

Subject PFA Project Eligibility and Prioritization

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Overview

This bill would modify the factors used to prioritize drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater projects for purposes of funding from certain programs administered by the Public Facilities Authority (PFA) as well as modify criteria used when determining the eligibility for certain grants provided by the PFA.

Summary

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| 1 | <p>Rules.</p> <p>Requires the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to adopt rules that factor in climate resiliency and the reduction of greenhouse gases when prioritizing projects for purpose of its project priority list.</p> |
| 2 | <p>Type and amount of assistance.</p> <p>Modifies the criteria used when determining eligibility for grants for those receiving a loan from the clean water revolving fund or the drinking water revolving loan fund. The project service area would need to have a census tract that meets at least three of five new criteria, which are based on certain measures of income, housing vacancy rates, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Social Vulnerability Index. Under current law, eligibility is based on average cost of the project as a percent of the service area's median household income.</p> |
| 3 | <p>Rules of the department.</p> <p>Requires the commissioner of health to adopt rules that factor in climate resiliency and the reduction of greenhouse gases when prioritizing water supply system projects for purpose of its project priority list.</p> |
| 4 | <p>Interim project priority list recommendations; Pollution Control Agency.</p> <p>Requires the commissioner of the PCA to review its project priority list and provide recommendations to the PFA that prioritizes the projects based on climate resiliency and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions until the new rules required under</p> |

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| | section 1 are adopted. Requires the PFA to use the recommendations when developing its intended use plan. |
| 5 | Interim project priority list recommendations; commissioner of health.
Requires the commissioner of health to review its project priority list and provide recommendations to the PFA that prioritizes the projects based on climate resiliency and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions until the new rules required under section 3 are adopted. Requires the PFA to use the recommendations when developing its intended use plan. |
| 6 | Lead service line replacement; appropriation.
Appropriates \$2,335,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the Metropolitan Council for grants to replace the privately owned portion of residential lead service lines. Establishes eligibility criteria for the grants similar to the new criteria required for grants established in section 2. Requires laborers and mechanics performing work funded by a grant to be paid the prevailing wage rate. |



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