

# Criteria for Legislature to Evaluate Local Projects

The following criteria may be used as a guide in ranking a project's importance. Legislators can use the criteria as a tool in making funding decisions. The first set of criteria is related to the need of the project, and the second set is related to how well-planned the project is and its current status.

## Need-Based Criteria

1. Project is on governmental entity's Infrastructure Capital Improvements Plan (ICIP).
2. Project is necessary to eliminate potential or actual health or safety hazards or other liability issues.
3. Project is required by federal, state or judicial mandate.
4. Project will prevent deterioration of asset or will correct infrastructure problems of asset.
5. Project is necessary to address population or client growth, and will provide direct services to that population or clientele.

## Planning Criteria

1. Project has been thoroughly planned and is ready to begin.
2. Project has received prior funding and can be completed with this appropriation.
3. Matching funds or a local share has been secured for project.
4. Operational costs of project upon completion have been identified and planned for.
5. Project has had public input and buy-in.
6. Project has been designed to be energy efficient in its operation.
7. Construction of project can be successfully phased, so that each phase will be operational.