

## Scoring Criteria

A strong application will show that the organization addresses the criteria below in relation to the soundness of the proposal, the readiness of the organization to undertake this activity and measurable impact given the organization's size and longevity.

### Project Plan and Evaluation (maximum 5 points)

Consider the quality and potential impact of the proposal, an appropriate match between the project activities and the stated goals, as well as the likelihood of success.

- Project or program is well designed
- Activities and timeline are clear and achievable
- Outcomes are significant and measurable

### Budget and Ratios (maximum 5 points)

- Budget is calculated correctly, is adequate and realistic
- Service delivery costs are reasonable
- Organization is financially stable

### Community Value (maximum 5 points)

Consider how the proposal relates to current community conditions. Does this project provide appropriate value to the right geographic area and is this the right timing for the project?

- Proposed activities address current conditions and opportunities
- Proposal fills a unique niche or is synergistic with other programs
- Application originated from a non-metro community group

### Organizational Capacity (maximum 5 points)

Does the organization have the internal structure, staffing and skills necessary to implement and sustain the effort?

- Proposal clearly communicates internal workings of the program
- Initiative utilizes existing skills within the organization
- Volunteers or collaborative partnerships leverage dollars, provide expertise or expand programming (when appropriate)

### Total – 20 points maximum

SCORE	MEANING
1	<p><b>Unacceptable response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· none provided</li> <li>· demonstrating a significant misunderstanding of the question</li> <li>· not meeting the criteria even to a minimum extent</li> </ul>
2	<p><b>Weak response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· meeting certain aspects to a minimum extent but fails in others</li> <li>· little evidence of ability to meet or deliver to the proposed criteria</li> </ul>
3	<p><b>Fair response as:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· meeting the majority but not all aspects of the criteria</li> <li>· adequate evidence of ability to meet or deliver to the proposed criteria</li> </ul>
4	<p><b>Good response:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· meeting all aspects of the criteria</li> <li>· comprehensive, clear proposal demonstrating a good understanding of the criteria</li> <li>· clear evidence of ability to meet or deliver to the proposed criteria</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Response which exceeds criteria:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· Materially exceeding the criteria, through a creative or innovative response or where additional 'added value' areas have been identified</li> <li>· clear evidence of ability to exceed the proposed criteria</li> </ul>