

Information about Planning Applications

Eligibility Criteria for Planning Projects Applications

1. In order to be considered eligible for a planning grant application, all previously funded planning projects in your community must be completed. No planning application will be considered for any community with a previously funded planning grant which has not been completed.
2. A Council Resolution must be attached to the planning application, stating that the requested project is the highest sanitation priority of the community. (See attached example.)

Submitting a Planning Application

- **Deadline for all applications is 5:00 p.m. on July 8, 2011.**
- Applications can be submitted electronically, by using the Online Application System accessible through the VSW website, in person, or through the mail. **Electronic applications are encouraged.**
- Faxes will not be accepted.

Planning Project Scoring Criteria

Category	Criteria	Points
Planning Project Need (limited to one)	Original Sanitation Facilities Comprehensive Plan	100
	Original Water, Sewer, or Solid Waste Component Study for "Essential" Improvement(s)	75
	Engineering evaluation and rehabilitation plan for aging system components (more than 20 years old)	75
	Update of obsolete plan (more than 10 years old)	50
	None of the above	0
Primary Type of Facility Planning (limited to one)	Planning for water and sewer facility development	100
	Planning for other solid waste facility development	0
Previous Planning Projects	The community <u>has not</u> received funding for a planning project from the VSW Program within the past 5 years.	100
Existing Level of Service (limited to one)	Less than 25% of existing, year-round occupied homes are served by either pipes or covered haul	100
	Between 25% and 75% of existing, year-round occupied homes are served by either pipes or covered haul	75
	More than 75% of existing, year-round occupied homes are served by either pipes or covered haul	50
Application Quality	Information is complete and consistent throughout the application, and supports the goal of providing safe, sustainable water supply and sewage disposal to community residents	100
Total Possible Points		500