- WAC 246-296-130 Project priority rating and ranking criteria. The department shall, at a minimum, consider the following to assign points, and rate and rank proposed projects:
 - (1) Criteria for risk categories and points based on:
- (a) Type and significance of public health problems the project will resolve;
- (b) If the project is needed to bring the public water system into compliance with federal, state, and local drinking water requirements;
 - (c) Current compliance status; and
- (d) Affordability on a per household basis, determined by comparing the community's average water rate to the MHI in the community's service area, for a community public water system.
- (2) Additional points based on the type of project being proposed, if the project:
 - (a) Is to restructure a public water system;
 - (b) Creates a sustainable regional public health benefit;
 - (c) Has multiple benefits that are sustainable;
 - (d) Is consistent with the Growth Management Act;
 - (e) Is financially sustainable;
 - (f) Qualifies as a green project;
 - (g) Serves a disadvantaged community; or
- (h) Results in service meters on existing services not currently metered.

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