

DISTRICT 2 RATING AND RANKING

METHODOLOGY

The District 2 Integrating Committee would like to explain our rating and ranking methodologies as requested by the Director of the Ohio Public Works Commission. Enclosed with this letter is the rating form used by the Support Staff to come up with an actual numerical value for each individual project submitted for funding with SCIP/LTIP dollars.

Each project submitted is considered for funding on an equal basis. In accordance with our rating system, all projects are rated as a SCIP project and an LTIP project. They are sorted by point value (in descending order). In case of a tie, the worst condition score is given priority, followed by the greatest number of users as a second tiebreaker. If a project involves more than 50% expansion of the infrastructure, it is considered only for LTIP funding, unless the subdivision is paying for 100% of the expansion plus 10% of the entire construction cost as local share. That project may then be put into the SCIP category if necessary. Each list of projects then has a "cut line" drawn where the amount of funding available runs out. Projects above the cut line are recommended for funding to the Ohio Public Works Commission. Once a cut line has been established, the Support Staff then recommends that the entire slate of projects in both SCIP and LTIP that remain be declared as "contingency projects". In effect, this allows OPWC to automatically fund the remaining projects with residual funds in the order voted by the Integrating Committee.

Therefore, all projects submitted are either funded or a contingency project. District 2 files at least ten applications below the cut line with the funded applications so that the Program Representative will have the application in hand and thus expedite the procedure much more quickly.

The small government jurisdictions that submitted projects and did not rate above the cut line in either SCIP or LTIP are then rated by the Support Staff on the Small Government Commission rating criteria. The ten highest rated projects (on the Small Government rating system) are then put into the Small Government category.

The loan program portion of SCIP is based on applications that involve a project that is **both** eligible and "revenue generating". The applicants apply for the loan on the application. District 2 has experienced problems in getting subdivisions to apply for loans in the past. If the occasion happened where not enough loan applications to cover at least the minimum required amount of SCIP funds were received, the Integrating Committee would then solicit subdivisions for volunteers to take loans. If that did not prove to be successful, the Integrating Committee would then appoint projects to be loans based on recommendations from the Support Staff. If the subdivision appointed to be a loan did not

agree, then that application would become void and another project would move up from the cut line and the process would continue until the Loan requirement had been met. Volunteers are solicited on the local forms also, but no point values are changed for volunteering for a loan. This year, there were more than enough loan candidates to fulfill the requirement of the OPWC.

The Integrating Committee does no affordability study. Interest rates recommendations are based on the subdivisions economic health, which is one of the rating criteria. If a subdivision does not agree with the interest rate recommended, they may appeal the decision directly to the Integrating Committee.

The Loan Assistance portion of SCIP funds receives applications each year. These applications are rated and ranked the same as any other application as discussed earlier.

In addition to the OPWC application, subdivisions must complete "District 2's Additional Support Information". A copy is enclosed with this letter. This additional information allows the Support Staff to determine whether or not the project is ready to go to bid at the earliest possible date. It gives more detailed information concerning the infrastructure of the individual subdivision also. A priority listing of the jurisdictions projects are given on this form, and points are awarded for the top five projects. Also, on this form, applicants may check off whether or not they would be willing to take a loan instead of a grant.