



The Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) requires the development of an Affordability Criteria to assist in community ranking across Oklahoma.

EPA requires the Affordability Criteria to include:

- Income Data
- Employment Data
- Population Trends
- Any other data determined relevant by the State

*Refer to Affordability Criteria Guidance on CWSRF webpage for additional detail

https://www.owrb.ok.gov/financing/pdf_fin/AffordabilityCriteriaStrategy.pdf

*Community Affordability Calculation for the SFY 2023 IUP

https://www.owrb.ok.gov/financing/pdf_fin/AffordabilityCalcSFY2023IUP.pdf

*CWSRF Call For Projects

<https://www.owrb.ok.gov/financing/loan/callforprojects.php>

Oklahoma’s CWSRF Affordability Criteria is designed in a Tier System

<u>Tier</u>	<u>Community APCI as % of U.S. APCI</u>
4	APCI 81% or more of U.S. APCI
3	APCI more than or equal to 71%, but less than 81% of U.S. APCI
2	APCI more than or equal to 56%, but less than 71% of U.S. APCI
1	APCI 65% or less of U.S. APCI

- Lower percentage ranking and a lower Tier number represent a community with a greater financial need based on the Affordability Criteria.
- Affordability Criteria Loan Forgiveness will begin at Tier 3 and includes Tiers 2, & 1, with Tier 4 excluded.

PROPOSED SFY 2023 CWSRF Loan Forgiveness Strategies

For SFY 2023, the Oklahoma CWSRF has developed a loan forgiveness strategy directly tied to the Tier System. The Tier System allows for a multi-level structure and consistent approach to Affordability Criteria providing full disclosure for communities across Oklahoma to view the formula used, community percentage ranking and Tier determination through the CWSRF website.

Oklahoma’s SFY 2023 Loan Forgiveness Strategy

Applies to any CWSRF eligible project

<u>Tier</u>	<u>% of Loan Forgiveness to PROJECT Amount</u>	
4	0%	
3	50%	This Tier requires a cost share of 50% per project
2	75%	This Tier requires a cost share of 25% per project
1	100%	This Tier requires a cost share of 0% per project

Loan Forgiveness for Tier 1, 2, and 3 is a MAXIMUM of \$1,000,000 per entity, per fiscal year.

Oklahoma's SFY 2023 Additional Eligibility Loan Forgiveness Strategy

Applies to CWSRF eligible components included within a project to address water and/or energy efficiencies and stormwater elements

Loan Forgiveness for Tier 1, 2, 3, and 4 is a MAXIMUM of \$500,000 per entity, per state fiscal year.

- Both strategies can be combined for Tier, 1, 2, and 3 for a MAXIMUM of \$1,500,000, per entity, per state fiscal year as outlined above.
- Tier 4 may receive MAXIMUM of \$500,000, per entity, per fiscal year under Additional Eligibility only.

General Loan Forgiveness Guides

- Loan Forgiveness will be determined on a 'first come, first serve' approach for eligible entities.
- Loan Forgiveness amount will be appointed upon OWRB Board approval.
- Loan Forgiveness consideration will require 'bids in hand' before presentation to OWRB Board for construction requests.
- Loan Forgiveness consideration will require an engineering contract with complete estimate before presentation to OWRB Board for Planning & Design requests.
- Loan Forgiveness Strategies provided are for SFY 2023 and are not to be represented as continual through future state fiscal years.

