

4720.9040 FINANCIAL NEED.

Subpart 1. **General.** Only projects sponsored by community public drinking water suppliers can be assigned priority points under this part.

Subp. 2. **Median household income.** The median household income levels of the state must be determined from income data from the most recent census of the United States or from data from the state demographer.

A. A municipal community public water supply must use the median household income for the appropriate political subdivision or subdivisions encompassing its service area, except as provided in item C.

B. A nonmunicipal community drinking water supply must use the median household income for the smallest political subdivision encompassing the nonmunicipal community drinking water supply, except as provided in item C.

C. If there is reason to believe that the United States census data or the data from the state demographer is not a currently accurate representation of the median household income, documentation of the reasons why the data is not an accurate representation may be submitted. If the commissioner, after review, agrees, the applicant may submit additional information regarding median household income. The information must consist of reliable data from local, regional, state, or federal sources, or from a survey conducted by a reliable impartial source. The median household income level must be updated to reflect the most current and accurate figures.

Subp. 3. **Assignment of points.** A project sponsored by a community public drinking water supply with a median household income less than either the median household income for a metropolitan or nonmetropolitan area, as applicable, must be assigned five priority points.

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