        |

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| 97              | Pender        | NE0040908 | 1,115                         | Collection system upgrades/repair - \$6785000.00; Control upgrade WWTF - \$150000.00; New clarifier - \$1215000.00; Influent equipment repairs - \$75000.00; Influent L.S. rehab - \$475000.00; Blower reconfiguration - \$80000.00; Remove and replace 7 culvert crossings along Rattlesnake Creek & Constructing a detention cell on the northwest side of town - \$1300000.00 - SFY Funding List 2024                          | \$ 10,080,000     |
| 55              | Peru          | NE0112232 | 648                           | Sanitary Sewer Evaluation - \$187500.00; Collection System Improvement - \$687500.00  | \$ 875,000        |
| 71              | Petersburg    | NE0029157 | 332                           | Replacement of Sewer Line in Alley of Block 8 - \$70000.00; Replacement or Rehab Sewer Collection Lines - \$200000.00; Wastewater System Study - \$50000.00   | \$ 320,000        |
| 91              | Phillips      | NE0124311 | 320                           | Land Apply Equipment - \$350000.00  | \$ 350,000        |
| 46              | Pickrell      | NE0045276 | 186                           | Lift station backup generator - \$100000.00; Install an 8-inch sanitary sewer for fire station improvement - \$32000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 132,000        |
| 71              | Pilger        | NE0027294 | 240                           | Clean Main and Repairs - \$100000.00  | \$ 100,000        |
| 84              | Plainview     | NE0021741 | 1,282                         | Sewer Main Repairs - \$400000.00; Lift Station - \$150000.00; Sewer Mains Inspection - \$30000.00; Lagoon Addition & Improvement - \$500000.00  | \$ 1,080,000      |
| 51              | Platte Center | NE0046264 | 333                           | Collection System Improvements and Expansion and SCADA Controls - \$300000.00   | \$ 300,000        |
| 138             | Plattsmouth   | NE0021121 | 6,544                         | Osage Ranch sewage pumping station replacement - \$250000.00; 17th Ave sanitary sewer replacement - \$90000.00; WWTF Relocation - \$27,000,000 - SFY 2024   | \$ 27,340,000     |
| 26              | Pleasant Dale | exempt    | 218                           | Closed Circuit Inspection Study - \$25000.00; Install Main to Eliminate a Lift Station - \$200000.00  | \$ 225,000        |
| 70              | Pleasanton    | NE0045292 | 361                           | 1,500 LF Sewer Line Replacement - \$100000.00; Remove Sludge - \$150000.00; Rehab Inactive Lagoon - \$350000.00   | \$ 600,000        |
| 85              | Plymouth      | NE0040894 | 364                           | Sewer CIPP Lining - \$600000.00   | \$ 600,000        |
| 47              | Polk          | -         | 346                           | Remove Sludge - \$65000.00; CCTV Sewers and Clean - \$40000.00; Renovate Lift Station - \$200000.00   | \$ 305,000        |
| 102             | Ponca         | NE0021687 | 907                           | Clean, televise, & repair sewer mains - \$125000.00; Lift station repairs - Backup generator installation - \$40000.00; Treatment facility equipment repairs and replacement - \$150000.00; Manhole rehabilitation & replacement, removal of flushing equipment, elevation adjustments - \$225000.00; Storm sewer repair & replace storm sewer drainage - \$600000.00; Extend sanitary sewer system south of Hwy 12 - \$250000.00 | \$ 1,390,000      |
| 35              | Potter        | exempt    | 342                           | Installing a storm water drainage system - \$2000000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 2,000,000      |
| 81              | Prague        | NE0046272 | 291                           | Lagoon liner repair - \$200000.00   | \$ 200,000        |

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| 72              | Ralston   | -         | 6,494                         | Burlington Street Sanitary Sewer Replacement and Rehab - \$5000000.00; Oak Park Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation - \$100000.00; P Street Stormwater Improvements - \$75000.00; Urban Drainage and Water Quality Retention - Highland to Belmont Dr. - \$1250000.00; Sanitary Sewer Replacement / Rehabilitation - \$550000.00; Ralston Creek Rehabilitation - \$2500000.00  | \$ 9,475,000      |
| 57              | Randolph  | NE0029149 | 879                           | Upgrades WWTF/Study (Lift Station, Sludge Treatment, Backup Power) - \$2000000.00; Sewer Line Repairs - \$250000.00; UV Disinfection Improvements - \$325000.00  | \$ 2,575,000      |
| 64              | Ravenna   | NE0021547 | 1,441                         | 4800 L.F. Sewer Main Lining - \$200000.00; Lagoon Dredging (Old Lagoons) - \$200000.00; Sewer Pumps - \$30000.00   | \$ 430,000        |
| 66              | Raymond   | NE0046281 | 159                           | Collection System Improvements - \$150000.00   | \$ 150,000        |
| 79              | Red Cloud                                       | exempt    | 962                           | Sewer Main CIPP Improvements - \$650000.00; Lift Station Rehab - \$70000.00; Backup Generator - \$40000.00   | \$ 760,000        |
| 95              | Republican City                                 | NE0021636 | 134                           | Security Fence Around Lagoon - \$60000.00; Rip-Rap on Bank - \$250000.00; Clean and Repair Mains - \$75000.00; Dredge Lagoons - \$100000.00  | \$ 485,000        |
| 51              | Riverdale                                       | NE0131946 | 247                           | Replace Sewer Mains (4 blocks) - \$200000.00; Lagoon Rip Rap - \$150000.00   | \$ 350,000        |
| 52              | Riverside Mobile Home Park                      | -         |                               | Sewer main and force main improvements - \$204600.00; Package or mound treatment system - \$50000.00; Effluent Pump Station - \$70400.00   | \$ 325,000        |
| 65              | Rockville                                       | NE0114847 | 89                            | Rip-Rap on Lagoon Slopes - \$100000.00; Remove Sludge - \$50000.00; Lift Station Rehab - \$100000.00; Back-Up Power Generator and Electrical - \$20000.00; Preliminary Engineering Report - \$30000.00   | \$ 300,000        |
| 46              | Rosalie   | -         | 159                           | Sanitary Sewer Televising and Cleaning - \$70000.00  | \$ 70,000         |
| 48              | Rushville                                       | NE0029246 | 816                           | Dredge lagoons - \$400000.00   | \$ 400,000        |
| 67              | Sargent   | NE0032573 | 500                           | Extend Mains - \$75000.00  | \$ 75,000         |
| 27              | Sarpy County and Sarpy Cities Wastewater Agency | -         | 190,604                       | Engineering, Legal, Administrative Expenses, Construction Services and Observation - \$16000000.00; Land, Structures, Easements, Appraisals, etc. - \$4000000.00; Construction is preliminarily assumed to include approx. 8 miles of wastewater interceptor sewer ranging between 18-inch and 42-inch in diameter, approx. 4 miles of wastewater force main (approx. 18-inch diameter), and a wastewater lift station with a design capacity of approx. 3 MGD. - \$8000000.00 | \$ 100,000,000    |
| 32              | Sarpy County SID #29                            | -         | 81                            | Cluster system lateral repair - \$75000.00; Replace community septic tank - \$200000.00; Storm water runoff controls - \$30000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 305,000        |
| 42              | Saunders County SID #8 - Woodcliff Lake         | -         | 925                           | Storm water management program - \$600800.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 600,800        |

| Priority Points | Community        | NPDES ID# | US Census 2018-2022 Est. Pop. | Project Description   | Project Est. Cost |
|-----------------|------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 67              | Schuyler         | NE0042358 | 6,547                         | Add Additional Secondary Lagoon Cell for Further Land Application - \$2300000.00; Lift Station Upgrades - \$250000.00; Manholes Rehab/Sewer Lining - \$650000.00; New Outfall Line to Platte River - \$1200000.00   | \$ 4,400,000      |
| 85              | Scotia           | NE0023973 | 301                           | Need additional Sewer Lining - \$150000.00  | \$ 150,000        |
| 55              | Scottsbluff      | NE0036315 | 14,436                        | Backup Generator Power Supply Replacement - \$425000.00; Belt Press MCC & Control Panel Replacement - \$141000.00; Screw Pump Slide Gate Replacement - \$142000.00  | \$ 708,000        |
| 100             | Scribner         | NE0023787 | 543                           | Treatment Plant Modification/Replacement - \$5000000.00; Lining Sewer Mains - \$1300000.00; Study - \$40000.00  | \$ 6,340,000      |
| 71              | Seward           | NE0023876 | 7,643                         | WWT Planning - FP update, PER, Plans and specs - \$1200000.00; WWTP - convert from trickling filter to suspended growth/activated sludge for nutrient removal - \$16000000.00; Sewer extension - \$400000.00; Sewer replacement - \$100000.00; Storage shed for PVC pipe - \$100000.00 - SFY 2024 | \$ 17,800,000     |
| 71              | Shelby           | NE0024015 | 710                           | Grading of Lagoon Dikes, Crushing of Large Sidewalk Along Dike Walls, Sealing of Lagoon/Adding A Cell - \$750000.00; Sewer CCTV - \$35000.00; Repair Sewer Main - \$100000.00   | \$ 885,000        |
| 49              | Shelton          | NE0030988 | 1,034                         | Remove Sludge - \$50000.00; Rehab Inactive Lagoon Cell - \$100000.00; Sewer Repairs - \$50000.00  | \$ 200,000        |
| 50              | Shickley         | NE0030767 | 347                           | Sewer Collection System Repair - \$500000.00; Mechanical WWTF Repair/Improvements/Replacement - \$3000000.00; Individual Water Meters - \$500000.00   | \$ 4,000,000      |
| 62              | Shubert          | NE0021725 | 163                           | Sewer plant replacement of blower - \$5000.00; Replace diffuser air manifold - \$6000.00; Replace sludge return trough - \$5000.00; Replace clarifier weir - \$5000.00; Insulate (spray foam) clarifier building - \$10000.00   | \$ 31,000         |
| 57              | Silver Creek     | NE0030724 | 320                           | Planning Grant - \$35000.00; Televising Sewer Mains - \$25000.00; Sewer Main Lining - \$200000.00; Lagoon Improvements - \$400000.00; Improvements to existing lift station, replacing pumps and appurtances - \$150000.00  | \$ 810,000        |
| 31              | Snyder           | NE0046311 | 254                           | Clean Mains - \$80000.00; Sewer Main Extensions - \$100000.00   | \$ 180,000        |
| 118             | South Sioux City | NE0139904 | 14,043                        | WWTF Expansion - \$68000000.00; Gas line from new WWTF to Tyson WWTF - \$5000000.00; Sewer line upgrades - \$2000000.00   | \$ 75,000,000     |
| 62              | Spalding         | -         | 408                           | Replace Existing Mains - \$400000.00  | \$ 400,000        |
| 65              | Spencer          | NE0049042 | 408                           | Rehab Sanitary Sewer Mains and Manholes - \$350000.00; Sewer Plant Upgrade - \$2000000.00; Sewer Vac Truck - \$150000.00  | \$ 2,500,000      |
| 35              | Sprague          | NE0112054 | 136                           | Sewer CIPP Lining - \$100000.00; Sewer Collection Improvements - \$100000.00  | \$ 200,000        |

| Priority Points | Community                                 | NPDES ID# | US Census 2018-2022 Est. Pop. | Project Description  | Project Est. Cost |
|-----------------|---|-----------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 33              | Springfield                               | NE0041343 | 1,501                         | Root invasion repairs - \$210000.00; Inflow/Infiltration remedies - \$1100000.00; Sewer meter connection to Sarpy County Sewer Agency system - \$165000.00   | \$ 1,475,000      |
| 87              | St. Edward                                | NE0027332 | 725                           | Water Meters - \$400000.00; WW Facility Repairs - \$400000.00; Sewer CIPP - \$750000.00  | \$ 1,550,000      |
| 67              | St. Helena                                | NE0131199 | 89                            | Replace flow meter system in meter pit at the lagoon - \$5000.00   | \$ 5,000          |
| 89              | St. Paul                                  | NE0027324 | 2,416                         | EDC Middle Loup Subdivision Sanitary Sewer Extension - \$250000.00; Downtown Revitalization Sanitary Sewer Replacement - \$65000.00; Manhole Rehabilitation - \$10500.00; Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement (approx. 200 LF) - \$18000.00  | \$ 343,500        |
| 65              | Stamford                                  | NE3108301 | 158                           | Removal of berm in old lagoon cells and repair damaged HDPE erosion control with concrete rip-rap - \$300000.00; Repair concrete level marker in lagoon cell - \$20000.00  | \$ 320,000        |
| 64              | Stanton Cnty<br>SID #1 -<br>Woodland Park | -         | 1,866                         | Sewer Line Repairs / Manhole Repairs - \$325000.00   | \$ 325,000        |
| 45              | Staplehurst                               | NE0040959 | 236                           | Lagoon with Land Application - \$1200000.00; Sewer Main Cured in Place Lining - \$100000.00; Manhole Repair - \$50000.00; Replace Sewer Service Connections - \$50000.00   | \$ 1,400,000      |
| 57              | Stapleton                                 | NE0047287 | 267                           | Replace 600ft main sewer line - \$35000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 35,000         |
| 85              | Stratton                                  | -         | 310                           | Renovation of the lift station controls and rehabilitation of west cell #2 of the existing WWTF with new control and equalization structures - \$750000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 750,000        |
| 57              | Stromsburg                                | NE0024325 | 1,143                         | Proportional Weirs - \$40000.00; Lagoon Piping Modifications - \$100000.00; New Force Main - \$300000.00; Collection System Pipe Replacement, Manhole Replacement, Manhole Lining, CCTV - \$900000.00; Solar Mixes - \$250000.00; Automatic Flushing Repairs, Screen Repairs, Replace Lift Station on W 9th Street - \$415000.00 | \$ 2,005,000      |
| 55              | Stuart                                    | NE0023949 | 486                           | Facility Plan - \$40000.00; CIPP Sewer Line Repairs - \$1500000.00; Sewer System Extension / Lift Station(s) - \$325000.00   | \$ 1,865,000      |
| 51              | Sumner                                    | NE0045322 | 252                           | Sludge Removal - \$80000.00; Rehab Lagoon Cell - \$50000.00  | \$ 130,000        |
| 144             | Superior                                  | NE0023809 | 1,825                         | 2024 Park Street CIPP Project - \$95000.00; 2025 Colorado Street CIPP Project - \$95000.00; 2026 National Street CIPP Project - \$95000.00   | \$ 285,000        |
| 58              | Sutherland                                | NE0139653 | 1,313                         | Evaluation - \$4500.00; Construction of a new lagoon cell. - \$836101.00; Construction of storm sewer along Pine Street - \$1470076.00   | \$ 2,310,677      |
| 67              | Sutton                                    | -         | 1,447                         | Sewer Main CIPP Improvements - \$900000.00; Sewer Main Extensions to Serve Existing Septic Tank Users and Proposed Areas - \$350000.00; Water Service Meters - \$1300000.00; Storm Sewer Improvements - \$600000.00  | \$ 3,150,000      |
| 71              | Swanton                                   | NE0045349 | 82                            | Sewer CIPP Lining - \$100000.00  | \$ 100,000        |

| Priority Points | Community  | NPDES ID# | US Census 2018-2022 Est. Pop. | Project Description   | Project Est. Cost |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 88              | Syracuse   | NE0040282 | 1,941                         | UV Improvements - \$181000.00; DO Monitor for Aeration Basin, WAS Flow Meter for Final Clarifier, WAS Sludge Pump for Aerobic Digester - \$71000.00; Complete Retention Lagoon Sludge Removal - \$754000.00; TV Inspection, Slip Lining, Collection System Repairs - \$100000.00; Storm Water Detention Cell - \$478525.00; WWTF Misc. Repairs - \$50000.00 | \$ 1,634,525      |
| 62              | Table Rock | NE0023868 | 233                           | New Wastewater Treatment Plant - \$1250000.00; Collection System Rehabilitation - \$650000.00   | \$ 1,900,000      |
| 71              | Talmage    | NE0112526 | 198                           | Collection System Improvements - \$150000.00  | \$ 150,000        |
| 85              | Taylor     | NE0139297 | 141                           | Sanitary Sewer Main Replacement - \$2000000.00  | \$ 2,000,000      |
| 48              | Tekamah    | NE0123072 | 1,714                         | Extra pump at main lift station - \$150000.00; SCADA - \$155000.00; Inflow/Infiltration Study - \$70000.00; Inflow/Infiltration correction & upgrades - \$225000.00   | \$ 600,000        |
| 83              | Terrytown  | -         | 1,057                         | Collection System Rehabilitation - \$30000.00; SCADA upgrade to allow for SCADA to monitor lift stations - \$45000.00; Sanitary Sewer upgrades in Monument View Mobile Home Park - \$230750.00; Main Plant Lift Station Rehab - \$100000.00   | \$ 405,750        |
| 48              | Tilden     | NE0027910 | 992                           | Replacement of sewer main on Antelope Street - \$400000.00; Repair of manholes and collection system - \$250000.00; Replacement of main on California Street from 5th Street South - \$200000.00; Extension of sewer main on East 3rd Street - \$100000.00; SCADA System - \$75000.00   | \$ 1,025,000      |
| 46              | Tobias     | NE0027316 | 114                           | Sewer Collection System Improvements (CIPP) - \$125000.00   | \$ 125,000        |
| 77              | Trenton    | NE0058219 | 516                           | Collection System Maintenance and Cleaning with Manhole Extensions - \$20000.00   | \$ 20,000         |
| 27              | Trumbull   | exempt    | 194                           | Manhole and sewer main cleaning and inspections. Replacement or repairs if needed - \$60000.00  | \$ 60,000         |
| 87              | Unadilla   | NE0025461 | 296                           | Circulator in lagoon cell to decrease ammonia levels - \$5000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 5,000          |
| 51              | Upland     | NE0027952 | 125                           | Sludge Removal - \$90000.00   | \$ 90,000         |
| 86              | Valentine  | NE0051489 | 2,633                         | WWTF Blower Upgrades - \$375000.00; Development Street Sewer Extension - \$100000.00; Interceptor Sewer - \$5600000.00  | \$ 6,075,000      |
| 35              | Valparaiso | NE0112976 | 595                           | Add to existing lagoon and/or install crop irrigation to land apply treated wastewater - \$1500000.00; Slip line possible trouble areas in the distribution system to control in flow and infiltration - \$300000.00  | \$ 1,800,000      |
| 92              | Verdigre   | NE0139611 | 554                           | Rehab Sanitary Sewer Mains & Manholes - Phase 1 - \$200000.00; Lift Station Repairs - \$75000.00; Sewer Line Replacement - \$375000.00; Rehab Sanitary Sewer Main and Manholes - Phase 2 - \$400000.00  | \$ 1,050,000      |

| Priority Points | Community     | NPDES ID# | US Census 2018-2022 Est. Pop. | Project Description   | Project Est. Cost |
|-----------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 65              | Wahoo         | NE0021679 | 4,818                         | Discharge Water re-use for screening and wash water - \$150000.00; Digester Covers - \$375000.00; SCADA System - \$250000.00; Washwater Equipment Storage Building - \$250000.00; Final Clarifier Covers - \$100000.00; Sanitary Sewer Extensions - numerous locations - \$5580000.00 | \$ 6,705,000      |
| 59              | Wakefield     | NE0049018 | 1,522                         | Sewer jet machine - \$30000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 30,000         |
| 97              | Waterloo      | NE0043311 | 935                           | Wastewater treatment facility lift station repairs - \$1000000.00; Line sewer mains - \$500000.00; Main replacements - \$500000.00  | \$ 2,000,000      |
| 97              | Wauneta       | NE0023841 | 549                           | Design and Construction of an additional wastewater lagoon to address NDEE Non-Compliance - \$700000.00; Clean two existing lagoon cells - \$150000.00  | \$ 850,000        |
| 31              | Wausa         | NE0039861 | 592                           | WWTF Evaluation/Study - \$40000.00; Sewer Main & Lift Station Repair - \$725000.00  | \$ 765,000        |
| 71              | Waverly       | NE0024406 | 4,279                         | Sewer main extension (west Waverly) - \$400000.00; Storm sewer ditch cleaning along Hwy 6 - \$394000.00 - SFY 2024  | \$ 794,000        |
| 62              | Wayne         | NE0033111 | 5,973                         | Comp Storm / Sewer System Study - \$100000.00; Sewer Line Repair - \$325000.00; Sewer Extension - \$1500000.00; WWTF (Drum Screen Replacement) - \$1000000.00; LS Upgrades - \$150000.00; Sewer Service Separation (1st / Douglas) - \$300000.00                                      | \$ 3,375,000      |
| 78              | Weeping Water | NE0046329 | 1,029                         | Blower Replacement - \$72000.00; Clarifier Rehabilitation - \$72000.00; Grit Removal System - \$650000.00   | \$ 794,000        |
| 80              | West Point    | NE0023965 | 3,500                         | Lagoon Improvements for dewatering and sludge removal - \$500000.00; Collection system mapping and study - \$50000.00; Replacement of sewer main on Sheridan Street - \$1500000.00  | \$ 2,050,000      |
| 56              | Western       | NE0042501 | 227                           | Sewer CIPP Lining - \$100000.00   | \$ 100,000        |
| 85              | Whitney       | -         | 62                            | Raise Manhole Ring and Covers - \$10000.00; Sanitary Sewer Main Cleaning - \$35000.00; Construct Sanitary Sewer Manhole - \$8000.00; Replacement of Sanitary Sewer Manholes - \$150000.00; Rehabilitation of Lagoon Cells - \$375000.00   | \$ 578,000        |
| 68              | Wilber        | NE0045373 | 1,937                         | CCTV Sewers - \$100000.00; Additional aerated sludge holding tank - \$1000000.00; Remove grit from oxidation ditch - \$350000.00  | \$ 1,450,000      |
| 37              | Wilcox        | NE0045381 | 330                           | WWTF Maintenance - \$50000.00; Sewer Main Repairs - \$50000.00  | \$ 100,000        |
| 32              | Winnebago     | NE0113212 | 916                           | Effluent flow monitoring device - \$7959000.00 - SFY 2024   | \$ 7,959,000      |
| 50              | Winside       | NE0043320 | 379                           | Sewer Main Repair/Replacement - \$250000.00; Pump Spare - \$25000.00; Sewer Main CIPP - \$400000.00   | \$ 675,000        |
| 93              | Wisner        | NE0023957 | 1,239                         | Sewer System Repair CIPP - \$600000.00  | \$ 600,000        |
| 40              | Wolbach       | NE0040088 | 224                           | Wastewater System Study - \$40000.00; Sanitary Sewer Main Lining/Repair/Reconstruction - \$150000.00; Rehabilitation/New Ponds - \$1200000.00   | \$ 1,390,000      |



| Priority Points | Community  | NPDES ID# | US Census 2018-2022 Est. Pop. | Project Description   | Project Est. Cost |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| 67              | Wood River | NE0021661 | 1,172                         | Extension for new subdivisions, Thelen 6th Subdivision - \$196000.00; Wastewater Treatment Facility - \$16000000.00; Wood River Drainage Improvements - Advance Assistance Project - \$4300000.00   | \$ 20,496,000     |
| 89              | Wymore     | NE0021130 | 1,377                         | Cured in place pipe - \$150000.00   | \$ 150,000        |
| 91              | Wynot      | NE0127663 | 216                           | Sewer Collection System Upgrades - \$125000.00; Annual Pumping of Lagoon - \$150000.00; Clean and Televising Sewer Mains - \$75000.00   | \$ 350,000        |
| 58              | York       | NE0040932 | 8,066                         | South 81 lift station upgrade - \$800000.00; Storm water improvement - \$250000.00  | \$ 1,050,000      |
| 62              | Yutan      | NE0024376 | 1,347                         | Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation (CIPP and Spot Repairs) - \$500000.00; Lagoon Capacity Upgrades - \$1500000.00; Trunk Sewer Extension to Serve Future NW Development - \$1600000.00; Sewer Extension to Serve Industrial Development - \$1400000.00 | \$ 5,000,000      |

**Total Estimated Costs \$ 1,347,701,334**

(1), (2), (3), (4) CW Needs Survey can be carried forward for up to four years if the project is in process. The number behind the community name indicates the number of years it has been carried forward from the prior year(s).

Behind the priority points indicates communities that were in mid-process and therefore were carried over from the prior year.

**F** – Identifies projects that are a part of the IUP Funding List.

**GPR** - Identifies projects that are a part of the IUP Green Project Reserve Funding List.

**2020 U.S. Census** - Bureau estimated resident population, published by American Fact Finder.

**2018-2022 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, published by U.S. Census Bureau**

## APPENDIX B1-a

### CWSRF LIST OF NEBRASKA COMMUNITIES, NRDs, SIDs, and COUNTIES

All Nebraska communities and Sanitary Improvement Districts (SID) in this Appendix may have aging infrastructure or other wastewater issues that are not listed on the current Funding or Planning lists, but may still need investigation, maintenance, and/or replacement. Being included in this IUP and on this list does not mean the community or SID will need, seek out, or receive funding from the CWSRF, but it does recognize the community's or SID's possible future needs which may be undocumented at this time. These communities and SIDs have been given zero (0) points, while still recognizing there is likely a potential need in the thousands of dollars in each community:

| COMMUNITY  | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Abie       | \$49,063               | 65                      |
| Adams      | \$72,917               | 604                     |
| Agnew      | NO ACS DATA            | 30                      |
| Ainsworth  | \$47,576               | 1,616                   |
| Albion     | \$67,721               | 1,699                   |
| Alda       | \$54,583               | 647                     |
| Alexandria | \$51,094               | 148                     |
| Allen      | \$53,594               | 355                     |
| Alliance   | \$58,214               | 8,151                   |
| Alma       | \$52,679               | 1,043                   |
| Alvo       | \$81,250               | 115                     |
| Ames       | NO ACS DATA            | 14                      |
| Amherst    | \$63,929               | 201                     |
| Anoka      | NO ACS DATA            | 10                      |
| Anselmo    | \$55,625               | 108                     |
| Ansley     | \$61,458               | 459                     |
| Arapahoe   | \$71,250               | 1,002                   |
| Arcadia    | \$86,875               | 283                     |
| Archer     | \$56,544               | 68                      |
| Arlington  | \$85,938               | 1,300                   |
| Arnold     | \$66,250               | 592                     |
| Arthur     | \$32,250               | 128                     |
| Ashland    | \$78,966               | 3,086                   |

| COMMUNITY       | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Ashton          | \$58,750               | 198                     |
| Aten            | \$250,000              | 134                     |
| Atkinson        | \$72,656               | 1,306                   |
| Atlanta         | \$75,500               | 106                     |
| Auburn          | \$59,167               | 3,470                   |
| Aurora          | \$66,328               | 4,678                   |
| Avoca           | \$68,125               | 178                     |
| Axtell          | \$63,125               | 732                     |
| Ayr             | \$49,750               | 83                      |
| Bancroft        | \$51,406               | 496                     |
| Barada          | \$58,438               | 21                      |
| Barneston       | \$50,000               | 90                      |
| Bartlett        | \$44,250               | 109                     |
| Bartley         | \$68,594               | 270                     |
| Bassett         | \$50,938               | 538                     |
| Battle Creek    | \$89,191               | 1,194                   |
| Bayard          | \$60,000               | 1,140                   |
| Bazile Mills    | \$105,000              | 26                      |
| Beacon          | \$95,417               | 55                      |
| Beatrice        | \$49,537               | 12,261                  |
| Beaver City     | \$40,625               | 537                     |
| Beaver Crossing | \$63,173               | 375                     |
| Bee             | \$63,750               | 171                     |

| COMMUNITY    | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Beemer       | \$64,432               | 611                     |
| Belden       | \$71,786               | 113                     |
| Belgrade     | NO ACS DATA            | 103                     |
| Bellevue     | \$79,839               | 64,176                  |
| Bellwood     | \$61,667               | 407                     |
| Belmar       | \$112,917              | 199                     |
| Belvidere    | \$65,833               | 51                      |
| Benedict     | \$59,583               | 203                     |
| Benkelman    | \$45,294               | 821                     |
| Bennet       | \$93,125               | 1,082                   |
| Bennington   | \$94,444               | 2,026                   |
| Berea        | \$46,667               | 49                      |
| Bertrand     | \$66,875               | 709                     |
| Berwyn       | \$43,125               | 75                      |
| Big Springs  | \$65,694               | 394                     |
| Bladen       | \$61,250               | 205                     |
| Blair        | \$74,058               | 7,790                   |
| Bloomfield   | \$56,313               | 986                     |
| Bloomington  | \$58,750               | 110                     |
| Blue Hill    | \$61,250               | 805                     |
| Blue Springs | \$36,563               | 282                     |
| Bow Valley   | \$71,250               | 95                      |
| Boys Town    | \$69,583               | 410                     |

| COMMUNITY    | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Bradshaw     | \$68,417               | 273                     |
| Brady        | \$63,333               | 383                     |
| Brainard     | \$71,250               | 336                     |
| Brewster     | \$24,196               | 12                      |
| Bridgeport   | \$55,652               | 1,454                   |
| Bristow      | \$57,813               | 70                      |
| Broadwater   | \$43,750               | 95                      |
| Brock        | \$30,625               | 123                     |
| Broken Bow   | \$49,425               | 3,506                   |
| Brownlee     | NO ACS DATA            | 13                      |
| Brownville   | \$105,625              | 139                     |
| Brule        | \$44,904               | 331                     |
| Bruning      | \$70,000               | 281                     |
| Bruno        | \$34,712               | 95                      |
| Brunswick    | \$73,958               | 152                     |
| Burchard     | \$50,417               | 76                      |
| Burr         | \$40,000               | 52                      |
| Burton       | NO ACS DATA            | 11                      |
| Burwell      | \$65,313               | 1,087                   |
| Bushnell     | \$28,750               | 115                     |
| Butte        | \$46,875               | 286                     |
| Byron        | \$60,833               | 83                      |
| Cairo        | \$51,630               | 822                     |
| Callaway     | \$51,944               | 563                     |
| Cambridge    | \$61,250               | 1,071                   |
| Campbell     | \$78,958               | 272                     |
| Carleton     | \$76,765               | 92                      |
| Carroll      | \$57,813               | 191                     |
| Cedar Bluffs | \$72,000               | 615                     |
| Cedar Creek  | \$110,750              | 465                     |
| Cedar Rapids | \$51,250               | 382                     |
| Center       | \$46,250               | 79                      |

| COMMUNITY    | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Central City | \$54,063               | 3,039                   |
| Ceresco      | \$96,125               | 919                     |
| Chadron      | \$53,728               | 5,206                   |
| Chalco       | \$81,800               | 11,064                  |
| Chambers     | \$47,250               | 288                     |
| Champion     | NO ACS DATA            | 115                     |
| Chapman      | \$62,375               | 260                     |
| Chappell     | \$53,276               | 844                     |
| Cheney       | \$96,250               | 164                     |
| Chester      | \$72,727               | 224                     |
| Clarks       | \$52,750               | 344                     |
| Clarkson     | \$63,750               | 641                     |
| Clatonia     | \$59,375               | 263                     |
| Clay Center  | \$72,083               | 735                     |
| Clearwater   | \$63,750               | 320                     |
| Clinton      | \$84,583               | 38                      |
| Cody         | \$48,750               | 168                     |
| Coleridge    | \$42,344               | 537                     |
| Colon        | \$59,792               | 107                     |
| Columbus     | \$65,341               | 24,028                  |
| Comstock     | \$48,750               | 68                      |
| Concord      | \$80,625               | 126                     |
| Cook         | \$62,500               | 319                     |
| Cordova      | \$57,500               | 92                      |
| Cornlea      | \$87,500               | 33                      |
| Cortland     | \$71,563               | 504                     |
| Cotesfield   | \$60,833               | 29                      |
| Cowles       | NO ACS DATA            | 21                      |
| Cozad        | \$54,485               | 3,988                   |
| Crab Orchard | \$60,938               | 46                      |
| Craig        | \$43,929               | 202                     |
| Crawford     | \$54,167               | 840                     |

| COMMUNITY   | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Creighton   | \$52,656               | 1,147                   |
| Creston     | \$53,750               | 181                     |
| Crete       | \$62,468               | 7,099                   |
| Crofton     | \$75,833               | 756                     |
| Crookston   | \$39,167               | 71                      |
| Culbertson  | \$51,875               | 534                     |
| Curtis      | \$49,722               | 806                     |
| Cushing     | \$93,864               | 37                      |
| Dakota City | \$73,417               | 2,081                   |
| Dalton      | \$60,000               | 284                     |
| Danbury     | \$49,583               | 80                      |
| Dannebrog   | \$55,000               | 273                     |
| Davenport   | \$59,500               | 319                     |
| Davey       | \$82,188               | 135                     |
| David City  | \$59,087               | 2,995                   |
| Dawson      | \$55,288               | 148                     |
| Daykin      | \$57,500               | 153                     |
| De Witt     | \$79,000               | 530                     |
| Decatur     | \$50,179               | 410                     |
| Denton      | \$74,000               | 189                     |
| Deshler     | \$53,542               | 752                     |
| Deweese     | \$21,563               | 42                      |
| Diller      | \$67,500               | 247                     |
| Dix         | \$51,438               | 187                     |
| Dixon       | \$56,563               | 77                      |
| Dodge       | \$57,778               | 611                     |
| Doniphan    | \$75,357               | 809                     |
| Dorchester  | \$57,708               | 610                     |
| Douglas     | \$65,000               | 166                     |
| Du Bois     | \$47,500               | 122                     |
| Dunbar      | \$87,500               | 165                     |
| Duncan      | \$55,417               | 392                     |

| COMMUNITY  | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dunning    | \$35,625               | 80                      |
| Dwight     | \$76,667               | 229                     |
| Eagle      | \$63,571               | 1,065                   |
| Eddyville  | \$65,625               | 88                      |
| Edgar      | \$41,000               | 428                     |
| Edison     | \$57,976               | 111                     |
| Elba       | \$39,688               | 192                     |
| Elgin      | \$51,806               | 717                     |
| Elk Creek  | \$41,875               | 69                      |
| Elm Creek  | \$68,500               | 979                     |
| Elmwood    | \$91,667               | 654                     |
| Elsie      | \$47,768               | 102                     |
| Elwood     | \$62,917               | 658                     |
| Elyria     | \$61,250               | 50                      |
| Emerald    | NO ACS DATA            | 45                      |
| Emerson    | \$61,250               | 840                     |
| Emmet      | \$95,833               | 46                      |
| Enders     | NO ACS DATA            | 37                      |
| Endicott   | \$71,397               | 113                     |
| Ericson    | \$45,938               | 89                      |
| Eustis     | \$70,938               | 389                     |
| Ewing      | \$56,563               | 373                     |
| Exeter     | \$62,917               | 523                     |
| Fairbury   | \$47,518               | 3,970                   |
| Fairfield  | \$69,375               | 330                     |
| Fairmont   | \$53,917               | 592                     |
| Falls City | \$40,222               | 4,133                   |
| Farnam     | \$44,500               | 182                     |
| Farwell    | \$48,125               | 138                     |
| Filley     | \$82,500               | 124                     |
| Firth      | \$86,042               | 649                     |
| Fontanelle | \$51,094               | 67                      |

| COMMUNITY    | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Fordyce      | \$55,625               | 134                     |
| Fort Calhoun | \$75,900               | 1,108                   |
| Foster       | \$68,750               | 42                      |
| Franklin     | \$49,271               | 941                     |
| Fremont      | \$62,226               | 27,141                  |
| Friend       | \$77,386               | 954                     |
| Fullerton    | \$51,466               | 1,244                   |
| Funk         | \$99,375               | 175                     |
| Gandy        | \$42,917               | 34                      |
| Garland      | \$56,667               | 210                     |
| Garrison     | \$71,250               | 55                      |
| Geneva       | \$86,667               | 2,136                   |
| Genoa        | \$57,917               | 894                     |
| Gering       | \$65,743               | 8,564                   |
| Gibbon       | \$69,276               | 1,878                   |
| Gilead       | \$62,500               | 30                      |
| Giltner      | \$71,250               | 406                     |
| Glenvil      | \$50,417               | 260                     |
| Glenwood     | \$83,594               | 503                     |
| Goehner      | \$88,144               | 181                     |
| Gordon       | \$56,161               | 1,504                   |
| Gothenburg   | \$84,615               | 3,478                   |
| Grafton      | \$68,333               | 106                     |
| Grand Island | \$59,061               | 53,131                  |
| Grant        | \$67,500               | 1,197                   |
| Greeley      | \$43,472               | 402                     |
| Greenwood    | \$97,411               | 595                     |
| Gresham      | \$41,313               | 219                     |
| Gretna       | \$117,553              | 5,083                   |
| Gross        | NO ACS DATA            | 3                       |
| Guide Rock   | \$43,611               | 199                     |
| Gurley       | \$56,765               | 187                     |

| COMMUNITY    | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hadar        | \$73,672               | 280                     |
| Haigler      | \$44,821               | 145                     |
| Hallam       | \$94,375               | 268                     |
| Halsey       | \$36,786               | 68                      |
| Hamlet       | \$48,250               | 27                      |
| Hampton      | \$75,000               | 432                     |
| Harbine      | \$67,955               | 56                      |
| Hardy        | \$57,500               | 97                      |
| Harrisburg   | \$85,417               | 99                      |
| Harrison     | \$36,563               | 239                     |
| Hartington   | \$79,444               | 1,517                   |
| Harvard      | \$68,810               | 951                     |
| Hastings     | \$57,554               | 25,152                  |
| Hay Springs  | \$42,500               | 599                     |
| Hayes Center | \$73,750               | 224                     |
| Hazard       | \$38,125               | 57                      |
| Heartwell    | \$60,156               | 81                      |
| Hebron       | \$66,786               | 1,458                   |
| Hemingford   | \$67,593               | 787                     |
| Henderson    | \$72,656               | 1,080                   |
| Hendley      | \$31,250               | 20                      |
| Henry        | \$65,000               | 125                     |
| Herman       | \$65,000               | 247                     |
| Hershey      | \$70,781               | 649                     |
| Hickman      | \$96,984               | 2,607                   |
| Hildreth     | \$53,158               | 377                     |
| Holbrook     | \$57,708               | 201                     |
| Holdrege     | \$58,375               | 5,515                   |
| Holmesville  | \$66,458               | 60                      |
| Holstein     | \$66,250               | 191                     |
| Homer        | \$81,250               | 532                     |
| Hooper       | \$73,958               | 857                     |

| COMMUNITY   | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Hordville   | \$88,750               | 131                     |
| Hoskins     | \$77,813               | 263                     |
| Howard City | \$58,250               | 181                     |
| Howells     | \$68,264               | 561                     |
| Hubbard     | \$57,344               | 153                     |
| Hubbell     | \$31,875               | 63                      |
| Humboldt    | \$42,708               | 800                     |
| Humphrey    | \$67,750               | 857                     |
| Huntley     | \$75,417               | 33                      |
| Hyannis     | \$46,250               | 165                     |
| Imperial    | \$64,625               | 2,068                   |
| Inavale     | \$55,250               | 66                      |
| Indianola   | \$44,044               | 524                     |
| Inglewood   | \$60,156               | 380                     |
| Inland      | NO ACS DATA            | 58                      |
| Inman       | \$50,000               | 95                      |
| Ithaca      | \$35,938               | 160                     |
| Jackson     | \$71,250               | 207                     |
| Jansen      | \$56,250               | 101                     |
| Johnson     | \$57,500               | 309                     |
| Johnstown   | \$66,875               | 47                      |
| Julian      | \$36,875               | 46                      |
| Juniata     | \$50,000               | 748                     |
| Kearney     | \$66,843               | 33,790                  |
| Kenesaw     | \$77,321               | 919                     |
| Kennard     | \$88,750               | 381                     |
| Keystone    | NO ACS DATA            | 73                      |
| Kilgore     | \$90,000               | 63                      |
| Kimball     | \$47,917               | 2,290                   |
| King Lake   | NO ACS DATA            | 114                     |
| Kramer      | NO ACS DATA            | 26                      |
| La Platte   | NO ACS DATA            | 50                      |

| COMMUNITY    | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| La Vista     | \$77,748               | 16,746                  |
| Lakeview     | \$126,250              | 378                     |
| Lamar        | NO ACS DATA            | 28                      |
| Laurel       | \$56,471               | 972                     |
| Lawrence     | \$61,875               | 272                     |
| Lebanon      | \$63,750               | 46                      |
| Leigh        | \$58,194               | 435                     |
| Lemoyne      | \$61,705               | 44                      |
| Leshara      | \$76,875               | 108                     |
| Lewellen     | \$50,833               | 175                     |
| Lewiston     | \$34,688               | 55                      |
| Lexington    | \$63,939               | 10,348                  |
| Liberty      | \$49,375               | 37                      |
| Lincoln      | \$67,846               | 291,082                 |
| Lindsay      | \$64,219               | 283                     |
| Lindy        | \$36,250               | 13                      |
| Linoma Beach | NO ACS DATA            | 43                      |
| Linwood      | \$26,625               | 94                      |
| Lisco        | NO ACS DATA            | 68                      |
| Litchfield   | \$55,893               | 220                     |
| Lodgepole    | \$37,361               | 312                     |
| Long Pine    | \$29,306               | 305                     |
| Loomis       | \$61,500               | 391                     |
| Lorenzo      | NO ACS DATA            | 36                      |
| Loretto      | NO ACS DATA            | 50                      |
| Lorton       | \$113,750              | 35                      |
| Louisville   | \$93,897               | 1,319                   |
| Loup City    | \$45,917               | 1,053                   |
| Lushton      | \$41,250               | 28                      |
| Lyman        | \$51,133               | 259                     |
| Lynch        | \$41,667               | 194                     |
| Lyons        | \$40,625               | 824                     |

| COMMUNITY       | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Macy            | \$35,313               | 1,045                   |
| Madison         | \$59,714               | 2,283                   |
| Madrid          | \$68,333               | 242                     |
| Magnet          | \$56,250               | 43                      |
| Malcolm         | \$78,636               | 457                     |
| Malmo           | \$72,500               | 94                      |
| Manley          | \$73,438               | 167                     |
| Marquette       | \$57,917               | 236                     |
| Martell         | \$130,104              | 125                     |
| Martin          | \$50,714               | 76                      |
| Martinsburg     | \$33,438               | 78                      |
| Maskell         | \$54,375               | 58                      |
| Mason City      | \$47,212               | 151                     |
| Max             | NO ACS DATA            | 50                      |
| Maxwell         | \$68,750               | 257                     |
| Maywood         | \$45,250               | 262                     |
| McCook          | \$53,750               | 7,446                   |
| McCool Junction | \$110,208              | 453                     |
| McGrew          | NO ACS DATA            | 75                      |
| McLean          | \$67,125               | 33                      |
| Mead            | \$70,833               | 617                     |
| Meadow Grove    | \$52,500               | 287                     |
| Melbeta         | \$55,625               | 108                     |
| Melia           | \$207,500              | 98                      |
| Memphis         | \$36,607               | 109                     |
| Merna           | \$71,042               | 343                     |
| Merriman        | \$29,375               | 87                      |
| Milford         | \$77,422               | 2,155                   |
| Miller          | \$60,000               | 129                     |
| Milligan        | \$53,000               | 244                     |
| Minatare        | \$46,855               | 715                     |

| COMMUNITY       | ACS 2010<br>Est. M |        |
|-----------------|--------------------|--------|
| Minden          |                    |        |
| Mitchell        |                    |        |
| Monowi          | NO ACS             |        |
| Monroe          |                    |        |
| Moorefield      |                    |        |
| Morrill         |                    |        |
| Morse Bluff     |                    |        |
| Mullen          |                    |        |
| Murdock         |                    |        |
| Murray          |                    |        |
| Naper           |                    |        |
| Naponee         |                    |        |
| Nebraska City   |                    |        |
| Nehawka         |                    |        |
| Neligh          |                    |        |
| Nelson          |                    |        |
| Nemaha          |                    |        |
| Nenzel          | NO ACS             |        |
| Newcastle       |                    |        |
| Newman<br>Grove |                    |        |
| Newport         |                    |        |
| Nickerson       |                    |        |
| Niobrara        |                    |        |
| Nora            | NO ACS             |        |
| Norfolk         |                    |        |
| Norman          |                    |        |
| North Bend      |                    |        |
| North Loup      | \$46,146           | 254    |
| North Platte    | \$56,890           | 23,390 |
| Oak             | \$41,667           | 54     |
| Oakdale         | \$51,250           | 276    |

| COMMUNITY   | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Richfield   | NO ACS DATA            | 42                      |
| Richland    | \$40,500               | 70                      |
| Rising City | \$81,477               | 356                     |
| Riverdale   | \$70,625               | 247                     |
| Riverton    | \$57,500               | 57                      |
| Roca        | \$83,281               | 201                     |
| Rockville   | \$42,000               | 89                      |
| Rogers      | \$69,219               | 82                      |
| Rosalie     | \$72,500               | 159                     |
| Roscoe      | NO ACS DATA            | 44                      |
| Roseland    | \$68,750               | 263                     |
| Royal       | \$75,278               | 58                      |
| Rulo        | \$57,250               | 145                     |
| Rushville   | \$47,180               | 816                     |
| Ruskin      | \$73,375               | 105                     |
| Salem       | \$44,688               | 83                      |
| Santee      | \$38,333               | 424                     |
| Sarben      | NO ACS DATA            | 31                      |
| Sargent     | \$49,750               | 500                     |
| Saronville  | \$58,125               | 35                      |
| Schuyler    | \$71,275               | 6,547                   |
| Scotia      | \$46,500               | 301                     |
| Scottsbluff | \$55,744               | 14,436                  |
| Scribner    | \$53,478               | 843                     |
| Seneca      | \$30,833               | 49                      |
| Seward      | \$76,755               | 7,643                   |
| Shelby      | \$71,458               | 710                     |
| Shelton     | \$67,143               | 1,034                   |
| Shickley    | \$67,679               | 347                     |
| Sholes      | \$33,750               | 16                      |
| Shubert     | \$50,000               | 163                     |
| Sidney      | \$49,866               | 6,410                   |

| COMMUNITY        | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Silver Creek     | \$47,750               | 320                     |
| Smithfield       | \$52,292               | 60                      |
| Snyder           | \$80,938               | 254                     |
| South Bend       | \$56,875               | 92                      |
| South Sioux City | \$62,650               | 14,043                  |
| Spalding         | \$51,250               | 408                     |
| Spencer          | \$53,125               | 408                     |
| Sprague          | \$50,000               | 136                     |
| Springfield      | \$89,432               | 1,501                   |
| Springview       | \$45,750               | 238                     |
| St. Edward       | \$47,222               | 725                     |
| St. Helena       | \$93,750               | 89                      |
| St. Libory       | \$81,477               | 241                     |
| St. Paul         | \$58,500               | 2,416                   |
| Stamford         | \$38,125               | 158                     |
| Stanton          | \$72,500               | 1,520                   |
| Staplehurst      | \$77,644               | 236                     |
| Stapleton        | \$61,750               | 267                     |
| Steele City      | \$45,000               | 44                      |
| Steinauer        | \$45,341               | 59                      |
| Stella           | \$31,786               | 145                     |
| Sterling         | \$67,500               | 480                     |
| Stockham         | \$38,750               | 32                      |
| Stockville       | NO ACS DATA            | 25                      |
| Strang           | NO ACS DATA            | 30                      |
| Stratton         | \$35,500               | 310                     |
| Stromsburg       | \$58,162               | 1,143                   |
| Stuart           | \$70,375               | 486                     |
| Sumner           | \$59,250               | 252                     |
| Sunol            | \$36,295               | 57                      |
| Superior         | \$61,801               | 1,825                   |

| COMMUNITY  | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Surprise   | \$112,813              | 37                      |
| Sutherland | \$81,923               | 1,313                   |
| Sutton     | \$67,865               | 1,447                   |
| Swanton    | \$69,821               | 82                      |
| Syracuse   | \$66,250               | 1,941                   |
| Table Rock | \$48,750               | 233                     |
| Talmage    | \$49,375               | 198                     |
| Tamora     | NO ACS DATA            | 44                      |
| Tarnov     | \$93,750               | 52                      |
| Taylor     | \$28,125               | 141                     |
| Tecumseh   | \$44,813               | 1,694                   |
| Tekamah    | \$51,639               | 1,714                   |
| Terrytown  | \$37,250               | 1,057                   |
| Thayer     | \$58,750               | 44                      |
| Theford    | \$71,174               | 208                     |
| Thurston   | \$56,250               | 116                     |
| Tilden     | \$63,523               | 992                     |
| Tobias     | \$57,321               | 114                     |
| Trenton    | \$42,813               | 516                     |
| Trumbull   | \$100,000              | 194                     |
| Tryon      | \$44,904               | 107                     |
| Uehling    | \$52,250               | 241                     |
| Ulysses    | \$52,083               | 196                     |
| Unadilla   | \$80,000               | 296                     |
| Union      | \$65,714               | 195                     |
| Upland     | \$57,917               | 125                     |
| Utica      | \$77,788               | 840                     |
| Valentine  | \$51,131               | 2,633                   |
| Valley     | \$80,319               | 3,037                   |
| Valparaiso | \$71,750               | 595                     |
| Venango    | \$68,750               | 157                     |
| Venice     | \$42,500               | 75                      |

| COMMUNITY     | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|---------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Verdel        | NO ACS DATA            | 38                      |
| Verdigre      | \$50,250               | 554                     |
| Verdon        | \$51,818               | 164                     |
| Virginia      | \$65,000               | 74                      |
| Waco          | \$76,250               | 296                     |
| Wahoo         | \$75,052               | 4,818                   |
| Wakefield     | \$44,583               | 1,522                   |
| Wallace       | \$60,781               | 318                     |
| Walthill      | \$61,350               | 682                     |
| Walton        | \$46,287               | 351                     |
| Wann          | \$197,500              | 102                     |
| Washington    | \$101,875              | 129                     |
| Waterbury     | NO ACS DATA            | 72                      |
| Waterloo      | \$65,000               | 935                     |
| Wauneta       | \$47,917               | 549                     |
| Wausa         | \$57,500               | 592                     |
| Waverly       | \$103,373              | 4,279                   |
| Wayne         | \$51,399               | 5,973                   |
| Weeping Water | \$63,507               | 1,029                   |
| Wellfleet     | \$51,250               | 72                      |
| West Point    | \$66,771               | 3,500                   |
| Western       | \$42,188               | 227                     |
| Westerville   | NO ACS DATA            | 31                      |
| Weston        | \$60,208               | 250                     |
| White Clay    | NO ACS DATA            | 8                       |
| Whitney       | \$52,000               | 62                      |
| Wilber        | \$78,750               | 1,937                   |
| Wilcox        | \$72,857               | 330                     |
| Willow Island | NO ACS DATA            | 25                      |
| Wilsonville   | \$50,625               | 75                      |
| Winnebago     | \$42,083               | 916                     |

| COMMUNITY      | ACS 2018-2022 Est. MHI | US Census 2020 Est. POP |
|----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Winnetoon      | \$42,500               | 54                      |
| Winside        | \$57,083               | 379                     |
| Winslow        | \$66,042               | 19                      |
| Wisner         | \$68,417               | 1,239                   |
| Wolbach        | \$55,625               | 224                     |
| Wood Lake      | \$33,438               | 46                      |
| Wood River     | \$69,459               | 1,172                   |
| Woodland Hills | \$170,139              | 232                     |
| Woodland Park  | \$68,977               | 1,830                   |
| Wymore         | \$52,587               | 1,377                   |
| Wynot          | \$75,000               | 216                     |
| Yankee Hill    | \$77,009               | 286                     |
| York           | \$68,794               | 8,066                   |
| Yutan          | \$84,531               | 1,347                   |



| Natural Resources Districts |                        |                          |                            |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Central Platte NRD          | Lower Niobrara NRD     | Nemaha NRD               | Upper Big Blue NRD         |
| Lewis & Clark NRD           | Lower Platte North NRD | North Platte NRD         | Upper Elkhorn NRD          |
| Little Blue NRD             | Lower Platte South NRD | Papio-Missouri River NRD | Upper Loup NRD             |
| Lower Big Blue NRD          | Lower Republican NRD   | South Platte NRD         | Upper Niobrara – White NRD |
| Lower Elkhorn NRD           | Middle Niobrara NRD    | Tri-Basin NRD            | Upper Republican NRD       |
| Lower Loup NRD              | Middle Republican NRD  | Twin Platte NRD          |                            |

| COUNTIES  |          |          |          |           |           |            |              |            |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Adams     | Butler   | Dawes    | Gage     | Hitchcock | Knox      | Nemaha     | Richardson   | Stanton    |
| Antelope  | Cass     | Dawson   | Garden   | Holt      | Lancaster | Nuckolls   | Rock         | Thayer     |
| Arthur    | Cedar    | Deuel    | Garfield | Hooker    | Lincoln   | Otoe       | Saline       | Thomas     |
| Banner    | Chase    | Dixon    | Gosper   | Howard    | Logan     | Pawnee     | Sarpy        | Thurston   |
| Blaine    | Cherry   | Dodge    | Grant    | Jefferson | Loup      | Perkins    | Saunders     | Valley     |
| Boone     | Cheyenne | Douglas  | Greeley  | Johnson   | Madison   | Phelps     | Seward       | Washington |
| Box Butte | Clay     | Dundy    | Hall     | Kearney   | McPherson | Pierce     | Scotts Bluff | Wayne      |
| Boyd      | Colfax   | Fillmore | Hamilton | Keith     | Merrick   | Platte     | Sheridan     | Webster    |
| Brown     | Cuming   | Franklin | Harlan   | Keya Paha | Morrill   | Polk       | Sherman      | Wheeler    |
| Buffalo   | Custer   | Frontier | Hayes    | Kimball   | Nance     | Red Willow | Sioux        | York       |
| Burt      | Dakota   | Furnas   |          |           |           |            |              |            |

| Sanitary Improvement Districts                                   |   |
|--|---|
| Butler Co. SID #1, Clear Lake Residential Association (Columbus) | Lancaster Co. SID #5, Cheney (Lincoln)          |
| Cass Co. SID #2, Cass Greenwood Interchange (Omaha)              | Platte Co. SID #7, Whitetail Lake (Columbus)    |
| Cass Co. SID #4, Eagle Lake (Eagle)                              | Polk Co. SID #1, Duncan Lakes (Omaha)           |
| Cass Co. SID #5, Buccaneer Bay (Plattsmouth)                     | Sarpy Co. SID #29, Westridge Farms (Gretna)     |
| Dodge Co. SID #3, Lake Ventura (Fremont)                         | Sarpy Co. SID #101, Hanson's Lake (Bellevue)    |
| Douglas Co. SID #128, Twilight Hills (Omaha)                     | Sarpy Co. SID #97, Hawaiian Village (Papillion) |
| Douglas Co. SID #177, Riverside Lake (Omaha)                     | Saunders Co. SID #8, Woodcliff Lake (Omaha)     |
| Gosper Co. SID #1, Johnson Lake (Elwood)                         | Stanton Co. SID #1, Woodland Park (Norfolk)     |

*Due to the high number of county SIDs in Nebraska, the NDEE shall consider all registered and affiliated Nebraska SIDs to be included in with the Appendix B1-a list.*

## APPENDIX B2

### DWSRF Project Priority Planning List – Alphabetical Order

| Priority Points | Community    | PWS Number | US Census<br>2018-2022<br>Est. Pop. | Project Description  | Project Est.<br>Cost |
|-----------------|--------------|------------|-------------------------------------|--|----------------------|
| 100             | Abie         | NE3102305  | 65                                  | Interconnect to David City - Bruno pipeline or new well to replace deteriorated well; Install water meters; Get GPS mapping of water system valves and lines. - SFY 2024 | \$ 1,230,000         |
| 135             | Adams        | NE3106712  | 604                                 | New/Replace water mains; GIS mapping.  | \$ 565,000           |
| 120             | Ainsworth    | NE3101702  | 1,616                               | Replace water mains; Replace LSL.  | \$ 775,000           |
| 120             | Albion       | NE3101102  | 1,699                               | Wells; Water mains; LSL replacement.   | \$ 3,300,000         |
| 60              | Alda         | NE3107909  | 647                                 | Paint water storage tank; Replace water mains.   | \$ 850,000           |
| 15              | Alexandria   | NE3116910  | 148                                 | Replace water mains.   | \$ 200,000           |
| 200             | Allen        | NE3105101  | 355                                 | Administrative Order; Wells; Water storage tank; Water mains; Replace LSL; Water treatment.  | \$ 10,800,000        |
| 135             | Alma         | NE3108307  | 1,043                               | Replace water mains.   | \$ 325,590           |
| 15              | Amherst      | NE3120041  | 201                                 | Rehab wells; Replace water mains.  | \$ 70,000            |
| 15              | Ansley       | NE3104104  | 459                                 | Replace water mains; LSL replacement; Replace water meters.  | \$ 375,000           |
| 60              | Arapahoe     | NE3106506  | 1,002                               | New/Replace water mains; Replace LSL; Replace water mains.   | \$ 745,000           |
| 25              | Arcadia      | NE3117503  | 283                                 | Rehab wells and water storage tank; Replace water mains; New water meters.   | \$ 785,000           |
| 15              | Arnold       | NE3104102  | 592                                 | Wells; Mains; Install/Replace meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 265,400           |
| 15              | Ashton       | NE3116301  | 198                                 | Replace water mains.   | \$ 100,000           |
| 120             | Atkinson     | NE3108905  | 1,306                               | Rehab wells; Replace water mains and water meters.   | \$ 550,000           |
| 15              | Atlanta      | NE3113706  | 106                                 | Installation of new water mains and new water meters.  | \$ 125,000           |
| 80              | Auburn       | NE3112703  | 3,470                               | New/Rehab wells and pump house; New/Rehab/Paint water storage tank; Replace water mains and LSL; Modify Water Treatment; New/Replace water meters.                       | \$ 15,650,000        |
| 150             | Aurora       | NE3108101  | 4,678                               | New/Rehab wells; New water storage tank; New/Replace/Extend water mains; Replace LSL; New pump stations; New water treatment; Replace water meters.                      | \$ 27,350,000        |
| 155             | Bancroft     | NE3103901  | 496                                 | Wells; water mains.  | \$ 1,200,000         |
| 15              | Barneston    | NE3120604  | 90                                  | Water storage tank; Replace water mains; water meters.   | \$ 300,000           |
| 90              | Bartley      | NE3114502  | 270                                 | Replace water mains and water meters.  | \$ 225,000           |
| 100             | Bassett      | NE3114902  | 538                                 | Rehab wells; Replace water mains and water meters.   | \$ 755,000           |
| 60              | Battle Creek | NE3111915  | 1,194                               | Rehab wells; Replace/Loop water mains; Replace LSL; Rehab pump station; New water Meters.  | \$ 1,145,000         |

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| 60              | Bayard                 | NE3112302  | 1,140                         | Rehab/Paint water storage tank; Replace water mains; Replace LSL; Booster Pump Rehab; Replace water meters.  | \$ 750,000        |
| 130             | Beatrice               | NE3106705  | 12,261                        | New wells; Replace water mains; Rehab pump station; Water meters.  | \$ 10,750,000     |
| 15              | Beaver City            | NE3106505  | 537                           | New/Replace water mains.   | \$ 275,000        |
| 70              | Beaver Crossing        | NE3115911  | 375                           | Replace water mains; New water meters.   | \$ 1,000,000      |
| 135             | Bee                    | NE3115910  | 171                           | Generator for well; Replace water mains and LSL.   | \$ 105,000        |
| 120             | Beemer                 | NE3103902  | 611                           | Rehab wells, update controls; Paint water storage tank.  | \$ 365,000        |
| 70              | Belden                 | NE3102707  | 113                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 350,000        |
| 120             | Belgrade               | NE3112501  | 103                           | New water storage tank; New water meters.  | \$ 570,000        |
| 15              | Bellwood               | NE3102306  | 407                           | Replace water mains; Repaint water tower.  | \$ 245,000        |
| 25              | Belvidere              | NE3116909  | 51                            | Rehab water system; Install water pump. - SFY 2024   | \$ 115,000        |
| 135             | Benedict               | NE3118703  | 203                           | Replace water mains and water meters.  | \$ 90,000         |
| 120             | Benkelman              | NE3105701  | 821                           | New/Replace/Extend water mains.  | \$ 250,000        |
| 70              | Bennet                 | NE3110910  | 1,082                         | New water storage tank; New water mains; GIS mapping.  | \$ 3,090,000      |
| 15              | Bertrand               | NE3113707  | 709                           | Install/Replace water mains and meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 700,000        |
| 30              | BIC Joint Water Agency | NE3121227  |                               | Construction of fourth new source well and connection piping for additional capacity along with SCADA upgrade system.  | \$ 650,000        |
| 70              | Bladen                 | NE3118303  | 205                           | New/Replace well; Well generator; Replace water mains.   | \$ 550,000        |
| 105             | Blair                  | NE3117905  | 7,990                         | New water storage tank; Water mains extension; Replace LSL; WTP Expansion; Lime Solids Control   | \$ 39,656,250     |
| 15              | Bloomfield             | NE3110708  | 986                           | Water Mains: Replacement and Repairs; Water Treatment: Controls for Water System; and Water Meters: Water Meter Central Control.   | \$ 450,000        |
| 25              | Bloomington            | NE3106106  | 110                           | Painting of Water Storage Tank, replace water mains, and replace water meters.   | \$ 300,000        |
| 135             | Blue Hill              | NE3118302  | 805                           | Rehab water tower; Replace pumps at wellhouses. - SFY 2024   | \$ 174,100        |
| 60              | Blue Springs           | NE3106704  | 292                           | Update PWS; Extend mains. - SFY 2024   | \$ 150,000        |
| 60              | Boyd Cnty RWD 1        | NE3120306  | 51                            | Rehab controls and wellhouse; Replace mains and water storage tank. - SFY 2024   | \$ 50,000         |
| 70              | Bradshaw               | NE3118704  | 273                           | Upgrade and/or replacing existing wells, miscellaneous water main improvements, lead service lines.  | \$ 525,000        |
| 70              | Brady                  | NE3111102  | 383                           | Install water mains, flush hydrants on dead-end mains, and replace fire hydrants. New well.  | \$ 1,000,000      |
| 160             | Brainard               | NE3102304  | 336                           | The Village of Brainard had conducted a study in 2023 that identified manganese in their source water and has had water main breaks over the years. Needs include a new water treatment plant for the manganese, distribution system replacements, and piping improvements in the well houses. | \$ 10,400,000     |

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| 15              | Bridgeport             | NE3112303  | 1,454                         | Water storage tank cleaning; water mains replacement; water treatment media replacement; water meters replacement; City is looking into a resin in the Ion Exchange plant that would remove nitrates, as well as uranium.  | \$ 745,000        |
| 135             | Broadwater             | NE3112301  | 95                            | Water storage tank: painting and cleaning; new water meters.   | \$ 115,000        |
| 120             | Broken Bow             | NE3104105  | 3,506                         | New well; new portable generators; rehab water storage tank; replacement of water mains; replacement of lead service lines; and replacement of water meters.   | \$ 2,225,000      |
| 15              | Brunswick              | NE3100309  | 152                           | Water mains replacement and improvement.   | \$ 100,000        |
| 200             | Burr                   | NE3113110  | 52                            | Interconnect with RWD; new water mains; replacement of lead service lines; and new water meters.   | \$ 1,765,000      |
| 70              | Burwell                | NE3107101  | 1,087                         | New wells; New water storage tank; New and replacement water mains; Replacement lead service lines; Replacement of water meters. Complete Water System Study; water rate study; new controls and monitors for tower and wells. Future water service demands looping dead end feeds east and south. | \$ 3,085,000      |
| 90              | Butte                  | NE3101503  | 286                           | Cleaning of water storage tank; Installation of hand held water meters. Pilot study for alternate WTP media for manganese treatment/removal and subsequent filter media replacement.   | \$ 350,000        |
| 130             | Byron                  | NE3116907  | 83                            | New Well and pump house, a new water storage tank, total system replacement, including new service lines, fire hydrants, meters, pits and lids, and other appurtenant items.   | \$ 3,750,000      |
| 120             | Cairo                  | NE3107906  | 822                           | Replace Water Meters.  | \$ 5,000          |
| 90              | Cambridge              | NE3106504  | 1,071                         | Replacement of water mains   | \$ 100,000        |
| 60              | Campbell               | NE3106107  | 272                           | Replacement of water mains.  | \$ 200,000        |
| 70              | Carroll                | NE3118102  | 191                           | New water mains and replacement water mains; replacement of lead service lines.  | \$ 430,000        |
| 15              | Cass Cnty RWD 1        | NE3102521  | 3,195                         | New Well, new water mains and extension of water mains, new and replacement water meters.  | \$ 1,035,540      |
| 60              | Cass Cnty RWD 2        | NE3120304  | 2,000                         | New main. - SFY 2024   | \$ 300,000        |
| 60              | Cass Cnty SID #5       | NE3120035  | 645                           | New wells and rehabbing existing ones; replacement and extension of water meters; pump station improvements.   | \$ 3,225,000      |
| 160             | Cedar Bluffs           | NE3115504  | 615                           | Extend transmission line; Upgrade meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 4,825,000      |
| 160             | Cedar Knox Rural Water | NE3120303  | 3,056                         | Interconnect w/Yankton, SD to address AO, distribution upgrades and elevated storage tank replacement.   | \$ 33,050,000     |
| 60              | Cedar Rapids           | NE3101101  | 382                           | Replacement of water meters; pump station rehab.   | \$ 160,000        |
| 120             | Center                 | NE3110707  | 79                            | Well rehab work; water storage tank work; and water main replacement.  | \$ 105,000        |

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| 135             | Central City              | NE3112102  | 3,039                         | New wells and rehabbing existing wells; Rehab and painting water storage tanks; replacement of water mains; and Replacement of water meters. | \$ 2,650,000      |
| 60              | Ceresco                   | NE3115503  | 919                           | New wells; water main replacement; modifications to water treatment plant; and water meter replacement.                                      | \$ 1,750,000      |
| 15              | Chadron                   | NE3104507  | 5,206                         | New and replacement water mains; replacement of lead service lines; and new and replacement water meters.                                    | \$ 5,500,000      |
| 60              | Chambers                  | NE3108901  | 288                           | Rehab existing wells and replacement of water mains.   | \$ 1,400,000      |
| 15              | Chapman                   | NE3120819  | 260                           | Painting of water tower; remove and replace water mains, fire hydrants, and valves; and replacement of failing and outdated meters.          | \$ 390,000        |
| 130             | Chappell                  | NE3104901  | 844                           | Rehab wells, replace and extend water mains, and replace water meters.   | \$ 2,150,000      |
| 45              | Chester                   | NE3116906  | 224                           | New Well, paint water storage tank and replacement water mains.  | \$ 1,300,000      |
| 60              | Cheyenne County SID #1    | NE3103307  | 80                            | New and replacement water mains; replacement of lead service lines; and new and replacement of water meters.                                 | \$ 3,908,120      |
| 120             | Clarks                    | NE3112101  | 344                           | Water Meter Replacement.   | \$ 60,000         |
| 140             | Clarkson                  | NE3103703  | 614                           | Wells; water mains; lead service line replacement; and water meter replacements.   | \$ 2,350,000      |
| 100             | Clatonia                  | NE3106707  | 263                           | New wells.   | \$ 750,000        |
| 70              | Clay Center               | NE3105306  | 735                           | Well work and water main work.   | \$ 1,400,000      |
| 120             | Clearview Utilities Corp. | NE3120029  | 115                           | Extend water main to connect to the City of Kearney.   | \$ 1,500,000      |
| 60              | Clearwater                | NE3100308  | 320                           | Water main replacement and new chlorine treatment equipment to water treatment system.   | \$ 105,000        |
| 120             | Cody                      | NE3103101  | 168                           | New wells; water meters replacement; and replacement of outdated fire hydrants.  | \$ 410,000        |
| 135             | Coleridge                 | NE3102706  | 537                           | New wells; painting of water storage tank; replacement of water mains; and replacement of lead service lines.                                | \$ 1,260,000      |
| 120             | Columbus                  | NE3114110  | 24,028                        | Replace LSL - National Needs Survey. - SFY LSLR Funding List 2024  | \$ 3,566,991      |
| 15              | Comstock                  | NE3104110  | 68                            | Rehab wells; lead service line replacement; and water meters replacement.  | \$ 285,000        |
| 100             | Concord                   | NE3106706  | 126                           | Well work; painting of water storage tank; and water main work.  | \$ 1,125,000      |
| 40              | Cook                      | NE3109701  | 319                           | New water storage tank; replacement of water mains; and replacement of lead service lines.   | \$ 725,000        |
| 60              | Cozad                     | NE3104701  | 3,988                         | Water mains replacement and extension; lead service lines replacement; water meters replacement; and water capacity study.                   | \$ 5,275,000      |
| 120             | Craig                     | NE3102105  | 202                           | New water storage tank; replacement of water mains; connect water treatment to RWS; and replacement of water meters.                         | \$ 3,000,000      |
| 50              | Crawford                  | NE3104505  | 840                           | Water mains, water meter replacement, and pump station work.   | \$ 2,330,000      |

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| 145             | Creighton               | NE3110705  | 1,147                         | Water storage painting, new water mains, modification of water treatment and replacement water meters.                            | \$ 1,650,000      |
| 130             | Creston                 | NE3114114  | 181                           | New well; New/Replace water mains; Replace meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 1,400,000      |
| 45              | Crete                   | NE3115104  | 7,099                         | A new well, new water storage tank, replacement of water mains, and expansion or new WWTF.  | \$ 9,100,000      |
| 90              | Crofton                 | NE3110704  | 756                           | Rehab of the water storage tank and replacement of older meters.  | \$ 290,000        |
| 55              | Crookston               | NE3103102  | 71                            | Install valves on water mains, replace water service meters and install a VFD.  | \$ 350,000        |
| 135             | Culbertson              | NE3108702  | 534                           | Rehabilitation of testing of well.  | \$ 50,000         |
| 135             | Cuming Cnty RWD 1       | NE3102522  | 1,869                         | Decommission old well; Improve water quality. - SFY 2024  | \$ 100,000        |
| 30              | Curtis                  | NE3106302  | 806                           | Rehab well, new water storage tank, new and rehabilitation of water mains, rehab of pump station and replacement of water meters. | \$ 3,520,000      |
| 60              | Dakota City             | NE3104301  | 2,081                         | New well with transmission main; Standby generator. - SFY Funding List 2024   | \$ 943,100        |
| 60              | Dakota Cnty Rural Water | NE3120302  | 2,001                         | Water main extension; New booster station and standpipe. - SFY 2024   | \$ 3,400,000      |
| 15              | Dalton                  | NE3103305  | 284                           | Rehab of wells and replacement of water mains.  | \$ 300,000        |
| 135             | Danbury                 | NE3114501  | 80                            | New wells; rehab and painting of water storage tank; new and replacement water mains; and new water meters.                       | \$ 1,690,000      |
| 60              | Dannebrog               | NE3109303  | 273                           | Need new wells, water storage tank, water mains, and water meters.  | \$ 1,500,000      |
| 15              | Davenport               | NE3116908  | 319                           | Rehab wellhead; Replace well. - SFY 2024  | \$ 100,000        |
| 155             | Davey                   | NE3110911  | 135                           | Construction of a new well and a new water storage tank.  | \$ 750,000        |
| 160             | David City              | NE3102301  | 2,995                         | New well construction, painting of water storage tank, replacement of water mains and water treatment plant modification.         | \$ 28,400,000     |
| 90              | Dawes Cnty RWD 1        | NE3104502  | 0                             | Replacement of water mains and improvements to pump station.  | \$ 3,575,000      |
| 15              | Daykin                  | NE3109506  | 153                           | Replacement of aged water mains.  | \$ 100,000        |
| 15              | Decatur                 | NE3102104  | 410                           | Rehab treatment filters. - SFY 2023; Replace wells and water meters, Rehab WTP. - SFY 2022  | \$ 230,000        |
| 130             | Denton                  | NE3110913  | 189                           | Rehabilitation of well and water storage tank, replacement of water mains, modifications to WTP and replacement of water meters.  | \$ 500,000        |
| 60              | Deshler                 | NE3116902  | 752                           | Replace water mains. - SFY 2024   | \$ 2,000,000      |
| 60              | DeWeese                 | NE3120030  | 42                            | Replace mains. - SFY 2021   | \$ 50,000         |
| 15              | DeWitt                  | NE3115101  | 530                           | Water main replacement.   | \$ 150,000        |
| 90              | Diller                  | NE3109505  | 247                           | New backup well, meters, and emergency generator; Replace meters. - SFY 2024  | \$ 610,000        |
| 45              | Dixon                   | NE3105102  | 77                            | New well and water meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 350,000        |



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| 120             | Fremont      | NE3105312  | 27,141                        | Well work including treatment well field and new well and lead line replacement.   | \$ 17,000,000     |
| 135             | Friend       | NE3115102  | 954                           | Replace mains. - SFY 2021  | \$ 150,000        |
| 160             | Fullerton    | NE3112503  | 1,244                         | New wells and water treatment, new water mains and looping, and replace LSLs.  | \$ 9,050,000      |
| 60              | Funk         | NE3113701  | 175                           | Replace well. - SFY 2021   | \$ 250,000        |
| 25              | Garland      | NE3115901  | 210                           | Replace water mains, and new improvements to the water treatment system.   | \$ 455,000        |
| 60              | Geneva       | NE3105905  | 2,136                         | New well, and replacement of water mains.  | \$ 1,500,000      |
| 135             | Genoa        | NE3112502  | 894                           | New wells, rehab and paint water storage tank, replace water mains and LSL.  | \$ 825,000        |
| 120             | Gering       | NE3115717  | 8,564                         | Rehab wells, new water storage tank, and replace water mains, LSL, and water meters.   | \$ 2,165,000      |
| 115             | Gibbon       | NE3101907  | 1,878                         | New well and water mains to accommodate for water quality issues, new and replacement of water meters, and replace LSL.                        | \$ 5,400,000      |
| 100             | Giltner      | NE3108103  | 406                           | Extension of new water mains and water treatment plan for manganese issue, and rehab of wells and water storage tank.                          | \$ 3,193,500      |
| 15              | Glenvil      | NE3103504  | 260                           | New/Replace main valves. - SFY 2024  | \$ 50,000         |
| 85              | Goehner      | NE3115902  | 181                           | Install chemical feed system to reduce water quality issues, new water meters, and treatment to remove iron and manganese concerns.            | \$ 3,630,000      |
| 25              | Gordon       | NE3116104  | 1,504                         | Well improvements, LSL replacements, and installation and replacement of water meters.   | \$ 2,525,000      |
| 120             | Gothenburg   | NE3104702  | 3,478                         | New well, water mains, and meters. Replace water mains and LSL.  | \$ 6,000,000      |
| 15              | Grafton      | NE3015904  | 106                           | Water main valve replacement.  | \$ 100,000        |
| 120             | Grand Island | NE3107902  | 53,131                        | Water main improvements, LSL replacement, improvements to the pump station and water treatment system.   | \$ 18,637,000     |
| 140             | Grant        | NE3113503  | 1,197                         | Replace main. - SFY 2024   | \$ 3,725,000      |
| 10              | Greeley      | NE3107701  | 402                           | Rehab water storage tank and install new water mains.  | \$ 80,000         |
| 135             | Greenwood    | NE3102517  | 595                           | New wells and water main improvements.   | \$ 900,000        |
| 85              | Gresham      | NE3118702  | 219                           | Water main replacement, long planning for water treatment, and well repairs.   | \$ 1,970,000      |
| 135             | Gretna       | NE3115303  | 5,083                         | Water main replacement and expand water distribution system within a developing area to provide system redundancy.                             | \$ 10,350,000     |
| 55              | Guide Rock   | NE3120358  | 199                           | Water main replacement.  | \$ 150,000        |
| 115             | Haigler      | NE3105702  | 145                           | Replace water distribution mains and water meters, and rehab well site and water treatment system.   | \$ 357,500        |
| 70              | Hallam       | NE3110922  | 268                           | Rehab wells, water mains, and water meters. Paint water tower.   | \$ 1,175,000      |
| 155             | Hampton      | NE3108102  | 432                           | Interconnect with the City of Aurora to address Nitrate, install water main improvements, replace LSL, and add a generator and control system. | \$ 6,552,000      |



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| 15              | Harbine      | NE3109510  | 56                            | Install fencing and security for wells.   | \$ 50,000         |
| 90              | Hardy        | NE3112902  | 97                            | Water mains replacement and water meters replacement.   | \$ 450,000        |
| 60              | Harrisburg   | NE3120954  | 99                            | Rehab wells and water meters replacement.   | \$ 15,000         |
| 145             | Harrison     | NE3116501  | 239                           | Replace water mains, valves, and hydrants. - SFY 2024   | \$ 385,000        |
| 135             | Hartington   | NE3102702  | 1,517                         | Install well and water main improvements, and repaint the water storage tank.                                       | \$ 1,350,000      |
| 135             | Hastings     | NE3100101  | 25,152                        | Water main and LSL replacement; install well, pump house and meter improvements; and modify water treatment system. | \$ 8,856,500      |
| 70              | Hay Springs  | NE3116102  | 599                           | New well; Rehab water storage tank and water mains; Replace meters. - SFY 2024                                      | \$ 900,000        |
| 120             | Hayes Center | NE3108502  | 224                           | Replacement water meters.   | \$ 30,000         |
| 135             | Hebron       | NE3116901  | 1,458                         | New well, rehab and repaint water storage tank, improvements to water mains, and LSL and water meter replacements.  | \$ 2,150,000      |
| 120             | Hemingford   | NE3101303  | 787                           | Install well and water main improvements, and upgrade water meters.   | \$ 1,019,000      |
| 15              | Henderson    | NE3118701  | 1,080                         | Loop and replace mains, and install standby power.  | \$ 110,000        |
| 15              | Henry        | NE3115706  | 125                           | Sample stations. - SFY 2024   | \$ 10,000         |
| 90              | Hershey      | NE3111101  | 649                           | Replace mains. - SFY 2024   | \$ 125,000        |
| 130             | Hickman      | NE3110917  | 2,607                         | New well, water tower, and booster pump station, and install water main improvements.                               | \$ 11,745,000     |
| 145             | Hildreth     | NE3106105  | 377                           | New well and water main replacement.  | \$ 800,000        |
| 15              | Holbrook     | NE3120042  | 201                           | Upgrade water meters.   | \$ 125,000        |
| 135             | Holdrege     | NE3113705  | 5,515                         | New well, water mains, and meters; improvements to water mains, and replacement of LSL.                             | \$ 5,900,000      |
| 60              | Holstein     | NE3100103  | 191                           | Looping water mains, and replacing LSL.   | \$ 100,000        |
| 60              | Homer        | NE3104304  | 532                           | Replace and loop water mains.   | \$ 750,000        |
| 60              | Hooper       | NE3105310  | 857                           | Replace water mains that have had repeated breaks/leaks.  | \$ 625,000        |
| 150             | Hordville    | NE3108104  | 131                           | New well to replace two existing wells.   | \$ 945,000        |
| 80              | Hoskins      | NE3118101  | 263                           | Replace well, replace/loop/extend mains, and replace fire hydrants.   | \$ 1,250,000      |
| 145             | Howells      | NE3103704  | 561                           | Replace failing well, replace some water meters with automatic read meters, loop water mains.                       | \$ 1,750,000      |
| 70              | Hubbard      | NE3104303  | 153                           | Rehab wells, mixing system for water storage tank, and new water meters.  | \$ 435,000        |
| 135             | Humboldt     | NE3114702  | 800                           | Rehab water mains; Replace LSL. - SFY 2024  | \$ 140,000        |
| 145             | Humphrey     | NE3114103  | 857                           | Extend water mains to annexed areas to eliminate private and non-community water systems.                           | \$ 1,500,000      |
| 100             | Hyannis      | NE3107501  | 165                           | New water storage tank, replace water mains, new water meters.  | \$ 5,986,000      |
| 120             | Imperial     | NE3102902  | 2,068                         | New well, new water mains, and new water mains.   | \$ 1,150,000      |
| 60              | Indianola    | NE3114506  | 524                           | Water mains replacement.  | \$ 650,000        |

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| 130             | Jackson                                       | NE3104302  | 207                           | Replace and extend water mains, replace water meters.   | \$ 500,000        |
| 100             | Jansen  | NE3109509  | 101                           | Replace water mains/lead pipes.   | \$ 1,500,000      |
| 135             | Johnson                                       | NE3112708  | 309                           | Rehab tank due to Coliform. - SFY 2022  | \$ 65,000         |
| 175             | Julian  | NE3112709  | 46                            | Replacement of water mains; water treatment connection to rural water system; and new water meters.   | \$ 700,000        |
| 60              | Juniata                                       | NE3100107  | 748                           | New well and pump house to replace aging wells.   | \$ 875,000        |
| 60              | Kearney                                       | NE3101906  | 33,790                        | Water main extensions and improvements, LSL replacement, rehab pump station, and install and replace water meters.  | \$ 39,715,000     |
| 100             | Kenesaw                                       | NE3100106  | 919                           | Rehab wells, construct new and replace existing water mains, replace lead service lines, new water treatment, and SCADA upgrades.   | \$ 9,370,000      |
| 70              | Kennard                                       | NE3117906  | 381                           | Replace water mains. - SFY 2022   | \$ 1,179,000      |
| 100             | Kilgore                                       | NE3103104  | 63                            | Backup well. - SFY 2021   | \$ 200,000        |
| 100             | Kimball                                       | NE3110501  | 2,290                         | New well(s), new water storage tank, replace water mains, replace lead service lines, and new pump station.   | \$ 12,925,000     |
| 60              | Lancaster Cnty<br>SID #3 - Holland<br>Village | NE3110924  | 165                           | Rehab well; New/Rehab tank. - SFY 2024  | \$ 150,000        |
| 175             | Laurel  | NE3102705  | 972                           | New well to increase number of wells and improve redundancy, replace and extend water mains, new pump station, and new water meters.  | \$ 7,300,000      |
| 60              | Lawrence                                      | NE3112901  | 272                           | Storage tank improvements. - SFY 2023; Replace mains and meters. - SFY 2021   | \$ 60,000         |
| 160             | Lebanon                                       | NE3114505  | 46                            | New well, water storage tank, water mains, and water meters; Replace water mains and water meters.  | \$ 1,750,000      |
| 60              | Leigh   | NE3103705  | 435                           | Rehab well(s), replace and extend and/or loop water mains, replace lead service lines.  | \$ 600,000        |
| 60              | Lewellen                                      | NE3120064  | 175                           | Repairs to wells, tanks, and mains. - SFY 2024  | \$ 104,000        |
| 135             | Lexington                                     | NE3104708  | 10,348                        | New well to replace two existing wells with high nitrate and associated transmission main. Replace lead service lines.  | \$ 1,200,000      |
| 45              | Liberty                                       | NE3106701  | 37                            | Well improvements; Repaint tank; Replace water mains and meters. - SFY 2024.  | \$ 91,500         |
| 60              | Lincoln                                       | NE3110926  | 60                            | WTP Improvements; New collector well; Replace/Rehab wells; Repaint reservoirs; Replace mains and meters. - SFY 2023; Replace LSL - Nations Needs Survey. - SFY LSLR Funding List 2024 | \$ 123,230,000    |
| 135             | Lindsay                                       | NE3114104  | 283                           | Replace water mains.  | \$ 400,000        |
| 15              | Litchfield                                    | NE3116302  | 220                           | Replace lead service lines and replace water meters.  | \$ 200,000        |
| 120             | Lodgepole                                     | NE3103304  | 312                           | Replace water main under highway.   | \$ 250,000        |
| 135             | Logan East<br>Rural Water<br>System           | NE3120658  |                               | New well, water storage tank, and water mains.  | \$ 3,790,000      |

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| 110             | Long Pine                     | NE3101701  | 305                           | Replace water mains and water meters.  | \$ 550,000        |
| 145             | Loomis                        | NE3113702  | 391                           | Replace well with rising nitrate concentration; Replace aging water mains; New water main and meters; Extend water mains for subdivision.  | \$ 950,000        |
| 15              | Louisville                    | NE3102512  | 1,319                         | Rehab well; New water meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 74,294         |
| 60              | Loup City                     | NE3116303  | 1,053                         | Replace eight blocks of water main, replace valves, and replace fire hydrants.   | \$ 500,000        |
| 15              | Lower Big Blue NRD - Beatrice | NE3120998  |                               | Water meters replacement.  | \$ 40,000         |
| 15              | Lower Big Blue NRD - Wymore   | NE3121368  |                               | Replace water meters.  | \$ 70,000         |
| 60              | Lower Republican NRD          | NE3121196  |                               | Improvements to pump station and replacement water meters.   | \$ 146,500        |
| 70              | Lyman                         | NE3115710  | 259                           | Replace water mains with lead joints.  | \$ 535,000        |
| 60              | Lynch                         | NE3101504  | 194                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 100,000        |
| 70              | Lyons                         | NE3102103  | 824                           | New/rehab well, replace water mains, replace lead service lines, and replace water meters.   | \$ 1,575,000      |
| 60              | Madison                       | NE3111916  | 2,283                         | Replace old mains and loop dead end mains.   | \$ 150,000        |
| 80              | Madrid                        | NE3111916  | 242                           | Replace/Loop mains. - SFY 2024   | \$ 575,000        |
| 60              | Malcolm                       | NE3110923  | 457                           | New well, replace water mains, new water treatment plant, replace water meters.  | \$ 2,920,000      |
| 15              | Manley                        | NE3102513  | 167                           | Replace water main valves; Replace water meters.   | \$ 190,000        |
| 175             | Marquette                     | NE3108105  | 236                           | Sequestration at wells, consolidation/or water treatment plant for iron/manganese and nitrate; Replace water mains, valves, and fire hydrants.                                     | \$ 2,030,000      |
| 200             | Martinsburg                   | NE3105108  | 78                            | New well to blend with existing well with high uranium/nitrate. Replace leaking standpipe.   | \$ 2,425,000      |
| 100             | Maskell                       | NE3105104  | 58                            | New well; Replace water meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 120,000        |
| 10              | Mason City                    | NE3104109  | 151                           | New and replace water mains.   | \$ 100,000        |
| 155             | McCook                        | NE3114504  | 7,446                         | Rehab all wells, replace and loop water mains, extend water mains, replace anion and cation media at water treatment plant, and other water treatment plant upgrades/replacements. | \$ 22,017,000     |
| 135             | McCool Junction               | NE3120195  | 453                           | Replace water mains and construct fire hydrants and isolations valves; Replace water meters.   | \$ 550,000        |
| 5               | McLean                        | NE3113901  | 33                            | Extend water mains.  | \$ 25,000         |
| 120             | Mead                          | NE3115509  | 617                           | Water main needs.  | \$ 5,000          |
| 60              | Meadow Grove                  | NE3111917  | 287                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 200,000        |
| 25              | Merriman                      | NE3103103  | 87                            | Install VFD(s) for well(s).  | \$ 75,000         |

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| 120             | Metropolitan Utilities District of Omaha | NE3105507  | 600,354                       | New and rehab wells; New water storage tank; New and extension of water mains; Replace lead service lines; New pump station; Modify water treatment.                  | \$ 424,100,000    |
| 145             | Milford                                  | NE3115907  | 2,155                         | New blending station and well; New/Replace water mains; Rehab chemical feed system. - SFY Funding List 2024   | \$ 6,401,800      |
| 25              | Miller                                   | NE3101903  | 129                           | Replace water meters, service lines, and hydrants.  | \$ 230,000        |
| 80              | Milligan                                 | NE3105907  | 244                           | New well; Rehab water storage tank.   | \$ 700,000        |
| 60              | Minatare                                 | NE3115702  | 715                           | Rehab well; Replace water mains; Rehab pump station.  | \$ 120,000        |
| 90              | Minden                                   | NE3109904  | 3,118                         | New water storage tank; Replace water mains and lead service lines; Modify water treatment plant; Install VFDs on wells.  | \$ 16,712,210     |
| 15              | Mitchell                                 | NE3115703  | 1,548                         | Replace lead service lines.   | \$ 5,000          |
| 90              | Moorefield                               | NE3106304  | 27                            | Replace water mains. - SFY 2021   | \$ 75,000         |
| 15              | Morrill                                  | NE3115708  | 934                           | Replace water mains and water meters.   | \$ 610,000        |
| 70              | Morse Bluff                              | NE3115507  | 117                           | Replace water mains.  | \$ 250,000        |
| 80              | Mullen                                   | NE3109101  | 500                           | Rehab well(s); Paint water storage tank; Replace water mains; New pump station. Low water pressure in northwest part of town.   | \$ 1,750,000      |
| 60              | Murdock                                  | NE3102511  | 270                           | Replace water mains and meters; Rehab well and tank. - SFY 2022   | \$ 250,000        |
| 15              | Murray                                   | NE3102514  | 480                           | Replace water meters. - SFY 2024  | \$ 15,000         |
| 160             | Naponee                                  | NE3106103  | 83                            | Rehab water storage tank; Replace water mains; Replace lead service lines; Pump station improvements.   | \$ 5,020,000      |
| 90              | Nebraska City                            | NE3113106  | 7,222                         | Upgrade wells; Replace pump; Rehab tower; Land Acquisition for Source Water Protection. - SFY 2022; Replace LSL - National Needs Survey. - SFY LSLR Funding List 2024 | \$ 6,222,250      |
| 15              | Nehawka                                  | NE3102515  | 173                           | Replace water meters. - SFY 2024  | \$ 5,000          |
| 60              | Neligh                                   | NE3100305  | 1,536                         | Replace water mains; Extend water mains to annexed areas.   | \$ 2,000,000      |
| 30              | Nelson                                   | NE3112903  | 456                           | Replace water mains (to meet demand), LSL, and water meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 100,000        |
| 135             | Nemaha Cnty RWD 1                        | NE3112701  | 500                           | New well; Rehab pump station; Replace water meters. - SFY 2024  | \$ 705,000        |
| 135             | Nemaha Cnty RWD 2                        | NE3112707  | 1,007                         | Replace water meters; New well; Rehab tank.   | \$ 1,100,000      |
| 135             | Newcastle                                | NE3105105  | 272                           | Water meters.   | \$ 150,000        |
| 60              | Newman Grove                             | NE3111905  | 667                           | Replace water mains.  | \$ 250,000        |
| 60              | Newport                                  | NE3114901  | 68                            | Rehab wells that are pumping sand; Paint pressure tanks; Replace water meters.  | \$ 170,000        |
| 75              | Niobrara                                 | NE3110709  | 365                           | New water treatment plant for manganese; Replace water meters.  | \$ 1,150,000      |

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| 30              | Norfolk         | NE3111910  | 24,955                        | Construct additional collector well; Construct additional storage tank; Replace transfer and high service pumps; Install additional high service pump; Add redundant piping to the West Water Treatment Plant. | \$ 14,800,000     |
| 60              | North Bend      | NE3105305  | 1,279                         | New/rehab well(s); Rehab clearwell; Extend water mains; Modify water treatment plant.  | \$ 1,450,000      |
| 15              | North Loup      | NE3117502  | 254                           | Replace water mains and water meters; Relocate master meter pit.   | \$ 275,000        |
| 120             | North Platte    | NE3111106  | 23,390                        | Replace LSL - National Needs Survey; Water main replacement. - SFY LSLR Funding List 2024  | \$ 10,000,000     |
| 60              | Oakdale         | NE3100302  | 276                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 150,000        |
| 90              | Oakland         | NE3102101  | 1,369                         | New well; New water storage tank; New/extend water mains; New water treatment plant; Replace water meters.   | \$ 9,200,000      |
| 60              | Oconto          | NE3104107  | 138                           | Rehab well; Paint elevated storage tank; Replace fire hydrants and valves.   | \$ 105,000        |
| 60              | Odell           | NE3106708  | 260                           | Rehab water storage tank; Replace water mains.   | \$ 350,000        |
| 60              | Ogallala        | NE3110102  | 4,878                         | Paint two water tanks; Replace lead service lines; Replace water meters.   | \$ 1,182,080      |
| 80              | Ohiowa          | NE3105908  | 120                           | New well; Replace water meters.  | \$ 430,000        |
| 120             | O'Neill         | NE3108904  | 3,581                         | Replace water mains and meters; Rehab well. - SFY 2023; SFY Funding List 2024  | \$ 1,365,000      |
| 135             | Ong             | NE3103508  | 49                            | Replace water mains and lead service lines.  | \$ 20,000         |
| 60              | Ord             | NE3117501  | 2,113                         | Replace water mains.   | \$ 500,000        |
| 90              | Orleans         | NE3108306  | 341                           | Rehab well(s); Replace water mains.  | \$ 130,000        |
| 145             | Osceola         | NE3114302  | 875                           | New/rehab well(s) and pump house; Replace standpipe; Replace and extend water mains.   | \$ 2,050,000      |
| 15              | Oshkosh         | NE3106901  | 809                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 50,000         |
| 145             | Osmond          | NE3113903  | 794                           | New water storage tank to replace undersized tank with inadequate storage; Loop dead end mains.  | \$ 2,150,000      |
| 90              | Otoe            | NE3113108  | 161                           | Replace water mains; Replace water meters.   | \$ 450,000        |
| 90              | Otoe Cnty RWD 1 | NE3113109  | 704                           | Replace water meters; Upgrade booster pump station and pumps; Rehab water mains and tower. - SFY 2024  | \$ 4,089,000      |
| 135             | Otoe Cnty RWD 3 | NE3113103  |                               | Replace water mains and water meters, and construct improvements to the pump station.  | \$ 616,000        |
| 120             | Overton         | NE3104710  | 607                           | Replace 15 blocks of water mains; Paint water tower interior and exterior; Replace water tower vent; Install SCADA controls.   | \$ 900,000        |
| 175             | Oxford          | NE3106502  | 718                           | Construct new well to replace aging infrastructure/nitrate levels; Replace aging and dead end mains; Construct new water storage tank; Replace lead service lines; Replace water meters.                       | \$ 4,295,000      |
| 90              | Palisade        | NE3120023  | 294                           | Rehab South Well #2 and North Well #1. Construct shelter/building for submersible well control panel.  | \$ 65,000         |

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| 25              | Palmer                       | NE3112103  | 439                           | Replace approximately 450 water meters; Install new VFD at well; Replace curb stops and meter pits; Replace chlorinators on wells; Replace lead service lines. | \$ 610,000        |
| 100             | Panama                       | NE3110908  | 235                           | Replace existing well, paint interior and exterior of water tower; Replace water mains; Replace water meters.  | \$ 800,000        |
| 60              | Papillion                    | NE3115313  | 24,159                        | New/Repaint tower; Replace treatment system; Rehab/Replace booster stations; Replace water mains. - SFY 2024   | \$ 20,585,000     |
| 30              | Pawnee City                  | NE3113305  | 865                           | Rehab well and storage tank; Replace mains and LSLs; New well and meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 916,296        |
| 60              | Pawnee Cnty RWD 1            | NE3113304  | 0                             | New water storage tank, replace water mains, and improvements to the pump station.   | \$ 3,643,625      |
| 135             | Paxton                       | NE3110101  | 516                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 250,000        |
| 145             | Pender                       | NE3117308  | 1,115                         | New well; Replace mains and meters; Rehab water storage tanks. - SFY 2024  | \$ 2,700,000      |
| 70              | Peru                         | NE3112705  | 648                           | Rehab/paint water storage tank; Replace water mains; Install new and replace existing water meters.  | \$ 1,000,000      |
| 70              | Petersburg                   | NE3101104  | 332                           | Construct new well to replace aging wells; Replace/loop water mains.   | \$ 600,000        |
| 185             | Phillips                     | NE3108106  | 320                           | Replace water mains; Construct new water treatment plant to address uranium or interconnect with PWS; New SCADA system.  | \$ 3,750,000      |
| 60              | Pickrell                     | NE3106711  | 186                           | Backup generator; New water mains. - SFY 2024  | \$ 150,000        |
| 15              | Pierce                       | NE3113904  | 1,845                         | Replace water mains; Rehab well. - SFY 2024  | \$ 85,000         |
| 60              | Pilger                       | NE3116701  | 240                           | Loop four blocks of water mains; Replace water meters.   | \$ 250,000        |
| 190             | Plainview                    | NE3113902  | 1,282                         | New wells and transmission main to address nitrate; Replace water mains and valves; Replace water meters.  | \$ 6,220,000      |
| 60              | Platte Alliance Water Supply | -          |                               | Install new water mains, pump station, water treatment system, and water meters.   | \$ 275,000,000    |
| 135             | Platte Center                | NE3114101  | 333                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 150,000        |
| 60              | Plattsmouth                  | NE3102501  | 6,544                         | Replace water mains and meters. - SFY 2022   | \$ 18,323,500     |
| 15              | Pleasant Dale                | NE3115906  | 218                           | Auxiliary solar power for well; Storage tank painting; Replace lead service lines.   | \$ 170,000        |
| 70              | Pleasanton                   | NE3101909  | 361                           | New well and pump house; Storage tank painting; Replace water mains.   | \$ 775,000        |
| 90              | Plymouth                     | NE3109503  | 364                           | New storage tank; Replace water mains.   | \$ 2,000,000      |
| 65              | Polk                         | NE3114301  | 346                           | Replace water mains; New water treatment plant.  | \$ 1,475,000      |
| 165             | Ponca                        | NE3105106  | 907                           | New well; New storage tank; New/replace water mains; Replace lead service lines; New pump station; Replace water meters.                                       | \$ 4,175,000      |
| 15              | Potter                       | NE3103302  | 342                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 250,000        |
| 160             | Prague                       | NE3115501  | 291                           | New well; Water main replacement and extension; New water treatment plant; Replacement water meters.   | \$ 13,270,000     |

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| 15              | Ragan                                    | NE3108305  | 22                            | Replace water meters and other improvements to the water treatment system.   | \$ 60,000         |
| 60              | Randolph                                 | NE3102709  | 879                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 650,000        |
| 15              | Ravenna                                  | NE3101911  | 1,441                         | Replace water mains; Replace lead service lines; Replace water meters.   | \$ 580,000        |
| 15              | Raymond                                  | NE3110907  | 159                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 150,000        |
| 60              | Red Cloud                                | NE3118301  | 962                           | Rehab well; Replace water mains; Radios for water meters.  | \$ 779,000        |
| 70              | Republican City                          | NE3108304  | 134                           | Well pump house; Water main extension; Replace water meters.   | \$ 810,000        |
| 15              | Riverdale                                | NE3120710  | 247                           | Replace water mains; Replace water meters.   | \$ 242,000        |
| 130             | Riverton                                 | NE3106101  | 57                            | Interconnect with RWD; Rehab water storage tanks and water meters. - SFY 2024  | \$ 1,380,000      |
| 100             | Rockville                                | NE3120818  | 89                            | Well back-up power; Replace water meters.  | \$ 125,000        |
| 15              | Rosalie                                  | NE3117307  | 159                           | Storage tank painting/rehab.   | \$ 190,000        |
| 90              | Roseland                                 | NE3130003  | 263                           | New well, replace water mains and water meters.  | \$ 1,500,000      |
| 70              | Rushville                                | NE3116101  | 816                           | Replace water mains; Replace water meters and radio read.  | \$ 1,300,000      |
| 145             | Ruskin                                   | NE3112905  | 105                           | Rehab wells; Replace water mains.  | \$ 200,000        |
| 70              | Sargent                                  | NE3104101  | 500                           | Replace water main.  | \$ 1,000,000      |
| 120             | Sarpy Cnty SID #79 - Meadow Oaks         | NE3115302  | 300                           | Replace well. - SFY 2021   | \$ 800,000        |
| 15              | Saunders Cnty SID #8 - Woodcliff Lake    | NE3120483  | 925                           | Rehab/Repaint tower; Rehab wellhouses; Replace VFDs. - SFY 2024  | \$ 120,000        |
| 120             | Schuyler                                 | NE3103701  | 6,547                         | New wells; Rehab storage tank; Replace water mains; Replace lead service lines.  | \$ 3,911,300      |
| 15              | Scotia                                   | NE3107703  | 301                           | Rehab well; Replace water mains; Replace water meters.   | \$ 225,000        |
| 135             | Scottsbluff                              | NE3115716  | 14,436                        | Storage tank painting; Replace water mains; Replace lead service lines; Pump station improvements.                                   | \$ 1,255,000      |
| 135             | Scottsbluff Cnty SID #10 - Wildcat Hills | NE3120305  | 150                           | New treatment filter; Install controls and water pumping station; Rehab/Replace main; Rehab well. - SFY 2024                         | \$ 800,000        |
| 45              | Scribner                                 | NE3105302  | 543                           | Replace water mains; Replace lead service lines; Water treatment plant modifications; Replace water meters and remote read.          | \$ 720,000        |
| 135             | Seward                                   | NE3115905  | 7,643                         | New tower and wells; Extend water mains. - SFY 2023; Replace tower, mains, and meters; Rehab well. - SFY 2022; SFY Funding List 2024 | \$ 3,500,000      |
| 15              | Shelby                                   | NE3114304  | 710                           | New/replace water mains.   | \$ 75,000         |
| 15              | Shelton                                  | NE3101910  | 1,034                         | Replace water mains; Replace lead service lines.   | \$ 545,000        |
| 145             | Shickley                                 | NE3105909  | 347                           | Water mains; New water meters.   | \$ 650,000        |
| 130             | Shubert                                  | NE3114709  | 163                           | Storage tank rehab/painting; Pump station improvements; Water meter replacements.  | \$ 80,000         |

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| 135             | Sidney                                    | NE3103303  | 6,410                         | Rehab wells.  | \$ 60,000         |
| 85              | Silver Creek                              | NE3112104  | 320                           | New well; New water main and extension; New pump station.   | \$ 850,000        |
| 130             | Smithfield                                | NE3107313  | 60                            | New wells; replace water meters.  | \$ 500,000        |
| 150             | Snyder                                    | NE3105303  | 254                           | New well(s) due to PFAS; New water main extension.  | \$ 1,600,000      |
| 90              | South Sioux City                          | NE3104309  | 14,043                        | New wells; Rehab storage tank; Replace water mains; New/modify water treatment plan; Replace water meters.                  | \$ 84,300,000     |
| 120             | Spalding                                  | NE3107702  | 408                           | Rehab well; Replace water mains; Replace water meters.  | \$ 540,000        |
| 15              | Spencer                                   | NE3101507  | 408                           | Replace water mains; Water meters.  | \$ 500,000        |
| 100             | Sprague                                   | NE3110904  | 136                           | New well, rehab well and well pumphouse; Replace water mains.   | \$ 1,200,000      |
| 15              | Springfield                               | NE3115301  | 1,501                         | Replace water mains.  | \$ 365,000        |
| 130             | St. Edward                                | NE3101105  | 725                           | New well; New storage tank; Replace water mains; Replace lead service lines; New water meters.                              | \$ 4,150,000      |
| 15              | St. Helena                                | NE3120175  | 89                            | Repair/replace water main valves/fire hydrants.   | \$ 15,000         |
| 60              | St. Paul                                  | NE3109306  | 2,416                         | Rehab well; Replace water mains and extension; Replace lead service lines; Water treatment equipment; Replace water meters. | \$ 793,000        |
| 90              | Stamford                                  | NE3108301  | 158                           | Replace water mains; Replace water meters.  | \$ 575,000        |
| 60              | Stanton                                   | NE3116702  | 1,520                         | New wells.  | \$ 1,100,000      |
| 60              | Stanton Cnty<br>SID #1 -<br>Woodland Park | NE3120155  | 1,866                         | Well; Storage tank; Water mains; Water meters.  | \$ 2,445,000      |
| 100             | Staplehurst                               | NE3115914  | 236                           | Well; Storage tank; Water mains; Replace lead service lines; Water Meters.  | \$ 2,015,000      |
| 15              | Stapleton                                 | NE3111301  | 267                           | Backup power. - SFY 2024  | \$ 50,000         |
| 175             | Steele City                               | NE3109502  | 44                            | Sourcing water from nearby community to mitigate Nitrates; Rehab pump station bldg.; Install pressure tank. - SFY 2024      | \$ 1,075,000      |
| 15              | Steinauer                                 | NE3113307  | 59                            | Replace LSL.  | \$ 69,000         |
| 80              | Sterling                                  | NE3109706  | 480                           | New wells; New/Replace water mains.   | \$ 1,050,000      |
| 10              | Stockville                                | NE3106305  | 25                            | Rehab wells; New water storage tank; Replace water mains.   | \$ 195,000        |
| 160             | Stratton                                  | NE3108701  | 310                           | Replace water mains; replace water meters.  | \$ 1,175,000      |
| 135             | Stromsburg                                | NE3114303  | 1,143                         | Rehab well; Replace/new water mains; Water treatment modification; Replace water meters.                                    | \$ 577,000        |
| 150             | Stuart                                    | NE3108906  | 486                           | New well; New storage tank; New/replace/extend water mains; Replace lead service lines.                                     | \$ 2,900,000      |
| 15              | Sumner                                    | NE3120220  | 252                           | Rehab well; Rehab storage tank; Replace water meters.   | \$ 145,000        |
| 145             | Superior                                  | NE3112904  | 1,825                         | Storage tank painting; New water treatment plant; Replace water meters.   | \$ 5,474,117      |
| 145             | Sutton                                    | NE3103507  | 1,447                         | Storage tank painting; Replace water mains; Replace lead service lines; New water meters.                                   | \$ 2,600,000      |



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| 145             | Swanton               | NE3115106  | 82                            | Replace water mains.   | \$ 150,000        |
| 145             | Syracuse              | NE3113104  | 1,941                         | New storage tank; Replace water mains; Replace water meters.   | \$ 3,328,000      |
| 60              | Table Rock            | NE3113308  | 233                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 125,000        |
| 100             | Talmage               | NE3113102  | 198                           | Water storage tank; Water mains; Water meters.   | \$ 3,650,000      |
| 15              | Tecumseh              | NE3109705  | 1,694                         | Well generator.  | \$ 80,000         |
| 135             | Tekamah               | NE3102102  | 1,714                         | New/replace water mains; New well.   | \$ 750,000        |
| 15              | Terrytown             | NE3115701  | 1,057                         | Replace water mains.   | \$ 200,000        |
| 60              | Tilden                | NE3100301  | 992                           | New well; New/replace water main.  | \$ 950,000        |
| 15              | Tobias                | NE3115108  | 114                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 125,000        |
| 15              | Trenton               | NE3108503  | 516                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 25,000         |
| 30              | Trumbull              | NE3100108  | 194                           | Painting of water storage tank and new and replacement water meters.   | \$ 90,000         |
| 100             | Uehling               | NE3105304  | 241                           | Rehab and painting of water storage tank; Replace water mains.   | \$ 2,550,000      |
| 60              | Unadilla              | NE3113101  | 296                           | Replace mains. - SFY 2024  | \$ 400,000        |
| 175             | Union                 | NE3102505  | 195                           | New and rehabilitation of wells, replace water mains, improvement to pump station and modification of mixing station in treatment plant.                             | \$ 2,800,000      |
| 15              | Upland                | NE3106102  | 125                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 75,000         |
| 60              | Utica                 | NE3115913  | 840                           | Replace water mains and meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 120,000        |
| 130             | Valentine             | NE3103106  | 2,633                         | New well; New/replace water mains; Replace lead service lines; New/replace water meters  | \$ 2,860,000      |
| 70              | Valley                | NE3105518  | 3,037                         | Upgrade WTP. - SFY 2022  | \$ 7,935,020      |
| 15              | Valparaiso            | NE3115511  | 595                           | Rehab storage tank; Replace water mains; Replace lead service lines.   | \$ 270,000        |
| 130             | Verdel                | NE3110712  | 38                            | Replace water mains; New backup well. - SFY 2024   | \$ 378,000        |
| 25              | Verdigre              | NE3110713  | 554                           | Water mains; Replace lead service line; Water meters.  | \$ 905,000        |
| 135             | Verdon                | NE3114708  | 164                           | Water storage tank painting, containment & blasting.   | \$ 120,000        |
| 60              | Waco                  | NE3118705  | 296                           | Repaint tower; Replace water mains. - SFY 2021   | \$ 265,000        |
| 60              | Wahoo                 | NE3115512  | 4,818                         | Well; Water main extension; Water meters.  | \$ 7,412,500      |
| 80              | Wakefield             | NE3105107  | 1,522                         | Replace WTP and water meters. - SFY 2024   | \$ 6,500,000      |
| 60              | Wallace               | NE3111112  | 318                           | Replace water meters; Repaint tower. - SFY 2024  | \$ 125,000        |
| 55              | Walthill              | NE3117301  | 682                           | Replacement of water mains, replacement of lead service lines, new pump station, Aeralator replacement & pumps at water treatment plant and automatic meter reading. | \$ 4,850,000      |
| 15              | Washington Cnty RWD 1 | NE3120004  | 1,942                         | Extend water mains. - SFY 2024   | \$ 6,000          |
| 90              | Waterloo              | NE3105517  | 935                           | Replace water mains; Replace lead service lines.   | \$ 300,000        |
| 115             | Wauneta               | NE3102901  | 549                           | New/rehab well; Replace water mains.   | \$ 250,000        |
| 15              | Wausa                 | NE3110711  | 592                           | Water mains; Water meters.   | \$ 300,000        |
| 135             | Waverly               | NE3110905  | 4,279                         | New/Rehab wells; New/Replace water mains; Replace water meters.  | \$ 3,610,000      |

| Priority Points | Community                    | PWS Number | US Census 2018-2022 Est. Pop. | Project Description  | Project Est. Cost |
|-----------------|------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 120             | Wayne                        | NE3118104  | 5,973                         | New well; Storage tank painting; Water mains; Replace lead service lines; Pump station controls; Water meters. | \$ 3,850,000      |
| 155             | Weeping Water                | NE3102506  | 1,029                         | New well to address Nitrate; Replace water main; New pump station.   | \$ 4,653,000      |
| 60              | West Knox RWD                | NE3120348  | 565                           | New wells and pump house and replacement of water meters.  | \$ 1,400,000      |
| 105             | West Point                   | NE3103904  | 3,500                         | Well generator, Replacement Water Mains, and new roof on water treatment plant.                                | \$ 825,000        |
| 15              | Western                      | NE3115107  | 227                           | Replace water mains.   | \$ 150,000        |
| 15              | Western NE Joint Water Board | NE3121302  | 1,318                         | Rehab wells; pump station improvements.  | \$ 160,000        |
| 130             | Whitney                      | NE3104501  | 62                            | Replace water mains; Replace water meters.   | \$ 599,000        |
| 135             | Wilber                       | NE3115105  | 1,937                         | New well and pump house; New water main/extension; New water treatment.  | \$ 2,000,000      |
| 90              | Wilcox                       | NE3109901  | 330                           | New well.  | \$ 550,000        |
| 130             | Wilsonville                  | NE3106501  | 75                            | New wells; Paint water storage tank; New/Replace water mains; Replace water meters.                            | \$ 1,352,000      |
| 120             | Winnebago                    | NE3117302  | 916                           | Replace water meters. - SFY 2023; Replace water mains and meters. - SFY 2022                                   | \$ 61,600         |
| 25              | Winnetoon                    | NE3110714  | 54                            | Replace water mains.   | \$ 50,000         |
| 90              | Winside                      | NE3118105  | 379                           | New well; Paint storage tank; Replace water mains; Modify water treatment plant; Radio reads for water meters. | \$ 1,975,000      |
| 180             | Wisner                       | NE3103903  | 1,239                         | Well pump house; Water main looping and extension; Lead service lines; New water treatment plant.              | \$ 6,350,000      |
| 80              | Wolbach                      | NE3107704  | 224                           | Well; New storage tank; New/replace water mains; Replace lead service lines; Water meters.                     | \$ 925,000        |
| 120             | Wood Lake                    | NE3103105  | 46                            | Rehab wells; Replace water mains.  | \$ 100,000        |
| 60              | Wood River                   | NE3107901  | 1,172                         | New well; New water mains.   | \$ 1,205,000      |
| 60              | Wymore                       | NE3106710  | 1,377                         | Replace water mains and extension; Water meters.   | \$ 806,394        |
| 145             | Wynot                        | NE3102708  | 216                           | Well; Water mains; Water treatment; Water meters.  | \$ 765,000        |
| 120             | York                         | NE3118706  | 8,066                         | Replace water mains.   | \$ 4,000,000      |
| 60              | Yutan                        | NE3115515  | 1,347                         | New well; Replace water mains.   | \$ 1,350,000      |

**Total Estimated Costs \$ 1,852,619,477**

**NOTES:** ALL LISTED PROJECTS PER STATE FISCAL YEAR 2025 PRIORITY RANKING SYSTEM

**A.O.** – ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

**MCL** – MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL

**PER** – PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT

**PHA** – PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY (LEVEL)

**PWS** – PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM

**RWD** – RURAL WATER DISTRICT

**SFY \*\*\*\*** - PROJECT CARRIED OVER FROM INDICATED STATE FISCAL YEAR'S IUP

**VFD** – VARIABLE FREQUENCY DRIVE

**WTP** – WATER TREATMENT PLANT

## APPENDIX C

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### **CWSRF & DWSRF INTEREST RATE AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE SYSTEM**

The Interest Rate System is developed in accordance with “Title 131 Rules and Regulations for the Wastewater Treatment Facilities and Drinking Water Construction Assistance Programs.” This system is reviewed and approved by the EQC as a part of the public participation process followed each year for the IUP.

On loans made from the proceeds of leveraged bonds, the Department will set interest rates reflective of the rates charged on the leveraged bonds. The NDEE will set the SRF market rates, using the cost of borrowing money for the CWSRF and DWSRF, recent local tax-exempt municipal issues, and costs for private borrowers as guidance.

#### **CWSRF Interest Rate for Loans**

The following interest rates will be set for CWSRF loans:

- Rates will be determined from 40 percent of the average of the 10-to-30 year Municipal Bond rates, rounded down to the nearest even ten basis point level, at the start of each quarter. There will be a split between both rate and fee, with a minimum combined range of no less than 1% and no more than 2.5%.
- The market rate for Planning Loans will be set at 0%;
- Project which incorporate eligible Green Project Reserve (GPR) components may receive a deduction of up to 0.50% annual interest rate depending upon the percentage of project that is GPR eligible.
  - The market rate for a CWSRF project with qualifying GPR components will be initial market rate with a possible maximum reduction of 0.50% based upon the percentage of total SRF fundable GPR eligible components against entire SRF fundable amount. Projects that are 100% GPR eligible will receive a total reduction of market rate of 0.50%. If a CWSRF funded project has a combination of GPR eligible items and ineligible items, a blended rate will be calculated based upon the percentage of each portion.

#### **DWSRF Interest Rate**

The DWSRF market rates will be set at:

- Rates will be determined from 40 percent of the average of the 10 and 30 year Municipal Bond rates, rounded down to the nearest even ten basis point level, at the start of each quarter. There will be a split between both rate and fee, with a minimum combined range of no less than 1% and no more than 2.5%.
- For planning, emergency and LSL Replacement projects, the market rate will be set at 0%.

#### **Interest Rate on Loans Made for Emergency Bridge Financing**

For both CWSRF and DWSRF loans made for emergency projects, as defined by Title 131, that serve as a bridge financing while a borrower awaits to receive funding from other sources, such as FEMA, will have an annual interest rate of 0% for SFY 2025 IUP. The 0% will only apply to the portion that will be covered by other funding sources.

#### **Adjusting the Rate**

The Department will review municipal bond market conditions at the end of each quarter to adjust the SRF market rates according to a policy approved by the NDEE Director. Minor changes to that policy can be made, but only at the discretion of the Director.

## **Median Household Income (MHI) Determination**

For the CWSRF and DWSRF, MHI will be determined from the American Community Survey (ACS) five-year estimates published by the U.S. Census Bureau. The MHI ACS 5-year data is updated every other year. For this IUP, it is the ACS 5-year data from 2018-2022.

The MHI for Sanitary and Improvement District (SID) projects will be based on the smallest county subdivision with a reported MHI, such as a precinct or census tract that encompasses the project service area. The MHI for Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) or Rural Water System projects will be based on the averages of the MHI values reported for the counties included all or partly in the district or system.

If there is a reason to believe that the census data is not an accurate representation of the MHI within the area to be served, the reasons will be documented and the loan applicant may furnish additional information regarding such MHI. Such information will consist of reliable data from local, regional, state, or federal sources or from a survey conducted by a reliable impartial source. This survey will be valid for five years.

## **Administrative Fees**

The Department may apply an administrative fee against outstanding principal on loans to meet the long term administrative costs of the SRF programs. An annual fee of up to 0.5% in fees may be charged against the outstanding principal on Planning Loans and an annual fee of up to 1% may be charged against the outstanding principal on all other loans.

An annual administrative fee of 0% may be applied to loans made for LSL Replacement or emergency projects as defined by Title 131, that serve as bridge financing while a borrower awaits to receive funding from other sources, such as FEMA.

These fees are not included in the loan principal. Fees will be assessed on a semi-annual basis and billed at the same time invoices for principal and interest are mailed. Fees collected in addition to principal and interest, which are not deposited as loan repayments, are considered "income received by the grantee" or "program income."

## APPENDIX D

### ASSESSING WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS (AWIN)

The NDEE developed the AWIN program to assist struggling communities in Nebraska to better afford, maintain, and operate wastewater infrastructure projects. The goal of AWIN is to use current information to provide accurate estimates of future conditions in Nebraska communities. This information can be used to develop sustainable projects and minimize financial burdens for struggling communities, while working toward compliance for all communities.

AWIN examines various factors affecting communities, such as population change, per capita income, average age of residents and infrastructure needs, to develop a “sustainability risk” analysis. The focus of AWIN is to assist communities in evaluating their infrastructure needs to determine if affordable alternatives are available. AWIN will also be utilized in the prioritization of loans and grants through the CWSRF IUP. The AWIN Ranking corresponds with the Sustainability Risk. The higher the AWIN score, the higher sustainability risk a community is predicted to have over the next ten to twenty years.

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Abie               | 17           | High                |
| Adams              | 10           | Low                 |
| Ainsworth          | 19           | High                |
| Albion             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Alda               | 9            | Low                 |
| Alexandria         | 15           | Moderate            |
| Allen              | 11           | Moderate            |
| Alliance           | 3            | Low                 |
| Alma               | 9            | Low                 |
| Alvo               | 18           | High                |
| Ames               | 10           | Low                 |
| Amherst            | 7            | Low                 |
| Anoka              | 23           | High                |
| Anselmo            | 12           | Moderate            |
| Ansley             | 14           | Moderate            |
| Arapahoe           | 8            | Low                 |
| Arcadia            | 7            | Low                 |
| Archer             | 7            | Low                 |
| Arlington          | 2            | Low                 |
| Arnold             | 6            | Low                 |
| Arthur             | 17           | High                |
| Ashland            | 2            | Low                 |
| Ashton             | 17           | High                |
| Aten               | 9            | Low                 |
| Atkinson           | 8            | Low                 |
| Atlanta            | 4            | Low                 |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Auburn             | 9            | Low                 |
| Aurora             | 1            | Low                 |
| Avoca              | 16           | High                |
| Axtell             | 3            | Low                 |
| Ayr                | 11           | Moderate            |
| Bancroft           | 2            | Low                 |
| Barada             | 13           | Moderate            |
| Barneston          | 15           | Moderate            |
| Bartlett           | 10           | Low                 |
| Bartley            | 18           | High                |
| Bassett            | 22           | High                |
| Battle Creek       | 0            | Low                 |
| Bayard             | 18           | High                |
| Bazile Mills       | 13           | Moderate            |
| Beatrice           | 11           | Moderate            |
| Beaver City        | 20           | High                |
| Beaver Crossing    | 3            | Low                 |
| Bee                | 12           | Moderate            |
| Beemer             | 29           | High                |
| Belden             | 6            | Low                 |
| Belgrade           | 16           | High                |
| Bellevue           | 5            | Low                 |
| Bellwood           | 14           | Moderate            |
| Belmar             | 30           | High                |
| Belvidere          | 16           | High                |
| Benedict           | 13           | Moderate            |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Benkelman          | 20           | High                |
| Bennet             | 6            | Low                 |
| Bennington         | 2            | Low                 |
| Berea              | 13           | Moderate            |
| Bertrand           | 8            | Low                 |
| Berwyn             | 9            | Low                 |
| Big Springs        | 8            | Low                 |
| Bladen             | 19           | High                |
| Blair              | 1            | Low                 |
| Bloomfield         | 19           | High                |
| Bloomington        | 22           | High                |
| Blue Hill          | 6            | Low                 |
| Blue Springs       | 23           | High                |
| Bow Valley         | 9            | Low                 |
| Boys Town          | 16           | High                |
| Bradshaw           | 12           | Moderate            |
| Brady              | 1            | Low                 |
| Brainard           | 6            | Low                 |
| Brewster           | 30           | High                |
| Bridgeport         | 12           | Moderate            |
| Bristow            | 30           | High                |
| Broadwater         | 21           | High                |
| Brock              | 29           | High                |
| Broken Bow         | 7            | Low                 |
| Brownlee           | 16           | High                |
| Brownville         | 25           | High                |
| Brule              | 20           | High                |
| Bruning            | 16           | High                |
| Bruno              | 18           | High                |
| Brunswick          | 8            | Low                 |
| Burchard           | 20           | High                |
| Burr               | 17           | High                |
| Burton             | 19           | High                |
| Burwell            | 8            | Low                 |
| Bushnell           | 25           | High                |
| Butte              | 19           | High                |
| Byron              | 32           | High                |
| Cairo              | 2            | Low                 |
| Callaway           | 7            | Low                 |
| Cambridge          | 8            | Low                 |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Campbell           | 24           | High                |
| Carleton           | 27           | High                |
| Carroll            | 12           | Moderate            |
| Cedar Bluffs       | 9            | Low                 |
| Cedar Creek        | 23           | High                |
| Cedar Rapids       | 9            | Low                 |
| Center             | 15           | Moderate            |
| Central City       | 11           | Moderate            |
| Ceresco            | 2            | Low                 |
| Chadron            | 12           | Moderate            |
| Chalco             | 2            | Low                 |
| Chambers           | 23           | High                |
| Champion           | 20           | High                |
| Chapman            | 9            | Low                 |
| Chappell           | 17           | High                |
| Chester            | 23           | High                |
| Clarks             | 8            | Low                 |
| Clarkson           | 10           | Low                 |
| Clatonia           | 3            | Low                 |
| Clay Center        | 11           | Moderate            |
| Clearwater         | 8            | Low                 |
| Clinton            | 19           | High                |
| Cody               | 5            | Low                 |
| Coleridge          | 17           | High                |
| Colon              | 7            | Low                 |
| Columbus           | 6            | Low                 |
| Comstock           | 29           | High                |
| Concord            | 12           | Moderate            |
| Cook               | 4            | Low                 |
| Cordova            | 17           | High                |
| Cornlea            | 8            | Low                 |
| Cortland           | 7            | Low                 |
| Cotesfield         | 20           | High                |
| Cowles             | 14           | Moderate            |
| Cozad              | 2            | Low                 |
| Crab Orchard       | 27           | High                |
| Craig              | 18           | High                |
| Crawford           | 24           | High                |
| Creighton          | 19           | High                |
| Creston            | 11           | Moderate            |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Crete              | 8            | Low                 |
| Crofton            | 8            | Low                 |
| Crookston          | 21           | High                |
| Culbertson         | 2            | Low                 |
| Curtis             | 6            | Low                 |
| Cushing            | 8            | Low                 |
| Dakota City        | 1            | Low                 |
| Dalton             | 5            | Low                 |
| Danbury            | 21           | High                |
| Dannebrog          | 4            | Low                 |
| Davenport          | 15           | Moderate            |
| Davey              | 3            | Low                 |
| David City         | 5            | Low                 |
| Dawson             | 22           | High                |
| Daykin             | 8            | Low                 |
| De Witt            | 14           | Moderate            |
| Decatur            | 26           | High                |
| Denton             | 4            | Low                 |
| Deshler            | 15           | Moderate            |
| Deweese            | 15           | Moderate            |
| Diller             | 18           | High                |
| Dix                | 12           | Moderate            |
| Dixon              | 26           | High                |
| Dodge              | 11           | Moderate            |
| Doniphan           | 6            | Low                 |
| Dorchester         | 6            | Low                 |
| Douglas            | 13           | Moderate            |
| Du Bois            | 12           | Moderate            |
| Dunbar             | 18           | High                |
| Duncan             | 2            | Low                 |
| Dunning            | 6            | Low                 |
| Dwight             | 11           | Moderate            |
| Eagle              | 12           | Moderate            |
| Eddyville          | 9            | Low                 |
| Edgar              | 24           | High                |
| Edison             | 18           | High                |
| Elba               | 6            | Low                 |
| Elgin              | 15           | Moderate            |
| Elk Creek          | 19           | High                |
| Elm Creek          | 3            | Low                 |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Elmwood            | 4            | Low                 |
| Elsie              | 13           | Moderate            |
| Elwood             | 7            | Low                 |
| Elyria             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Emerson            | 9            | Low                 |
| Emmet              | 23           | High                |
| Enders             | 25           | High                |
| Endicott           | 4            | Low                 |
| Ericson            | 30           | High                |
| Eustis             | 6            | Low                 |
| Ewing              | 7            | Low                 |
| Exeter             | 10           | Low                 |
| Fairbury           | 19           | High                |
| Fairfield          | 18           | High                |
| Fairmont           | 18           | High                |
| Falls City         | 15           | Moderate            |
| Farnam             | 18           | High                |
| Farwell            | 14           | Moderate            |
| Filley             | 25           | High                |
| Firth              | 4            | Low                 |
| Fontanelle         | 22           | High                |
| Fordyce            | 8            | Low                 |
| Fort Calhoun       | 3            | Low                 |
| Foster             | 18           | High                |
| Franklin           | 8            | Low                 |
| Fremont            | 6            | Low                 |
| Friend             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Fullerton          | 16           | High                |
| Funk               | 3            | Low                 |
| Gandy              | 23           | High                |
| Garland            | 13           | Moderate            |
| Garrison           | 8            | Low                 |
| Geneva             | 6            | Low                 |
| Genoa              | 2            | Low                 |
| Gering             | 1            | Low                 |
| Gibbon             | 3            | Low                 |
| Gilead             | 13           | Moderate            |
| Giltner            | 4            | Low                 |
| Glensvil           | 10           | Low                 |
| Glenwood           | 1            | Low                 |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Goehner            | 11           | Moderate            |
| Gordon             | 19           | High                |
| Gothenburg         | 9            | Low                 |
| Grafton            | 16           | High                |
| Grand Island       | 3            | Low                 |
| Grant              | 4            | Low                 |
| Greeley            | 8            | Low                 |
| Greenwood          | 3            | Low                 |
| Gresham            | 19           | High                |
| Gretna             | 2            | Low                 |
| Gross              | 16           | High                |
| Guide Rock         | 22           | High                |
| Gurley             | 3            | Low                 |
| Hadar              | 3            | Low                 |
| Haigler            | 23           | High                |
| Hallam             | 3            | Low                 |
| Halsey             | 18           | High                |
| Hamlet             | 17           | High                |
| Hampton            | 1            | Low                 |
| Harbine            | 15           | Moderate            |
| Hardy              | 16           | High                |
| Harrisburg         | 22           | High                |
| Harrison           | 29           | High                |
| Hartington         | 10           | Low                 |
| Harvard            | 6            | Low                 |
| Hastings           | 3            | Low                 |
| Hay Springs        | 35           | High                |
| Hayes Center       | 8            | Low                 |
| Hazard             | 18           | High                |
| Heartwell          | 10           | Low                 |
| Hebron             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Hemingford         | 10           | Low                 |
| Henderson          | 11           | Moderate            |
| Hendley            | 23           | High                |
| Henry              | 19           | High                |
| Herman             | 8            | Low                 |
| Hershey            | 2            | Low                 |
| Hickman            | 1            | Low                 |
| Hildreth           | 6            | Low                 |
| Holbrook           | 15           | Moderate            |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Holdrege           | 2            | Low                 |
| Holmesville        | 19           | High                |
| Holstein           | 18           | High                |
| Homer              | 3            | Low                 |
| Hooper             | 5            | Low                 |
| Hordville          | 6            | Low                 |
| Hoskins            | 5            | Low                 |
| Howard City        | 15           | Moderate            |
| Howells            | 13           | Moderate            |
| Hubbard            | 7            | Low                 |
| Hubbell            | 21           | High                |
| Humboldt           | 24           | High                |
| Humphrey           | 4            | Low                 |
| Huntley            | 17           | High                |
| Hyannis            | 18           | High                |
| Imperial           | 4            | Low                 |
| Inavale            | 7            | Low                 |
| Indianola          | 2            | Low                 |
| Inglewood          | 12           | Moderate            |
| Inland             | 7            | Low                 |
| Inman              | 13           | Moderate            |
| Ithaca             | 6            | Low                 |
| Jackson            | 7            | Low                 |
| Jansen             | 20           | High                |
| Johnson            | 9            | Low                 |
| Johnstown          | 11           | Moderate            |
| Julian             | 16           | High                |
| Juniata            | 7            | Low                 |
| Kearney            | 3            | Low                 |
| Kenesaw            | 1            | Low                 |
| Kennard            | 3            | Low                 |
| Keystone           | 23           | High                |
| Kilgore            | 9            | Low                 |
| Kimball            | 11           | Moderate            |
| King Lake          | 3            | Low                 |
| La Platte          | 3            | Low                 |
| La Vista           | 2            | Low                 |
| Lakeview           | 1            | Low                 |
| Lamar              | 24           | High                |
| Laurel             | 13           | Moderate            |



| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Lawrence           | 17           | High                |
| Lebanon            | 23           | High                |
| Leigh              | 8            | Low                 |
| Lemoyne            | 26           | High                |
| Leshara            | 9            | Low                 |
| Lewellen           | 41           | High                |
| Lewiston           | 14           | Moderate            |
| Lexington          | 6            | Low                 |
| Liberty            | 11           | Moderate            |
| Lincoln            | 5            | Low                 |
| Lindsay            | 11           | Moderate            |
| Lindy              | 22           | High                |
| Linwood            | 18           | High                |
| Lisco              | 29           | High                |
| Litchfield         | 9            | Low                 |
| Lodgepole          | 10           | Low                 |
| Long Pine          | 14           | Moderate            |
| Loomis             | 2            | Low                 |
| Lorenzo            | 8            | Low                 |
| Loretto            | 19           | High                |
| Lorton             | 15           | Moderate            |
| Louisville         | 6            | Low                 |
| Loup City          | 8            | Low                 |
| Lushton            | 16           | High                |
| Lyman              | 20           | High                |
| Lynch              | 34           | High                |
| Lyons              | 25           | High                |
| Macy               | 12           | Moderate            |
| Madison            | 2            | Low                 |
| Madrid             | 19           | High                |
| Magnet             | 27           | High                |
| Malcolm            | 2            | Low                 |
| Malmo              | 8            | Low                 |
| Manley             | 7            | Low                 |
| Marquette          | 18           | High                |
| Martin             | 28           | High                |
| Martinsburg        | 16           | High                |
| Maskell            | 12           | Moderate            |
| Mason City         | 12           | Moderate            |
| Max                | 21           | High                |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Maxwell            | 3            | Low                 |
| Maywood            | 5            | Low                 |
| McCook             | 5            | Low                 |
| McCool Junction    | 5            | Low                 |
| McGrew             | 7            | Low                 |
| McLean             | 13           | Moderate            |
| Mead               | 9            | Low                 |
| Meadow Grove       | 7            | Low                 |
| Melbeta            | 23           | High                |
| Memphis            | 3            | Low                 |
| Merna              | 7            | Low                 |
| Merriman           | 21           | High                |
| Milford            | 1            | Low                 |
| Miller             | 16           | High                |
| Milligan           | 10           | Low                 |
| Minatare           | 9            | Low                 |
| Minden             | 4            | Low                 |
| Mitchell           | 18           | High                |
| Monowi             | 27           | High                |
| Monroe             | 5            | Low                 |
| Moorefield         | 22           | High                |
| Morrill            | 14           | Moderate            |
| Morse Bluff        | 10           | Low                 |
| Mullen             | 14           | Moderate            |
| Murdock            | 7            | Low                 |
| Murray             | 6            | Low                 |
| Naper              | 24           | High                |
| Naponee            | 18           | High                |
| Nebraska City      | 9            | Low                 |
| Nehawka            | 8            | Low                 |
| Neligh             | 6            | Low                 |
| Nelson             | 22           | High                |
| Nemaha             | 26           | High                |
| Nenzel             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Newcastle          | 7            | Low                 |
| Newman Grove       | 21           | High                |
| Newport            | 21           | High                |
| Nickerson          | 16           | High                |
| Niobrara           | 20           | High                |
| Nora               | 20           | High                |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Norfolk            | 5            | Low                 |
| Norman             | 20           | High                |
| North Bend         | 6            | Low                 |
| North Loup         | 24           | High                |
| North Platte       | 6            | Low                 |
| Oak                | 14           | Moderate            |
| Oakdale            | 13           | Moderate            |
| Oakland            | 13           | Moderate            |
| Obert              | 20           | High                |
| Oconto             | 15           | Moderate            |
| Octavia            | 7            | Low                 |
| Odell              | 10           | Low                 |
| Odessa             | 3            | Low                 |
| Offutt AFB         | 8            | Low                 |
| Ogallala           | 7            | Low                 |
| Ohiowa             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Omaha              | 6            | Low                 |
| O'Neill            | 3            | Low                 |
| Ong                | 17           | High                |
| Orchard            | 16           | High                |
| Ord                | 11           | Moderate            |
| Orleans            | 15           | Moderate            |
| Osceola            | 5            | Low                 |
| Oshkosh            | 13           | Moderate            |
| Osmond             | 6            | Low                 |
| Otoe               | 14           | Moderate            |
| Overland           | 21           | High                |
| Overton            | 16           | High                |
| Oxford             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Page               | 14           | Moderate            |
| Palisade           | 10           | Low                 |
| Palmer             | 9            | Low                 |
| Palmyra            | 5            | Low                 |
| Panama             | 3            | Low                 |
| Papillion          | 2            | Low                 |
| Parks              | 18           | High                |
| Pawnee City        | 25           | High                |
| Paxton             | 4            | Low                 |
| Pender             | 11           | Moderate            |
| Peru               | 9            | Low                 |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Petersburg         | 11           | Moderate            |
| Phillips           | 16           | High                |
| Pickrell           | 11           | Moderate            |
| Pierce             | 4            | Low                 |
| Pilger             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Plainview          | 17           | High                |
| Platte Center      | 10           | Low                 |
| Plattsmouth        | 12           | Moderate            |
| Pleasant Dale      | 6            | Low                 |
| Pleasanton         | 2            | Low                 |
| Plymouth           | 13           | Moderate            |
| Polk               | 7            | Low                 |
| Ponca              | 13           | Moderate            |
| Poole              | 7            | Low                 |
| Potter             | 3            | Low                 |
| Prague             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Preston            | 26           | High                |
| Primrose           | 9            | Low                 |
| Prosser            | 15           | Moderate            |
| Raeville           | 12           | Moderate            |
| Ragan              | 16           | High                |
| Ralston            | 1            | Low                 |
| Randolph           | 6            | Low                 |
| Ravenna            | 7            | Low                 |
| Raymond            | 8            | Low                 |
| Red Cloud          | 24           | High                |
| Republican City    | 37           | High                |
| Reynolds           | 25           | High                |
| Richfield          | 7            | Low                 |
| Richland           | 21           | High                |
| Rising City        | 9            | Low                 |
| Riverdale          | 10           | Low                 |
| Riverton           | 37           | High                |
| Roca               | 4            | Low                 |
| Rockville          | 11           | Moderate            |
| Rogers             | 9            | Low                 |
| Rosalie            | 15           | Moderate            |
| Roscoe             | 8            | Low                 |
| Roseland           | 5            | Low                 |
| Royal              | 12           | Moderate            |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Rulo               | 13           | Moderate            |
| Rushville          | 24           | High                |
| Ruskin             | 28           | High                |
| Salem              | 17           | High                |
| Santee             | 13           | Moderate            |
| Sarben             | 18           | High                |
| Sargent            | 20           | High                |
| Saronville         | 23           | High                |
| Schuyler           | 6            | Low                 |
| Scotia             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Scottsbluff        | 8            | Low                 |
| Scribner           | 25           | High                |
| Seneca             | 26           | High                |
| Seward             | 2            | Low                 |
| Shelby             | 7            | Low                 |
| Shelton            | 4            | Low                 |
| Shickley           | 5            | Low                 |
| Sholes             | 16           | High                |
| Shubert            | 19           | High                |
| Sidney             | 3            | Low                 |
| Silver Creek       | 14           | Moderate            |
| Smithfield         | 21           | High                |
| Snyder             | 10           | Low                 |
| South Bend         | 12           | Moderate            |
| South Sioux City   | 8            | Low                 |
| Spalding           | 8            | Low                 |
| Spencer            | 20           | High                |
| Sprague            | 4            | Low                 |
| Springfield        | 5            | Low                 |
| Springview         | 22           | High                |
| St. Edward         | 12           | Moderate            |
| St. Helena         | 11           | Moderate            |
| St. Libory         | 8            | Low                 |
| St. Paul           | 9            | Low                 |
| Stamford           | 16           | High                |
| Stanton            | 6            | Low                 |
| Staplehurst        | 9            | Low                 |
| Stapleton          | 11           | Moderate            |
| Steele City        | 35           | High                |
| Steinauer          | 20           | High                |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Stella             | 31           | High                |
| Sterling           | 12           | Moderate            |
| Stockham           | 13           | Moderate            |
| Stockville         | 26           | High                |
| Strang             | 12           | Moderate            |
| Stratton           | 25           | High                |
| Stromsburg         | 5            | Low                 |
| Stuart             | 5            | Low                 |
| Sumner             | 8            | Low                 |
| Sunol              | 16           | High                |
| Superior           | 24           | High                |
| Surprise           | 24           | High                |
| Sutherland         | 5            | Low                 |
| Sutton             | 5            | Low                 |
| Swanton            | 15           | Moderate            |
| Syracuse           | 11           | Moderate            |
| Table Rock         | 20           | High                |
| Talmage            | 10           | Low                 |
| Tamora             | 14           | Moderate            |
| Tarnov             | 10           | Low                 |
| Taylor             | 15           | Moderate            |
| Tecumseh           | 16           | High                |
| Tekamah            | 13           | Moderate            |
| Terrytown          | 12           | Moderate            |
| Thayer             | 13           | Moderate            |
| Thedford           | 9            | Low                 |
| Thurston           | 6            | Low                 |
| Tilden             | 15           | Moderate            |
| Tobias             | 15           | Moderate            |
| Trenton            | 13           | Moderate            |
| Trumbull           | 3            | Low                 |
| Tryon              | 8            | Low                 |
| Uehling            | 12           | Moderate            |
| Ulysses            | 19           | High                |
| Unadilla           | 2            | Low                 |
| Union              | 11           | Moderate            |
| Upland             | 7            | Low                 |
| Utica              | 3            | Low                 |
| Valentine          | 4            | Low                 |
| Valley             | 6            | Low                 |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Valparaiso         | 1            | Low                 |
| Venango            | 10           | Low                 |
| Venice             | 20           | High                |
| Verdel             | 29           | High                |
| Verdigre           | 18           | High                |
| Verdon             | 23           | High                |
| Virginia           | 20           | High                |
| Waco               | 11           | Moderate            |
| Wahoo              | 1            | Low                 |
| Wakefield          | 11           | Moderate            |
| Wallace            | 2            | Low                 |
| Walthill           | 12           | Moderate            |
| Walton             | 18           | High                |
| Wann               | 14           | Moderate            |
| Washington         | 6            | Low                 |
| Waterbury          | 16           | High                |
| Waterloo           | 6            | Low                 |
| Wauneta            | 22           | High                |
| Wausa              | 10           | Low                 |
| Waverly            | 1            | Low                 |
| Wayne              | 18           | High                |
| Weeping Water      | 5            | Low                 |
| Wellfleet          | 13           | Moderate            |
| West Point         | 5            | Low                 |

| City/Town/District | AWIN Ranking | Sustainability Risk |
|--------------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Western            | 24           | High                |
| Westerville        | 7            | Low                 |
| Weston             | 7            | Low                 |
| White Clay         | 14           | Moderate            |
| Whitney            | 17           | High                |
| Wilber             | 3            | Low                 |
| Wilcox             | 2            | Low                 |
| Willow Island      | 12           | Moderate            |
| Wilsonville        | 34           | High                |
| Winnebago          | 9            | Low                 |
| Winnetoon          | 21           | High                |
| Winside            | 14           | Moderate            |
| Winslow            | 6            | Low                 |
| Wisner             | 18           | High                |
| Wolbach            | 10           | Low                 |
| Wood Lake          | 31           | High                |
| Wood River         | 5            | Low                 |
| Woodland Hills     | 8            | Low                 |
| Woodland Park      | 1            | Low                 |
| Wymore             | 23           | High                |
| Wynot              | 30           | High                |
| Yankee Hill        | 8            | Low                 |
| York               | 2            | Low                 |
| Yutan              | 1            | Low                 |

## APPENDIX E

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### CWSRF and DWSRF FORGIVENESS ALLOCATION PROCEDURE

All forgiveness awards are dependent on availability of funds. Additional subsidization provided by the FFY 2024 and 2025 SRF Capitalization Grants will be distributed to eligible loan recipients through this long standing process. References to eligible entities below must also require that they be a political subdivision in the State of Nebraska per statute.

The CWSRF and DWSRF MHI will be determined from the ACS five-year estimates published by the U.S. Census Bureau (<http://www.census.gov/acs/www/>). The State MHI as reported in the 2018 – 2022 ACS five-year estimates is \$71,722. Population is based on the 2020 United States decennial census. If there is a reason to believe that the census data is not an accurate representation of the MHI within the area to be served, the reasons will be documented and the loan applicant may furnish additional information regarding such MHI. Such information will consist of reliable data from local, regional, state, or federal sources or from a survey conducted by a reliable impartial source. This new MHI will be valid for five years.

The respective MHI for Sanitary and Improvement District (SID) projects will be based on the smallest county subdivision with a reported MHI, such as a precinct or census tract, that encompasses the project service area. The MHI for Natural Resources Districts (NRDs) or Rural Water System projects will be based on the averages of the MHI values reported for the counties included, all or in part, in the district or system.

Beyond that noted in this appendix, the NDEE may offer and/or communities may petition for increased forgiveness assistance, should any of the following, or part of the following, be documented:

- Communities with \$25,766 or less upper limit of Lowest Quintile Income
- Communities with  $\geq$  30.9% Population Living Under 200% of Poverty Level
- Community with census tracts that have a poverty rate greater than or equal to 20%, or in a persistent poverty county (i.e., that 20% rate for consecutive SRF program ACS MHI five-year estimates)
- Communities with  $\geq$  3.4% Unemployed Population  $\geq$  16 years in Civilian Labor Force
- Communities with  $\geq$  12.1% Vacant Households
- Community in a county with a Social Vulnerability Index score indicating a high level of vulnerability per the Center for Disease Control and Prevention mapping, for the State of Nebraska
- Combined sewer and drinking water costs are greater than 2% of the 20th percentile household income (i.e., the Lowest Quintile of Income for the Service Area)
- Communities with  $\geq$  11.7% Population Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP Benefits
- Communities with 10% of failing decentralized systems
- Communities with Lagoon systems not achieving water quality standards

Forgiveness assistance may also be provided to communities that do not meet affordability criteria, AWIN or the above, or the definition of a disadvantaged community, should the benefit be provided to individual ratepayers in the residential user rate class. At least 80% of the impact from the forgiveness assistance would need to be targeted to reduced rates for the residential user rate class. This would be at the determination of the NDEE, where a notable funding factor exists (e.g., municipality under a violation notice, Administrative or Consent Order, a project to ensure sustainability of the utility, such as flood prevention, etc.)

**CWSRF** - The June 2014 CW amendments required States to develop affordability criteria to assist in identifying applicants that would have difficulty financing projects without additional subsidization. The criteria must be based on income, unemployment data, population trends and other data determined relevant by the State.

In 2012, the Department started developing the AWIN program to assist struggling communities in Nebraska to better afford, maintain, and operate wastewater infrastructure projects. The goal of AWIN is to

use current information to provide accurate estimates of future conditions in Nebraska communities to develop sustainable projects and minimize financial burdens for struggling communities. AWIN examines various factors affecting communities, such as population trends, population, medium household income, unemployment, average age of residents, and infrastructure needs to develop a “sustainability risk” analysis. The AWIN sustainability risk was divided into three categories: low risk, moderate risk, and high risk. Applicants with a high sustainability risk are thought to potentially need the most assistance to bring them into compliance and keep them in compliance in the future with as little additional stress as possible. The Department will utilize the AWIN program as a portion of determining which applicants will be eligible for loan forgiveness. This is in accordance with §81-15,153(11) Nebraska Revised Statutes.

For each CWSRF (and DWSRF) loan recipient falling between 80 and 120% of the State MHI for the service area, the maximum Forgiveness level will be set using the same ratio as determined by Figure E1 and with a maximum cap set between 75% and 0% by interpolation based on population.

Letter of Non-Compliance, Administration or Consent Order Projects

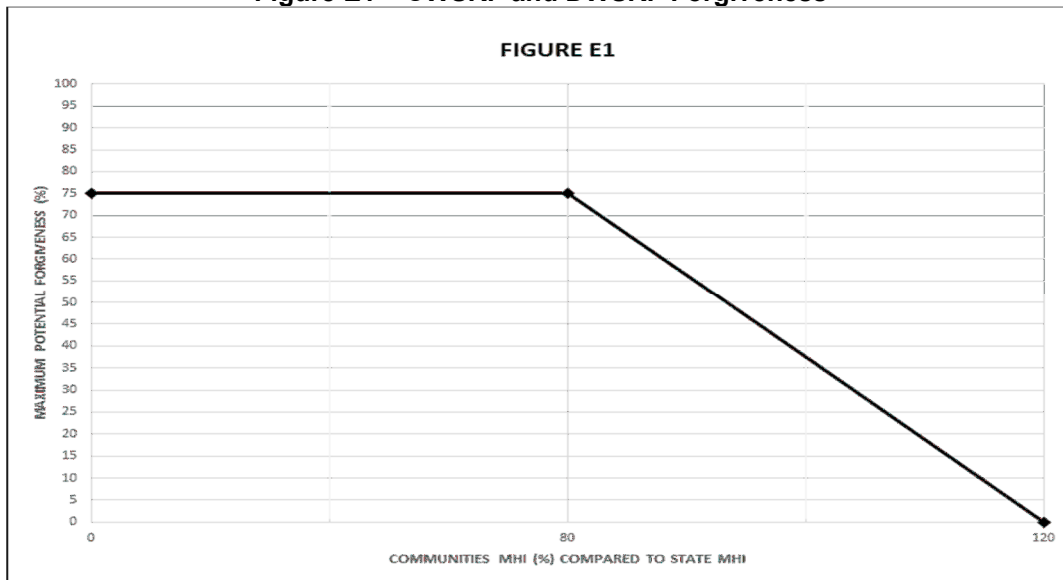
- Population of 10,000 or less – Capped at 40%
- Population of 3,300 or less – Capped at 50%
- Population of 500 or less – Capped at 60%

If it is assessed by the Department that the non-compliance or order was caused by negligence of the municipality, the forgiveness caps below shall apply for new SFY 2025 projects.

All remaining projects

- Population of 10,000 or less – Capped at 30%
- Population of 3,300 or less – Capped at 40%
- Population of 500 or less – Capped at 50%

**Figure E1 – CWSRF and DWSRF Forgiveness**



Municipalities must also have a high or moderate AWIN sustainability risk factor as identified on NDEE’s website. Municipalities who don’t meet the AWIN eligibility criteria may submit a financial hardship report to the Department for additional consideration justifying the forgiveness requested. In addition, an AWIN categorization of “Low” Risk can be allocated forgiveness assistance should the municipality be able to direct the impact of such assistance (i.e., lower monthly bills, credits, etc.) to “Moderate” or “High” Risk residential populations within their service area, likely based on census tract information. Should forgiveness funds remain during the bypass period, “Low” Risk municipalities may become eligible in order of AWIN ranking, i.e., 9 then 8, then 7, etc.

**DWSRF** - Public water supply systems (PWSs) that are in the DWSRF IUP and receive a SRF loan will be evaluated for eligibility for receipt of Forgiveness. This is in accordance with §71-5322(9) Nebraska Revised Statutes.

A simplification as to how forgiveness assistance is offered is planned, in that the factor of population will be carried throughout the funding of priorities this year. Still capped per the long standing established MHI disadvantaged criteria, but now per the following tiered system for new SFY 2025 projects:

Public Health Administrative Order Projects

- Population of 10,000 or less – Capped at 40%
- Population of 3,300 or less – Capped at 50%
- Population of 500 or less – Capped at 60%

Low Priority Projects ranked with a Sustainability Factor and new GPR projects, or greater

- Population of 10,000 or less – Capped at 30%
- Population of 3,300 or less – Capped at 40%
- Population of 500 or less – Capped at 50%

Projects that in part address an Emerging Contaminant (e.g., Manganese)

- Population of 10,000 or less – Capped at 55% (or possibly up to 75%)
- Population of 3,300 or less – Capped at 65% (or possibly up to 75%)
- Population of 500 or less – Capped at 75%

These will be the maximum forgiveness benefits available to qualifying disadvantaged communities for traditional projects. The “or possibly up to” for Public Health and Emerging Contaminants will be based on the availability of funds, with funding crossover considerations for the EC-SDC and SUDC WIIN grant programs. Private borrowers and Planning Loans will not qualify for forgiveness assistance.

Lead Service Line (LSL) Replacement Projects will be addressed differently than all of the above, as services lines are typically owned by the resident of the property, not the PWS. As such, should the system not assume responsibility to replace the LSL, the serious financial hardship would be on the residential property owner. Therefore, with all systems facing the same choice of whether to relieve that hardship, a straightforward up to 60% forgiveness assistance will be offered to all PWSs.

With respect to LSLs, the BIL language requires forgiveness assistance be provided to the *service area of a PWS that meets affordability criteria*. The program will rely both on the above and the Federal Opportunity Zones Program established by the Congress through the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, wherein census tracts eligible for nomination include those which:

The census tract poverty rate was at least 20%, and:

- If located in a metropolitan area, the tract’s median family income did not exceed 80% of the greater of (i) the median family income in the metropolitan area or (ii) the statewide median family income, or:
- If located in a non-metropolitan area, the median family income for such tract did not exceed 80% of the statewide median family income.

A map of those areas can be found at this link:

<https://gis.ne.gov/portal/apps/mapviewer/index.html?webmap=6c786bd186634ab9aea201516cb69dbb>

Outside of those areas, forgiveness assistance for LSL replacements will be capped per the percentages in the 2018 – 2022 ACS five-year estimates.

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## APPENDIX F

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### **COMMON PRE-APPLICATION PROCEDURE**

INTRODUCTION: In 1995 the state and federal funding agencies that are members of the Water Wastewater Advisory Committee (WWAC) adopted a common Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) and pre-application format that they would all use to reduce the costs to applicants in developing a project. Those agencies are: Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and the USDA Rural Development (Water and Environmental Programs). This successful process has been modified over the years as conditions changed. The Agencies undertook an integral process improvement endeavor that included responding to the voice of the communities and consulting engineers of Nebraska. WWAC shall collaborate to bring more capital to rural communities by providing a process for community decision making for funding and completion of projects that consistently maximizes the funding resources to the most communities possible. Communities may submit their projects directly to the agencies if they do not want to utilize WWAC's resources.

**PROCEDURE:** Each pre-application will be reviewed by WWAC as follows:

1. Submit one (1) electronic original of the pre-application and Facility Plan (FP)/ PER to [ndee.WWAC@nebraska.gov](mailto:ndee.WWAC@nebraska.gov). The pre-application and guide for writing a PER is found below. Though not recommended, a paper copy can be submitted to:  
Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy  
Post Office Box 98922  
Lincoln, NE 68509-8922
2. Upon receipt, all WWAC members receive a copy of the pre-application and FP/PER. Incomplete pre-applications will not be considered until all information is received. Upon receipt a WWAC Point of Contact will be assigned and contact you. Please direct any questions to your Point of Contact.
3. Subsequently, the technical subcommittee of WWAC will review the pre-application for the engineering scope within 30 days after the submission. WWAC may request the applicant/consulting engineer attend a meeting (or the applicant may request a meeting) with WWAC to discuss the project scope, including technical aspects and alternatives considered. This meeting can be held in person, by video conference, or by teleconference and should include appropriate program staff, applicant representative and the project engineer. Meetings will be held on the fourth Tuesday of each month in the City of Lincoln. Once the technical subcommittee has determined the scope as 95% complete, the project will be forwarded to the financing subcommittee. Applications will be expedited through the technical committee if the following actions have been taken:



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- Test hole or equivalent confirming water quality for development of a well field.
  - The applicant provides evidence that they have secured the necessary land for the project. Assurances such as deeds, purchase agreements, leases, or a resolution by the Board of Trustees on their intent to proceed with condemnation for land necessary for the project.
  - Service meters are adequate to provide billing commensurate with consumption. This is either evidence that the existing meters have useful life or new service meters with the project.
  - All feasible alternatives were considered.
  - Accuracy of the number of users is critical. Evidence of the number of users must be attached (See Appendix A). Any new, seasonal, or inactive users should be identified.
  - In towns under population of 400: AWIN score is reported. If the score is high, discussion on the actual impact to the environment and public health should be described. In those cases, regulatory measures may be considered if affordability becomes restrictive.
4. The financing subcommittee meetings will be held on the third Tuesday of the month. After review, a funding option packet will be sent to the applicant containing the basic information used to determine the funding options. Instructions to respond will be provided in the funding options packet.
  5. The applicant will have 60 days to respond to the funding option packet. If the Point of Contact has not heard from the applicant after 60 days, WWAC will contact the applicant and discuss the status of the project.
  6. After a funding option has been selected, the selected funding agency(ies) will contact the applicant with further instructions.
  7. Each funding agency will follow its own full application process. Applicants seeking funding for the same project from multiple agencies must submit a full application to the particular agencies.
  8. If a full application varies significantly from the pre-application, or if the facts involving a project have changed such that the feasibility of the proposed solution warrants further investigation, any individual WWAC agency may request the full WWAC to review the project again.

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## **PRE-APPLICATION FOR STATE AND/OR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| <b>Legal Applicant (City, County, SID):</b> |                 |
| Federal Tax Id Number:                      | DUNS<br>Number: |
| PWS # or NPDES #                            |                 |
| Representative/Title:                       |                 |
| Address:                                    |                 |
| City/Zip Code:                              |                 |
| Telephone/Fax:                              | Email:          |
| County:                                     |                 |
| <b>Pre-application Preparer Name:</b>       |                 |
| Address:                                    |                 |
| City/Zip Code:                              |                 |
| Telephone/Fax:                              | Email:          |
| <b>Engineering Firm:</b>                    |                 |
| Engineering Consultant:                     |                 |
| Address:                                    |                 |
| City/Zip Code:                              |                 |
| Telephone/Fax:                              | Email:          |

|                             |
|-----------------------------|
| <b>PER Title:</b>           |
| <b>Project Description:</b> |
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(Please attach any facilities plan/ preliminary engineering reports which have been completed)

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| COST CLASSIFICATION                                  | ESTIMATED TOTAL COST |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Administrative and legal expenses                 |                      |
| 2. Land, structures, right-of-ways, appraisals, etc. |                      |
| 3. Relocation expenses and payments                  |                      |
| 4. Architectural and engineering fees                |                      |
| 5. Project inspection fees                           |                      |
| 6. Site work, demolition and removal                 |                      |
| 7. Construction                                      |                      |
| 8. Equipment   |                      |
| 9. Miscellaneous                                     |                      |
| 10 <b>SUBTOTAL</b> (sum of lines 1-9)                |                      |
| 11. Contingencies                                    |                      |
| 12. <b>SUBTOTAL</b> (sum of lines 10-11)             |                      |
| 13. Less project (program) income                    |                      |
| <b>14. TOTAL PROJECT COSTS</b> (line 12 minus 13)    |                      |

The undersigned representative of the applicant certifies that the information contained herein and the attached statements, exhibits, and reports, are true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Applicant Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-application Preparer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-application is for SRF only  Yes  No

**NAME OF APPLICANT** \_\_\_\_\_

**The purpose of this Appendix is to determine the financial feasibility and sustainability of the existing or proposed system for which funding is being requested.**

Is this a \_\_\_\_\_ **Water** or \_\_\_\_\_ **Wastewater Project**?

Does the Applicant currently use meters?  YES  NO

Does the Applicant have a computer to read meters and bill customers?  YES  NO

If not, would you like to add this into the project?  YES  NO.

I certify under penalty of law, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information contained in these documents are true, accurate and complete.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date City/Village Clerk

**Please attach a copy of the current water or wastewater rates.**

**Please attach the last twelve tables from the billing software showing address, meter ID and water usage for each hookup over the last 12 months. OR breakout the users and their meters below.**

**Note:** If the facility does NOT currently have water meters, please obtain your engineers assistance to estimate the size of meter needed.

**Note for Wastewater projects:** Do not report those users who have their own septic system and are not on the City sewer.

**Note for Water projects:** Count all existing and proposed services.

**EXISTING RESIDENTIAL USERS**

| Meter Size     | Number of Hookups |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 3/4" and under |                   |
| 1" and 7/8"    |                   |
| 1-1/4"         |                   |
|                |                   |
|                |                   |
|                |                   |
|                |                   |
|                |                   |

**EXISTING TOTAL USERS**

| Meter Size     | Number of Hookups |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 3/4" and under |                   |
| 1" and 7/8"    |                   |
| 1-1/4"         |                   |
|                |                   |
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"This institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider and Employer."

Appendix A – Water/ Sewer User Details

**PROJECTED RESIDENTIAL HOOKUPS** If this project adds users.

| Meter Size     | Projected Hookups |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 3/4" and under |                   |
| 1" and 7/8"    |                   |
| 1-1/4"         |                   |
|                |                   |
|                |                   |
|                |                   |
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**PROJECTED TOTAL HOOKUPS** If this project adds users.

| Meter Size     | Projected Hookups |
|----------------|-------------------|
| 3/4" and under |                   |
| 1" and 7/8"    |                   |
| 1-1/4"         |                   |
|                |                   |
|                |                   |
|                |                   |
|                |                   |

**For Wastewater projects:** Total sewer flow over last twelve months \_\_\_\_\_ (gal).

**For water projects:** Total water pumped over last twelve months \_\_\_\_\_ (gallons)

**For water projects:** Total water sold to residential users over last twelve months \_\_\_\_\_ (gallons)

**FACILITY PLAN OR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT GUIDE**  
FOR WASTEWATER OR DRINKING WATER FACILITIES  
GENERAL OUTLINE OF A FACILITY PLAN OR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT

WWAC applicants considering use of the CWSRF (wastewater treatment works projects) should include in their engineering report a certification using the following language:

The engineer on behalf of the applicant

- (A) has studied and evaluated the cost and effectiveness of the processes, materials, techniques, and technologies for carrying out the proposed project or activity for which assistance is sought under this title; and*
- (B) has selected, to the maximum extent practicable, a project or activity that maximizes the potential for efficient water use, reuse, recapture, and conservation, and energy conservation, considering—*
- (i) the cost of constructing the project or activity;*
  - (ii) the cost of operating and maintaining the project or activity over the life of the project or activity; and*
  - (iii) the cost of replacing the project or activity;*

**1) PROJECT PLANNING**

- a) Location
- b) Environmental Resources Present
- c) Population Trends
- d) Community Engagement

**2) EXISTING FACILITIES**

- a) Location Map
- b) History
- c) Condition of Existing Facilities
- d) Financial Status of any Existing Facilities
- e) Water/Energy/Waste Audits

**3) NEED FOR PROJECT**

- a) Health, Sanitation, and Security
- b) Aging Infrastructure
- c) Reasonable Growth

**4) ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

- a) Description
- b) Design Criteria
- c) Map
- d) Environmental Impacts
- e) Land Requirements
- f) Potential Construction Problems
- g) Sustainability Considerations
  - i) Water and Energy Efficiency
  - ii) Green Infrastructure
  - iii) Other

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h) Cost Estimates

### **5) SELECTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE**

- a) Life Cycle Cost Analysis
- b) Non-Monetary Factors

### **6) PROPOSED PROJECT (RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE)**

- a) Preliminary Project Design
- b) Project Schedule
- c) Permit Requirements
- d) Sustainability Considerations
  - i) Water and Energy Efficiency
  - ii) Green Infrastructure
  - iii) Other
- e) Total Project Cost Estimate (Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost)
- f) Annual Operating Budget
  - i) Income
  - ii) Annual O&M Costs
  - iii) Debt Repayments
  - iv) Reserves

### **7) CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### ABBREVIATIONS

CDBG – Community Development Block Grant  
CFR – Code of Federal Regulations  
EDU – Equivalent Dwelling Unit  
EPA – Environmental Protection Agency  
GAO – Government Accountability Office  
GPCD – Gallons per Capita per Day  
HUD – Department of Housing and Urban Development  
NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act  
NPV – Net Present Value  
O&M – Operations and Maintenance  
OMB – Office of Management and Budget  
PER – Preliminary Engineering Report  
RD – Rural Development  
RUS – Rural Utilities Service  
SPPW – Single Payment Present Worth  
SRF – State Revolving Fund  
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture  
USPW – Uniform Series Present Worth  
WEP – Water and Environmental Programs  
WWD – Water and Waste Disposal

## ***DETAILED OUTLINE OF A PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING REPORT***

### **1) PROJECT PLANNING**

Describe the area under consideration. Service may be provided by a combination of central, cluster, and/or centrally managed individual facilities. The description should include information on the following:

- a) Location. Provide scale maps and photographs of the project planning area and any existing service areas. Include legal and natural boundaries and a topographical map of the service area.
- b) Environmental Resources Present. Provide maps, photographs, and/or a narrative description of environmental resources present in the project planning area that affect design of the project. Environmental review information that has already been developed to meet requirements of NEPA or a state equivalent review process can be used here.
- c) Population Trends. Provide U.S. Census or other population data (including references) for the service area for at least the past two decades if available. Population projections for the project planning area and concentrated growth areas should be provided for the project design period. Base projections on historical records with justification from recognized sources.
- d) Community Engagement. Describe the utility's approach (or proposed to use) to engage the community in the project planning process. The project planning process should help the community develop an understanding of the need for the project, the operational service levels required, funding and revenue strategies to meet these requirements.

### **2) EXISTING FACILITIES**

Describe each part of the existing facility and include the following information:

- a) Location Map. Provide a map, photographs and a schematic process layout of all existing facilities. Identify facilities that are no longer in use or abandoned.
- b) History. Indicate when major system components were constructed, renovated, expanded, or removed from service. Discuss any component failures and the cause for the failure. Provide a history of any applicable violations of regulatory requirements.
- c) Condition of Existing Facilities. Describe present condition; suitability for continued use; adequacy of current facilities; and their conveyance, treatment, storage, and disposal capabilities. Describe the existing capacity of each component. Describe and reference compliance with applicable federal, state, and local laws. Include a brief analysis of overall current energy consumption. Reference an asset management plan if applicable.
- d) Financial Status of any Existing Facilities. Provide information regarding current rate schedules, annual O&M cost (with a breakout of current energy costs), other capital improvement programs, and tabulation of users by monthly usage categories for the most recent typical fiscal year. Report existing debts and required reserve accounts.
- e) Water/Energy/Waste Audits. If applicable to the project, discuss any water, energy, and/or waste audits which have been conducted and the main outcomes.



### 3) NEED FOR PROJECT

Describe the needs in the following order of priority:

- a) Health, Sanitation, and Security. Describe concerns and include relevant regulations and correspondence from/to federal and state regulatory agencies. Include copies of such correspondence as an attachment to the Report.
- b) Aging Infrastructure. Describe the concerns and indicate those with the greatest impact. Describe water loss, inflow and infiltration, treatment or storage needs, management adequacy, inefficient designs, and other problems. Describe any safety concerns.
- c) Reasonable Growth. Describe the reasonable growth capacity that is necessary to meet needs during the planning period. Facilities proposed to be constructed to meet future growth needs should generally be supported by additional revenues. Consideration should be given to designing for phased capacity increases. Provide number of new customers committed to this project.

### 4) ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

This section should contain a description of the alternatives that were considered in planning a solution to meet the identified needs. Documentation of alternatives considered is often a Report weakness. Alternative approaches to ownership and management, system design (including resource efficient or green alternatives), and sharing of services, including various forms of partnerships, should be considered. In addition, the following alternatives should be considered, if practicable: building new centralized facilities, optimizing the current facilities (no construction), developing centrally managed decentralized systems, including small cluster or individual systems, and developing an optimum combination of centralized and decentralized systems. Alternatives should be consistent with those considered in the NEPA, or state equivalent, environmental review. Technically infeasible alternatives that were considered should be mentioned briefly along with an explanation of why they are infeasible, but do not require full analysis. For each technically feasible alternative, the description should include:

- a) Description. Describe the facilities associated with every technically feasible alternative. Describe source, conveyance, treatment, storage and distribution facilities for each alternative. Basic hydraulic calculations shall be listed in tabular form. A feasible system may include a combo of centralized/ decentralized (on-site/ cluster) facilities.
- b) Design Criteria. State the design parameters used for evaluation purposes. These parameters should comply with federal, state, and agency design policies and regulatory requirements.
- c) Map. Provide a schematic layout map to scale and a process diagram if applicable. If applicable, include future expansion of the facility.
- d) Environmental Impacts. Provide information about how the specific alternative may impact the environment. Describe only those unique direct and indirect impacts on floodplains, wetlands, other important land resources, endangered species, historical and archaeological properties, etc., as they relate to each specific alternative evaluated. Include generation and management of residuals and wastes.
- e) Land Requirements. Identify sites and easements required. Further specify whether these properties are currently owned, to be acquired, leased, or easements.

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- f) **Potential Construction Problems.** Discuss concerns such as subsurface rock, high water table, limited access, existing resource or site impairment, or other conditions which may affect cost of construction or operation of facility.
- g) **Sustainability Considerations.** Sustainable utility management practices include environmental, social, and economic benefits that aid in creating a resilient utility.
  - i) **Water and Energy Efficiency.** Discuss water reuse, water efficiency, water conservation, energy efficient design (i.e. reduction in electrical demand), and/or renewable generation of energy, and/or minimization of carbon footprint, if applicable to the alternative. Alternatively, discuss the water and energy usage for this option as compared to other alternatives.
  - ii) **Green Infrastructure.** If applicable, discuss aspects of project that preserve or mimic natural processes to manage stormwater. Address management of runoff volume and peak flows through infiltration, evapotranspiration, and/or harvest and use.
  - iii) **Other.** Discuss any other aspects of sustainability (such as resiliency or operational simplicity) that are incorporated into the alternative, if applicable.
- h) **Cost Estimates.** Provide cost estimates for each alternative, including a breakdown of the following costs associated with the project: construction, non- construction and annual O&M costs. A construction contingency should be included as a non-construction cost. Cost estimates should be included with the descriptions of each technically feasible alternative. O&M costs should include a rough breakdown by O&M category (see example below) and not just a value for each alternative. Information from other sources, such as the recipient’s accountant or other known technical service providers, can be incorporated to assist in the development of this section. The cost derived will be used in the life cycle cost analysis described in Section 5 a.

| <b>Example O&amp;M Cost Estimate</b>                                |  |
|---|--|
| Personnel (i.e. Salary, Benefits, Payroll Tax, Insurance, Training) |  |
| Administrative Costs (e.g. office supplies, printing, etc.)         |  |
| Water Purchase or Waste Treatment Costs                             |  |
| Insurance   |  |
| Energy Cost (Fuel and/or Electrical)                                |  |
| Process Chemical  |  |
| Monitoring & Testing  |  |
| Short Lived Asset Maintenance/Replacement*                          |  |
| Professional Services   |  |
| Residuals Disposal  |  |
| Miscellaneous   |  |
| Total   |  |

\* See Table A for example list

**5) SELECTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE**

Selection of an alternative is the process by which data from the previous section, “Alternatives Considered” is analyzed in a systematic manner to identify a recommended alternative. The analysis should include consideration of both life cycle costs and non- monetary factors such as reliability, ease of use, and appropriate wastewater or water treatment technology for the Applicant’s management capability shall be

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conducted. (I.e. triple bottom line analysis: financial, social, and environmental). If water reuse or conservation, energy efficient design, and/or renewable generation of energy components are included in the proposal provide an explanation of their cost effectiveness in this section.

- a) Life Cycle Cost Analysis. A life cycle present worth cost analysis (an engineering economics technique to evaluate present and future costs for comparison of alternatives) should be completed to compare the technically feasible alternatives. Do not leave out alternatives because of anticipated costs; let the life cycle cost analysis show whether an alternative may have an acceptable cost. This analysis should meet the following requirements and should be repeated for each technically feasible alternative. Several analyses may be required if the project has different aspects, such as one analysis for different types of collection systems and another for different types of treatment.
  - i) The analysis should convert all costs to present day dollars;
  - ii) The planning period to be used is recommended to be 20 years, but may be any period determined reasonable by the engineer and concurred on by the state or federal agency;
  - iii) The discount rate to be used should be the “real” discount rate taken from Appendix C of OMB circular A-94 and found at [www.whitehouse.gov/Appendix-C.pdf](http://www.whitehouse.gov/Appendix-C.pdf) (0.30% in 2020).
  - iv) The total capital cost (construction plus non-construction costs) should be included;
  - v) Annual O&M costs should be converted to present day dollars using a uniform series present worth (USPW) calculation;
  - vi) The salvage value (S) of the constructed project should be estimated using the anticipated life expectancy of the constructed items using straight line depreciation calculated at the end of the planning period and converted to present day dollars, i.e. remaining depreciation;
  - vii) The present worth of the salvage value is subtracted from the net present worth ;
  - viii) The net present value (NPV) is then calculated for each technically feasible alternative as the sum of the capital cost (C) plus the present worth of the uniform series of annual O&M (USPW (O&M)) costs minus the single payment present worth of the salvage value (SPPW(S)):  
$$NPV = C + USPW (O\&M) - SPPW(S)$$
  - ix) A table showing the capital cost, annual O&M cost, salvage value, present worth of each of these values, and the NPV should be developed for state or federal agency review. All factors (major and minor components), discount rates, and planning periods used should be shown within the table;
  - x) Short lived asset costs (See Table A for examples) should also be included in the life cycle cost analysis if determined appropriate by the consulting engineer or agency. Life cycles of short-lived assets should be tailored to the facilities being constructed and be based on generally accepted design life. Different features in the system may have varied life cycles.
- b) Non-Monetary Factors. Non-monetary factors, including social and environmental aspects (E.g. sustainability considerations, operator training requirements, permit issues, community objections, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, wetland relocation) should also be considered in determining which alternative is recommended and may be factored into the calculations.

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- c) Wastewater Projects. If population is decreasing, the engineer preparing the PER/FP should contact NDEE for options that can be applied to the project. For these towns, an option must be included as an alternative in the PER/FP.

### **6) PROPOSED PROJECT (RECOMMENDED ALTERNATIVE)**

The engineer should include a recommendation for which alternative(s) should be implemented. This section should contain a fully developed description of the proposed project based on the preliminary description under the evaluation of alternatives. Include a schematic for any treatment processes, a layout of the system, and a location map of the proposed facilities. At least the following information should be included as applicable to the specific project:

- a) Preliminary Project Design.

- i) Drinking Water:

Water Supply. Include requirements for quality and quantity. Describe recommended source, including site and allocation allowed. Details should be provided for determining average daily demand (residential, commercial & leakage). The applicant's average gallons per capita per day (3 years data preferred) may be used OR the use of other published engineering design guidelines may be submitted for consideration in designing the proposed project. Peak period demands for daily and hourly should reflect the same conditions as described above.

Treatment. Describe process in detail (including whether adding, replacing, or rehabilitating a process) and identify location of plant and site of any process discharges. Identify capacity of treatment plant (i.e. Maximum Daily Demand). Identify any wastewater generation and treatment method. If discharged to sanitary sewer, evaluate collection system and wastewater treatment capability.

Storage. Identify size, type and location. Storage facilities should be sized using the Recommended Standards for Water Works guidelines (except for fire flows as stated above) OR the use of other published engineering design guidelines may be submitted for consideration in designing the proposed project.

Pumping Stations. Identify size, type, location and any special power requirements. For rehabilitation projects, include description of components upgraded.

Distribution Layout. Identify general location of new pipe, replacement, or rehabilitation: lengths, sizes and key components.

CDBG. Monies are to be expended for human consumption and/or for health-related issues. Upsizing wells, storage, and distribution to mainly meet fire flows or primarily serve residential & industrial future growth or agricultural irrigation & livestock purposes will not be considered as eligible under the program rules and those uses must be separated from the project and funded through other lenders.

Development of a new well field site. The following information will be provided:

- 1) Site approval by the NDEE and
- 2) Data which supports the development of the well in this area such as geological surveys, water quality and production data (gallons per minute, specific capacity, etc.) on wells in adjoining areas, data from the Dept. of Natural Resources or Natural Resource District, or water quality and production results from a test hole(s).

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### ii) Wastewater/Reuse:

Collection System/Reclaimed Water System Layout. Identify general location of new pipe, replacement or rehabilitation: lengths, sizes, and key components. Flows in excess of 120 gpcd indicating infiltration or 275 gpcd during a storm event should require the completion of a Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Survey. This study analyzes which is more cost effective; to transport and treat the excess I&I, or if sewer rehabilitation would be cost effective in removing the excess I&I. Winter quarter potable water usage should be analyzed and compared to the wastewater flow data to check if exfiltration is occurring in the collection system. Unsewered areas within the planning jurisdiction should be identified. A cost-effectiveness analysis should be conducted on eliminating existing septic tank systems with sewer extensions.

Pumping Stations. Identify size, type, site location, and any special power requirements. For rehabilitation projects, include description of components upgraded.

Storage. Identify size, type, location and frequency of operation.

Treatment. Describe process in detail (including whether adding, replacing, or rehabilitating a process) and identify location of any treatment units and site of any discharges (end use for reclaimed water). Identify capacity of treatment plant (i.e. Average Daily Flow). Details should be provided for determining the average daily, peak hour and maximum daily wastewater flows to the POTW. Actual flow monitoring data should be gathered over a sufficient period to capture a wet weather event to analyze for infiltration and inflow from the sewer system. If commercial or industrial contributions are received by the POTW then flow proportioned composite sampling should be conducted measuring the daily pounds of Ammonia, CBOD, and TSS and their peak monthly values.

Receiving stream. Information along with the current or proposed NPDES discharge permit limitations determined and disinfection and any industrial pretreatment considerations analyzed.

Evaluation of the treatment alternatives should include conventional as well as any alternative or innovative technology including regionalization and sludge disposal alternatives for the 20-year design average and peak wastewater flows. Design criteria shall follow the current design standards as required by NDEE. A cost effectiveness monetary analysis will be required on the principal alternatives as outlined in paragraph C above, along with an engineering evaluation of the following factors: a) reliability, b) energy use, c) revenue generating alternatives, d) process complexity, e) O&M considerations, and f) environmental impacts.

SRF. Monies are directed for municipally owned wastewater facility needs. Projects of a speculative nature or primarily for industrial capacity are not normally funded.

### iii) Solid Waste:

Collection. Describe process in detail and identify quantities of material (in both volume and weight), length of transport, location and type of transfer facilities, and any special handling requirements.

Storage. If any, describe capacity, type, and site location.

Processing. If any, describe capacity, type, and site location.

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Disposal. Describe process in detail and identify permit requirements, quantities of material, recycling processes, location of plant, and site of any process discharges.

### iv) Stormwater:

Collection System Layout. Identify general location of new pipe, replacement or rehabilitation: lengths, sizes, and key components.

Pumping Stations. Identify size, type, location, and any special power requirements.

Treatment. Describe treatment process in detail. Identify location of treatment facilities and process discharges. Address capacity of treatment process.

Storage. Identify size, type, location and frequency of operation.

Disposal. Describe type of disposal facilities and location.

Green Infrastructure. Provide the following for green infrastructure alternatives:

- (1) Control Measures Selected: Identify types of control measures selected (e.g., vegetated areas, planter boxes, permeable pavement, rainwater cisterns).
- (2) Layout: Identify placement of green infrastructure control measures, flow paths, and drainage area for each control measure.
- (3) Sizing: Identify surface area and water storage volume for each green infrastructure control measure. When applicable address soil infiltration rate, evapotranspiration rate, and use rate (for rainwater harvesting).
- (4) Overflow: Describe overflow structures and locations for conveyance of larger precipitation events.

b) Permit Requirements. Identify any construction, discharge and capacity permits that will/may be required as a result of the project.

c) Sustainability Considerations (if applicable).

- i) Water and Energy Efficiency. Describe aspects of the proposed project addressing water reuse, water efficiency, and water conservation, energy efficient design, and/or renewable generation of energy, if incorporated into the selected alternative.
- ii) Green Infrastructure. Describe aspects of project that preserve or mimic natural processes to manage stormwater, if applicable to the selected alternative. Address management of runoff volume and peak flows through infiltration, evapotranspiration, and/or harvest and use, if applicable.
- iii) Other. Describe other aspects of sustainability (such as resiliency or operational simplicity) that are incorporated into the selected alternative, if incorporated into the selected alternative.

d) Total Project Cost Estimate (Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost). Provide an itemized estimate of the project cost based on the stated period of construction. Include construction, land and right-of-ways, legal, engineering, construction program management, funds administration, equipment, construction contingency, and other costs associated with the proposed project. The construction subtotal should be

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separated out from the non-construction costs. The non-construction subtotal should be included and added to the construction subtotal to establish the total project cost. An appropriate construction contingency should be added as part of the non-construction subtotal. For projects containing both water and waste disposal systems, provide a separate cost estimate for each system. The engineer may rely on the owner for estimates of cost for items other than construction, equipment, and engineering.

- e) Annual Operating Budget. Provide itemized annual operating budget information. The owner has primary responsibility for the annual operating budget; however, there are other parties that may provide technical assistance. Provide a copy of the previous 3 years financial history on the operations of the water (or sewer) fund. Provide an amortization schedule on existing indebtedness held on the system. This information will be used to evaluate the financial capacity of the system. The engineer will incorporate information from the owner's accountant and other known technical service providers.
  - i) Income. Provide information about all sources of income for the system including a proposed rate schedule. Realistically project income for existing and proposed new users separately, based on existing user billings, water treatment contracts, and other sources of income. In the absence of historic data or other reliable information, for budget purposes, base water use/ sewage of 100 gallons per capita per day. Water use per residential connection may then be calculated based on the most recent U.S. Census or other data for the state or county of the average household size. When large agricultural or commercial users are projected, the Report should identify those users and include facts to substantiate such projections and evaluate the impact of such users on the economic viability of the project.
  - ii) Annual O&M Costs. Provide an itemized list by expense category and project costs realistically. Provide projected costs for operating the system as improved. In the absence of other reliable data, base on actual costs of other facilities of similar size and complexity. Include facts to substantiate O&M cost estimates. Include personnel costs (note operator upgrades needed), administrative costs, water purchase or treatment costs, accounting and auditing fees, legal fees, interest, utilities, energy costs, insurance, annual repairs and maintenance, monitoring and testing, supplies, chemicals, residuals disposal, office supplies, printing, professional services, and miscellaneous as applicable. Any income from renewable energy generation which is sold back to the electric utility should also be included, if applicable.
  - iii) Short-Lived Asset Reserve – A table of short-lived assets (Assets with design life of 15 years or less) should be included for the system (See Table A for examples). The table should include the asset, the expected year of replacement, the anticipated cost and a recommended annual reserve deposit to fund replacement. Short-lived assets include those items not covered under O&M.
  - iv) Debt Repayments. Describe existing and proposed financing with the estimated amount of annual debt repayments from all sources. All estimates of funding should be based on loans, not grants. All annual debt repayments should take into consideration reasonable population trends over the life of the loan.
  - v) Reserves. Describe the existing and proposed loan obligation reserve requirements.
- f) Land. Provide evidence of land rights being procured such as easements, purchase options or other evidence for well sites or lagoon sites. When land application sites are part of the project they shall be purchased or leased. The lease or easement executed as an interest in real property, filled and indexed as such in the appropriate office of the registrar of deeds. The lease or easement shall be for the life of the loan.

**7) CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

Provide any additional findings and recommendations that should be considered in development of the project. This includes recommendation of special studies, highlighting the need for special coordination, a recommended plan of action to expedite project development, and any other necessary considerations.

A timetable with the following milestones shall be included:

- a) Securing land rights.
- b) Completion of test hole drilling and testing.
- c) Completion of environmental review process.
- d) Submission of loan/grant application(s) to appropriate agency(ies).
- e) Completion of final plans and specification.
- f) Start and completion of construction.



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| <b>Table A: Example List of Short-Lived Asset Infrastructure</b> |   |                    |                      |                         |
|--|---|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
|  |   | <b>Design Life</b> | <b>Present Value</b> | <b>Annualized Value</b> |
| <b>Drinking Water Utilities</b>                                  |   |                    |                      |                         |
| <u>Treatment Related</u>   |   |                    |                      |                         |
|  | Process Equipment   | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Granular filter media/ Membranes  | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Air compressors & control units   | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | High Service Pumps & Pump Controls  | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Water Level Sensors & Pressure Transducers  | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Sludge Collection & Dewatering UV Lamps   | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Chemical feed pumps/ Leak Detection Equipment   | 15                 |                      |                         |
| <u>Source Related</u>  |   |                    |                      |                         |
|  | Well Pumps  | 15                 |                      |                         |
| <u>Distribution System Related</u>                               |   |                    |                      |                         |
|  | Storage reservoir painting/ gaskets   | 15                 |                      |                         |
| <u>Systemwide Related</u>  |   |                    |                      |                         |
|  | Service Trucks (in some cases)  | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Computer  | 5                  |                      |                         |
| <b>Wastewater Utilities</b>                                      |   |                    |                      |                         |
| <u>Treatment Related</u>   |   |                    |                      |                         |
|  | Pump, Pump Controls Pump Motors   | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Field & Process Instrumentation Equipment/ Flow meters, Pressure transducers, level sensors | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | UV lamps  | 5                  |                      |                         |
|  | Membrane Filters/Fibers   | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Aeration blowers, diffusers and nozzles   | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Chemical feed pumps/ Leak Detection Equipment   | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Sludge Collecting and Dewatering Equipment/ Belt presses & driers                           | 15                 |                      |                         |
| <u>Collection System Related</u>                                 |   |                    |                      |                         |
|  | Lift Station Pumps  | 10                 |                      |                         |
| <u>System-wide Related</u>                                       |   |                    |                      |                         |
|  | Service Trucks (in some cases)  | 15                 |                      |                         |
|  | Computer  | 5                  |                      |                         |
| <b>Both Utilities</b>  |   |                    |                      |                         |
|  | Service Meters  | 15                 | \$180 each           | \$12 each               |

## APPENDIX G

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### ***General Requirements for the Linked Deposit Program***

Along with authority granted to the Department by Nebraska Revised State Statute 81-15,151.03, the following procedures will be incorporated into the Department's CWSRF Linked Deposit Program policies.

001 Eligible financial institutions. To become an eligible financial institution to participate in the Linked Deposit Program, financial institutions and the Director must sign a Linked Deposit Lender Agreement.

002 Linked Deposit Lender Agreement will include, but not be limited to, the following:

002.01 Conditions to ensure compliance with all federal, state, and local requirements.

002.02 Specific conditions, terms, and limits for eligible financial institutions and Linked Deposit Loan Contracts, as determined by the Department.

002.03 Interest rate applied to linked deposit account. The Department may apply an annual interest rate to funds deposited into the linked deposit account.

002.04 The procedure for eligible financial institutions to obtain Department approval of project eligibility for the Linked Deposit Program.

003 Eligible financial institutions' responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to:

003.01 Evaluating linked deposit loan borrowers' financial capability. Eligible financial institutions will have the authority to approve or deny a linked deposit borrower's loan application.

003.02 Establishing a Linked Deposit Loan Contract with the linked deposit borrower.

003.03 Collecting repayment from linked deposit borrowers and any additional terms and conditions set in the Linked Deposit Loan Contract.

003.04 Confirming availability of linked deposit funds as described in the Linked Deposit Lender Agreement.

003.05 Submitting to the Department required documentation in accordance with the Linked Deposit Lender Agreement.

003.06 All other responsibilities as stated in the Linked Deposit Lender Agreement.

004 Linked Deposit Loan Contracts must include the following:

004.01 The interest rate for the linked deposit loan will be fixed and must be at an interest rate lower than the eligible financial institution's interest rate for a similar project.

004.02 The length of term for the linked deposit loan.

004.03 Conditions allowing the Department, and any authorized representative of the Department, access to the project at all reasonable times for such purposes as inspection, monitoring, and oversight of building, operation, rehabilitation, and replacement activities.

004.04 Conditions as are necessary to ensure compliance with all federal, state, and local requirements.

004.05 Conditions stating linked deposit borrowers shall be responsible for and will provide regular system maintenance and monitoring of the project for the life of the loan.

004.06 Other conditions as determined by the Linked Deposit Lender Agreement.

005 Linked deposit funds will be deposited into a linked deposit account with an eligible financial institution only after the following requirements have been met:

005.01 The Department has approved the initial project eligibility.

005.02 The project is in compliance with all federal, state, and local requirements.

005.03 The eligible financial institution has submitted all required documentation in accordance with the Linked Deposit Lender Agreement to the Department.

006 The Department will withdraw funds from the linked deposit account in accordance with the terms set in the Linked Deposit Lender Agreement.

007 Full repayment of a loan by linked deposit borrower. If a linked deposit loan is fully repaid, the eligible financial institution will notify the Department within thirty days from when the loan was fully repaid. The Department may withdraw the remaining linked deposit balance, including any interest which is due and payable, within sixty days from when the linked deposit loan was fully repaid.

008 Loss of property control by borrower. In the event that the linked deposit borrower no longer has legal control over the land for the nonpoint source control system project or activity during the term period specified in the Linked Deposit Loan Contract, the eligible financial institution will notify the Department within thirty days from the eligible financial institution's discovery of the loss of property control. The Department may withdraw the remaining linked deposit balance, including any interest which is due and payable, within sixty days from the eligible financial institution's discovery of the loss of property control.

009 Noncompliance. For substantial non-compliance with terms and conditions of the Linked Deposit Lender Agreement, Linked Deposit Loan Contract, or the Linked Deposit Program by the eligible financial institution or linked deposit borrower, the Department may withdraw the remaining linked deposit balance, including any interest which is due and payable, within thirty days from the Department's notice of noncompliance.

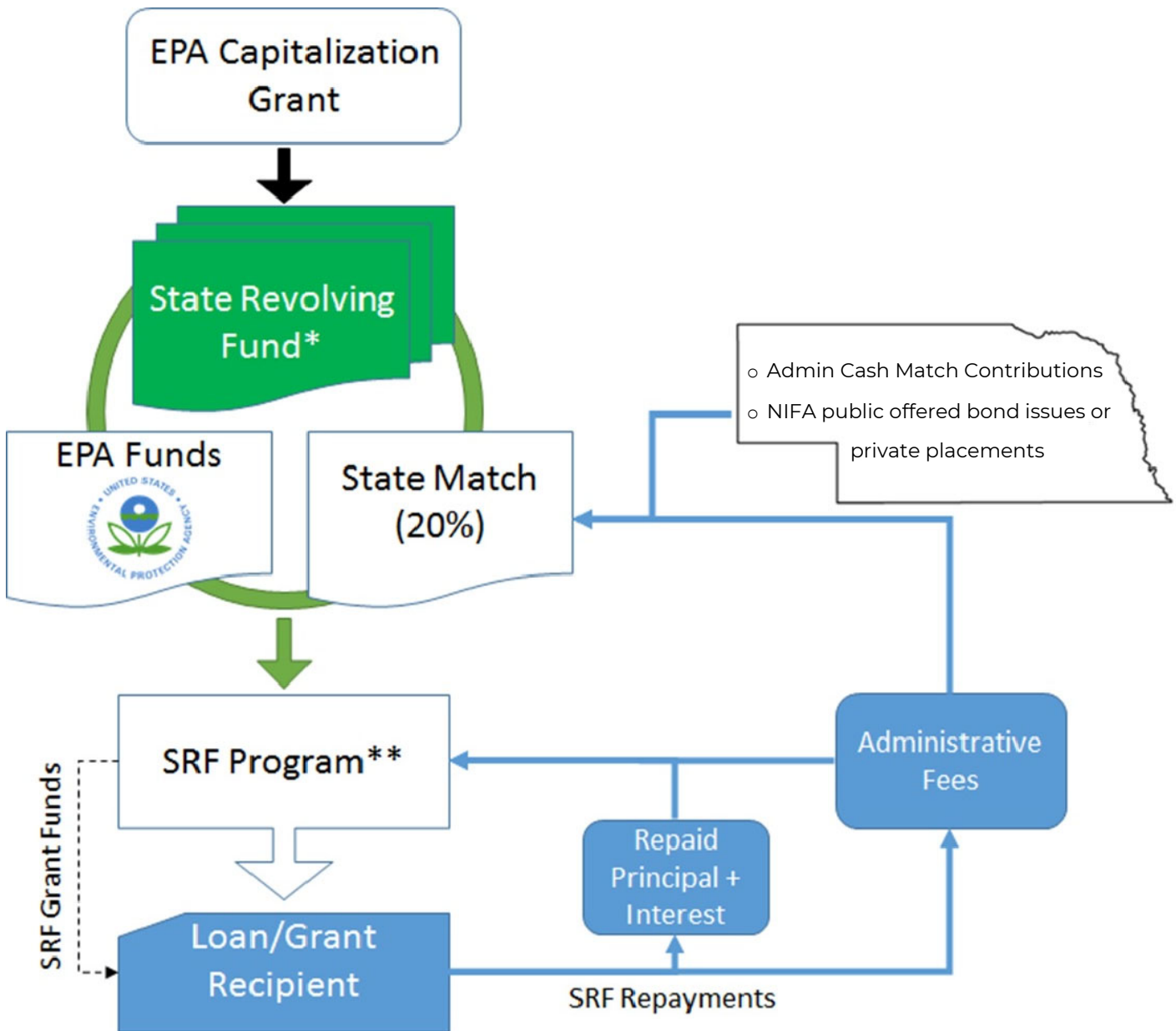
009.01 Before any action is taken under 009 of this chapter, the Department may give thirty days written notice of the Department's intent to the eligible financial institution. The eligible financial institution shall have such time as indicated in the written notice to comply. If compliance is achieved, the eligible financial institution or the borrower shall revert to good standing.

010 Linked deposit borrower default. If a linked deposit borrower defaults on a linked deposit loan, the eligible financial institution will be responsible for the Linked Deposit Lender Agreement and all agreed upon scheduled withdrawals and interest as specified in the Linked Deposit Lender Agreement.

011 Selling of linked deposit loans. The eligible financial institution must not sell the linked deposit loan to another financial institution or entity without the approval of the Department.

# APPENDIX H

## SRF Cash Flow Model



\* This occurs annually for both the Clean Water SRF (CWSRF) and for the Drinking Water SRF (DWSRF).