

Summary of Prioritization Criteria for Technical Assistance

The following is a summary of the criteria that the Greater Arizona Development Authority expects to use to award technical assistance.

“Eligible” Applications

In order to be considered eligible for GADA technical assistance, an applicant must satisfy the following criteria:

- The applicant is a political subdivision, Indian tribe, tribal subdivision (chapter, district, village) or special district.
- The technical assistance requested is for the development of a “public” infrastructure project.
- The application must be “administratively complete”. This means all information requested must be submitted by the application due date.
- The cost of the technical assistance does not exceed 10% of the total cost of the final project.
- **The application cannot be for a project that has already received financial assistance from GADA.**

Prioritization Criteria

A brief description of each technical assistance account available to eligible applicants follows:

Project Development Account

The Project Development Account is designed to provide technical assistance for eligible infrastructure projects that are in the early or exploratory phases of project development. Technical assistance would be available for projects such as capital improvement plans, feasibility and market studies and development fee methodology studies.

Project Assistance Account

The Project Assistance Account is designed to provide technical assistance for eligible infrastructure projects that are in the final phases of project development. Technical assistance would be available for projects such as engineering plans and architectural designs.

Technical Assistance Repayment Agreement

The Technical Assistance Repayment Agreement is designed to provide short-term (up to 3 years) loans of up to \$250,000 for technical assistance to projects in the final phases of development. These loans are designed to further projects that require more assistance than can be provided through the Project Development and Project Assistance grant accounts.

Other Information

The Board will award technical assistance based upon the score received from the priority list (see attached tables) and available funding for technical assistance. The Board may fund all or a portion of a technical assistance request.

The Authority will mail the Board's written determination to each applicant within 90 days of the date that all applications for technical assistance are due.

For each approved project, the Authority shall establish a date by which the commitment of the Authority to provide technical assistance expires. The Authority shall not provide technical assistance for an approved project if the applicant does not complete all agreements with the Authority on or before that date. Unused technical assistance funding may be passed onto the applicant with the next highest score from the priority list in the respective account.

An applicant whose project for technical assistance is disapproved may file a protest with the Board.

Priority Criteria		Point Total
PROJECT ASSISTANCE ACCOUNT & REPAYMENT AGREEMENT		
1. Evidence of local support for the project based on the following:		30/35 points
The project is included in the General Plan, Capital Improvement Plan, or other similar planning document of the applicant or has been discussed in meetings or study sessions of the applicant's governing board.	Up to 15 points	
The project has public/private partnerships that provide financial or in-kind services.	Up to 10 points	
The project has received a resolution of support from the governing board of the applicant.	5 points	
The project has received voter authorization.*	5 points	
2. Evidence of the project's impact on the community based on the following:		30 points
An economic impact summary as prepared and submitted by the applicant.	Up to 10 points	
The project addresses health, safety, and welfare issues.	Up to 10 points	
An economic overview prepared by the Department of Commerce	Up to 5 points	
The applicant has not previously received funding from the GADA Technical Assistance program.	5 points	
3. Evidence of a permanent funding source for the project:		20 points
The project is a likely candidate for a GADA Financial Assistance loan.	Up to 10 points	
A revenue stream has been identified to pay for the project.	5 points	
A funding source has been identified for the project.	5 points	
4. Evidence of sufficient financial and managerial capacity to operate and maintain the project.	Up to 15 points	15 points
Maximum Point Total		95/100 points

* State law does not require tribal governments to obtain voter authorization for infrastructure projects, therefore, technical applications received from tribal governments will be based on an adjusted 95-point scale, as described in R20-8-104(B).