

Original Round of Funding opened October 20, 2014.

Updated 7/27/2015:

Two changes of note to the ERB Funding Round 1: Water and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Program Guide:

- *The financial product terms for ERB Funding Round 1 have been slightly revised. ERB Funding will now be provided in the form of all loans. Instead of 20% of the unmet funding need provided as a grant, 20% of the unmet funding need will be in the form of a non-interest bearing Incentive Loan with principal forgiveness upon project completion. The other financial product terms remain the same: 20% provided as a Performance Loan with principal forgiveness based on performance standards over a five year period, and 60% as an amortizing, interest bearing loan.*
- *Round 1 W/WWTF Scoring – the seven scoring categories remain the same with adjustments made to the points per and within categories as noted below. Additionally, the minimum total point score has been decreased from 55 to 50 points.*
 - *The Technology Efficiency/Economic Cost Effectiveness point criteria originally established was very aggressive and have been revised to better reflect current understanding of the market and the cost benefit parameters and what might be achievable results.*
 - *The scoring breakdown within the Low Moderate Income category has been expanded and the overall points increased to meet HUD's requirements to prioritize low and moderate income service areas.*
 - *No changes to the Most Impacted Communities category.*
 - *Minor change within the Readiness to Proceed category to revise and expand the eligible time periods within the point categories recognizing this as a key program element in utilizing the CDBG-DR funds.*
 - *Increase in points for Criticality to stress the importance of addressing the energy resilience needs of critical facilities throughout the state.*
 - *Decrease in points for Microgrid, as these potential projects will by design take longer to plan for and are not yet ready to proceed.*
 - *Clarification made to the Facility Energy Efficiency category for consistency with general state performance requirements and policy priorities, and no longer reference specific BPU programs.*

Additionally, note that minor formatting and clarification changes have been made to the Sample Intake Form and the Sample Application templates which have been updated on the website.