

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 (10 points)	
2	Who will benefit from this project and why?	Water not diverted from the stream (environment/aquatic species/wildlife/recreation) (20 points)	20
		Within the irrigation company or water conservancy district (10 points)	
		On-farm, individual water user (not allowed to increase irrigated acres) (0 points)	
3	Funding sources and project partners?	2 or more partners (15 points)	15
		1 partner (10 points)	
		Applied for funding with the NRCS (5 points)	
4	Project match?	Greater than 1:1 match (10 points)	10
		Less than or equal to 1:1 Match Ratio (5 points)	
5	Cost per acre?	Under \$500 (20 points)	20
		\$500 - \$1,500 (15 points)	
		\$1,501 - \$2,500 (10 points)	
		\$2,501 - \$3,600 (5 points)	
		Greater than \$3,601 (0 points)	
6	Irrigation system efficiency standard?	84% or greater (30 points)	30
		71%-83% (20 points)	
		65%-70% (10 points)	
		Less than 65% (0 points)	
7	Is the project shovel ready?	Yes. The project has a complete design, all permits have been obtained, and water rights concerns have been addressed. (40 points)	40
		No. (0 points)	
8	Is the project in a DWQ impaired watershed?	Yes (10 points)	10
		No (0 points)	
9	Is the project in a watershed implementing a TMDL?	Yes (10 points)	10
		No (0 points)	
10	Is the project in a Drinking Water Source Protection area?	Yes (10 points)	10
		No (0 points)	
11	Is the project in a Water Right Ground Water Management area?	Yes (10 points)	10
		No (0 points)	
12	Is the project within 1 mile of a priority water body for Aquatic Species?	Yes (10 points)	10
		No (0 points)	
13	Is the Project located in the Great Salt Lake watershed?	Yes (20 points)	20
		No (0 points)	
14	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			245