

**224A.306 Conditions for receiving assistance from fund for water-related infrastructure projects.**

- (1) The authority shall require the following as conditions for receiving assistance from any fund administered by the authority for infrastructure projects related to water service:
  - (a) Establishment and use of a financial accounting system that accounts for the operations of water treatment and distribution separately from all other operations of the applicant;
  - (b) Establishment of service rates based upon the cost of providing the service; and
  - (c) An agreement that the authority may require an audit to be conducted of the applicant at least once every two (2) years.
- (2) The authority shall require all applicants within a class to use the same accounting system. The authority may accept present accounting systems in use and applied uniformly to all applicants within a class, for example, the uniform system of accounts established by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners.
- (3) The authority may assist water providers to establish accounting systems that meet the requirements of this section. The authority may provide assistance by paying for third-party private contractors or assistance from the Kentucky Auditor of Public Accounts.
- (4) The authority may pay for costs related to establishing a new uniform accounting system for the use of governmental agencies that merge or consolidate their water services if:
  - (a) The merging or consolidating entities use different accounting systems;
  - (b) The merger or consolidation is consistent with a 2020 water management planning council plan as reviewed and prioritized under KRS 151.607; and
  - (c) At least one (1) governmental agency water system is a partner in the merger or consolidation.
- (5) The authority may fund the requirements of this section from the 2020 water service account.

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