

**103F.735 AGENCY REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Ranking of applications.** The agency shall rank applications for technical and financial assistance in order of priority and shall, within the limits of available appropriations, grant those applications having the highest priority. The agency shall by rule adopt appropriate criteria to determine the priority of projects.

Subd. 2. **Criteria.** (a) The criteria shall give the highest priority to projects that best demonstrate compliance with the objectives in paragraphs (b) to (e).

(b) The project demonstrates participation, coordination, and cooperation between local units of government and other public agencies, including soil and water conservation districts or watershed districts, or both those districts.

(c) The degree of water quality improvement or protection is maximized relative to the cost of implementing the best management practices.

(d) Best management practices provide a feasible means to abate or prevent nonpoint source water pollution.

(e) The project goals and objectives are consistent with the state water quality management plans, the statewide resource assessment conducted under section 103F.721, and other applicable state and local resource management programs.

**History:** 1990 c 391 art 6 s 87