

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Financial Assistance
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF)

Appendix E
Financial Hardship and Affordability Criteria

Financial incentives including reduced interest rates, extended financing terms, principal forgiveness and grants are targeted toward small disadvantaged communities with financial hardship. The Division evaluates financial hardship and ability to repay based on various affordability criteria including population, median household income, and rates as a percent of median household income, as outlined in Section V.B of the [State Fiscal Year 2016-17 DWSRF Intended Use Plan](#) (see page 29).

A community water system (CWS) or a non-transient non-community water system (NTNC) with fewer than 200 service connections and that serves a severally disadvantaged community may be eligible for a maximum of \$500,000 in principal forgiveness for a planning project if the CWS or NTNC is a public agency or private not-for-profit water company