

Category	Question	Criteria	Maximum Word Count
<b>GENERAL</b>			
		<b>Score</b>	
Q1	Submission information	Application Completeness: How complete was the information provided for the application; was the application generally of high quality?	100
Q2	Tell us about your project/program as it relates to the water and wastewater industry. <i>The most points will be awarded to projects that relate most to the water/wastewater industry.</i>	Does the project apply to water/wastewater industry and by how much? Is water use a direct benefit or a related or indirect benefit?	150
Q3	Please describe how this project is innovative. <i>The most points will be awarded to projects that are new to Ontario, Canada or the world. Points are awarded to projects that are innovative within the applicants organization.</i>	Innovation – Does the project/program break new ground in Ontario's water/wastewater industry? Does the project/program use approaches that broke new ground in the applicant's own organization?	200
Q4	Please describe how this project /program can help others through the sharing of knowledge gained from your project/program. Describe how your project/program can benefit other agencies. Is it specific to the water and wastewater industry or can other agencies benefit from the same type of project/program? <i>The most points will be awarded to projects that can be shared with others and have the potential to motivate them into action.</i>	Project Replication & Knowledge Sharing - Are results and methodologies from the project/program being made available to others in the industry? Does the project have the potential to spur others toward similar improvements, or is the project unique to a one specific area without the opportunity to be applied elsewhere?	200
Q5	Describe the project/program's expected life and how it relates to climate action? <i>The most points will be awarded to projects with long lifespans (20+ years).</i>	Project Longevity – Will the benefits from the project/program endure over at least a 20-year lifespan? Does the project/program have built-in flexibility for even further into the future ?	100
Q6	What is the cost of the project/program? Discuss how the project/program met any applicable financial metrics (cost per tonne of CO2e, return on investment, cost benefit analyses, economic loss reduction, or otherwise as may be applicable). <i>The most points will be awarded to projects that have multiple types of benefits.</i>	Does the project have a cost benefit or ROI? What are the social, environmental and/or economic benefits or impacts of the project?  For the resilience stream - Is the cost of adaptation and resiliency clearly shown as part of the award application? Has the applicant communicated the financial aspects of adaptation and resiliency measures?	150
Q7	Please provide any other supporting project descriptions/documentation and/or pictures and diagrams	Encouraged.	
Q8	Please confirm that all parties named in your submission are aware and support this application	n/a	
Q9	With permission, OWWA/WEAO will post submissions for public viewing. Please note that projects that are not able to be publicly shared in some capacity are not eligible for the award.	Must be yes. Projects that are unable to be published at least anonymously are not eligible to win the award.	
Q10	Please select the appropriate stream for your project/program and complete the applicable section	Mandatory.	
<b>STREAM 1 - GHG REDUCTION/MITIGATION PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS</b>			
Q11	GHG Reduction Impact - Describe how the project/program reduces GHG emissions and by how many tonnes of CO2e. Please describe the GHG emissions quantification approach for the project/program. <i>The most points will be awarded to projects that mitigate the most emissions, consider lifecycle approaches to quantification and address all scopes of emissions.</i>	GHG Reduction Impact: a. By how many tonnes of equivalent CO2/year does the project reduce GHG emissions? b. Does the GHG reduction incorporate a whole lifecycle approach? That is, where has the fence line been drawn in the assessment of GHG emission reductions, and have all applicable factors been included? c. Does the project/program address Scope 2 and 3 emissions, or does it only address direct emissions? Has the applicant provided detailed information on how their carbon accounting was completed, including methodologies used and assumptions made?	250

Q12	Does the project or program meaningfully lay the groundwork for future emission reduction? (e.g. factoring climate change into corporate policies, developing a program for the long term inventory of GHG emissions). <i>The most points will be awarded to the project with the highest capacity to reduce future emissions.</i>	If the project/program does not directly reduce GHG emissions, does it meaningfully lay the groundwork for future emission reductions (e.g. development of a facility or program GHG inventory, research into existing emissions sources )?	200
Q13	Does the project/program have other benefits beyond reduction of GHG emissions (enhanced climate resiliency, environmental sustainability benefits, social benefits, etc.)? <i>The most points will be awarded to the project that considers the most co-benefits.</i>	Co-Benefits- does the project/program have other benefits beyond reduction of GHG emissions (enhanced resiliency, other sustainability benefits etc.)?	200
<b>STREAM 2 - CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCY PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS</b>			
Q14	Describe the benefits (social, environmental sustainability and climate resiliency; including mitigation). <i>The most points will be awarded to the project that has the most co-benefits.</i>	Co-benefits - Does the project have other benefits beyond preparing against disruptions due to the effects of climate change (sustainability, social, cost etc.)?	200
Q15	Describe how the adaptation measures protect against the effects of climate change without increasing GHG emissions. <i>The most points will be awarded to the project that has the highest capacity to protect against the effects of climate change without compromising the sustainability of the original project.</i>	Low carbon resilience – Do the adaptation measures protect against the effects of climate change without increasing GHG emissions ?	250
Q16	How does the project/program demonstrate adaptation to current and future climate impacts? How were current and future climate impacts determined? <i>The most points will be awarded to projects that have quantified and accounted for climate risks.</i>	Were climate models and climate projections used to determine current and future climate impacts? Have climate risks to infrastructure been identified and does the project/program clearly demonstrate how it builds resilience?	200