

**Water Optimization Grant Program
FY22 Fall ARPA Funding**

Criteria #	Ranking Question	Response	Points Awarded
1	Type of project?	Canal lining or piping (20 points)	20
		Micro or drip irrigation (20 points)	
		Flood to sprinkler or improved flood (15 points)	
		Sprinkler upgrade (10 points)	
		Replacing worn out equipment (5 points)	
2	List who will benefit from this project and why?	Downstream water users, and environment/aquatic species/wildlife/recreation (20 points)	20
		Adjacent water users, irrigation company (10 points)	
		Individual (0 points)	
3	Funding sources and project partners, including letters of support?	3 or more partners (10 points)	10
		2 partners (5 points)	
		Individual (0 points)	
4	Project match?	Greater than 3:1 match ratio (10 points)	10
		2:1-3:1 match ratio (5 points)	
		Less than or equal to 1:1 Match Ratio (0 points)	
5	Cost per acre?	Under \$500 (20 points)	20
		\$500 - \$1,500 (15 points)	
		\$1,501 - \$2,500 (10 points)	
		\$2,501 - \$3,500 (5 points)	
		Greater than \$3,501 (0 points)	
6	Percentage water saved?	Greater than 50% (30 points)	30
		41% - 50% (25 points)	
		31%-40% (20 points)	
		21%-30% (15 points)	
		11%-20% (10 points)	
		5%-10% (5 points)	
		Less than 5% (0 points)	
7	How was the water savings determined?	Field study to determine actual application rates and amounts (10 points)	10
		Using standard acceptable book values (0 points)	
8	Will new crops or crop varieties that are drought resistant or have a lower consumptive use than the current crops be grown?	Drought resistant or crops with a lower consumptive use will be tried (20 points)	20
		No new drought resistant crops or crops with a lower consumptive use will be tried (0 points)	
9	Is the project shovel ready?	Yes. The project has a complete design, all permits have been obtained, and water rights concerns have been addressed. (20 points)	20
		No. (0 points)	
10	Is the project in a DWQ impaired watershed?	Yes (10 points)	10
		No (0 points)	
11	Is the project in a watershed implementing a TMDL?	Yes (10 points)	10
		No (0 points)	
12	Is the project in a Drinking Water Source Protection area?	Yes (10 points)	10
		No (0 points)	
13	Is the project in a Water Right Ground Water Management area?	Yes (10 points)	10
		No (0 points)	
14	Is the project within 1 mile of a priority water body for Aquatic Species?	Yes (10 points)	10
		No (0 points)	
15	Is the project located in an Agriculture Water Optimization priority area?	Project is located within 5 of the Prioritization Areas (30 points)	30
		Project is located within 3 to 4 of the Prioritization Areas (20 points)	
		Project is located within 1 to 2 of the Prioritization Areas (10 points)	
		Not Located in the priority Area (0 points)	
16	Is the Project located in the Great Salt Lake watershed?	Yes (10 points)	20
		No (0 points)	
17	Proximity to down slope surface water	Runoff flows directly to surface water (20 points)	20
		Fields are within 500 feet of surface water (10 points)	
		Fields have no potential of discharging to surface water (0 points)	
Total Points			280