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Procedures for establishing the rating of projects are outlined in the following:

(1) Landfill Capacity (Maximum Value 200 points)

Existing Landfill permitted operational capacity:

(a) Less than two years 200 points

(b) More than two years 100 points

(2) Financial Need (Maximum Value 100 points)

All applicants must be rated, based upon the current bond rating of the local government as established by Moody's, Standard and Poors, or the North Carolina Municipal Council. When rated by two national agencies, the higher rating will prevail. A national bond rating will always prevail over a NCMC rating. Ratings will be checked foreach loan cycle:

(a)	Units which have a North Carolina Municipal Council (NCMC) rating below 75 and no national bond rating	100 points
(b)	Units which have a national bond rating below A- OR NCMC rating 75-79	75 points
(c)	Units which have a national bond rating of A or A- OR NCMC rating 80-85	50 points
(d)	Units which have a national bond rating of A1/A+ or higher OR NCMC rating of 85 or above	25 points

(3) Ability to Pay (Maximum Value 100 points)

Based upon the median household income of the local government, all 100 counties will be divided into ten groups, based upon the median household income of the local government as listed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Economic Affairs; municipalities are to be included in their county:

(a)	Lowest	100 points
(b)		90 points
(c)		80 points
(d)		70 points
(e)		60 points
(f)		50 points
(g)		40 points
(h)		30 points
(i)		20 points
(j)	Highest	10 points

(4) Method of financing Solid Waste Management Program (Maximum Value 100 points)

Based upon local government implementation of user fees or average share charges to finance full cost of solid waste management programs:

(a)	Solid waste management supported by at least 75 percent from fees or special charges	100 points
(b)	Solid waste management partially supported by at least 50 percent from fees or special charges	75 points
(c)	Solid waste management supported by at least 25 percent from fees or special charges	50 points
(d)	Solid waste management supported by taxes or appropriations with plans for fees or special charges	25 points

(5) Local Effort (Maximum Value 0 - 200 points)

(a) Project is an alternative to landfilling;

(b) Existing implementation of recycling and waste reduction by the unit of local government;

(c) Coverage and coordination within the service area of the applicant;

(d) Project is demographically appropriate multi-county undertaking;

(e) Project is consistent with a comprehensive approach to solid waste management by local government.

(6) Installations to protect Public Health and the Environment (Maximum Value 0 - 50 points)

(a) Liners;

(b) Leachate collection and treatment;

(c) Monitoring wells;

(d) Air pollution control devices;

(e) Methane control devices;

(f) Recycling facilities or equipment;

(g) Composting facilities or equipment;

(h) Other technology designed to protect the public health and the environment.

(7) Public Health or Environmental Hazard (Maximum Value 50 points)

(a)	Demonstrated hazard at existing facility which exposes the population	50 points
(b)	Demonstrated hazard at existing facility which affects the environment	25 points

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