



Grant Proposal Scoring Rubric

Note: This rubric provides a starting point. Fund Advisory Committees are encouraged to add, remove, or modify criteria to better reflect the unique priorities and needs of their local communities.

Each grant proposal should be evaluated using the criteria below. Assign a score from 1 to 5 for each category and include comments as needed.

Scoring Guide:

5 – Excellent

4 – Good

3 – Satisfactory

2 – Needs Improvement

1 – Weak or Not Addressed

Criteria	Description	Score (1–5)	Notes
Partnerships	Collaborates with other organizations to strengthen the project.		
Matching Funds	Leverages additional cash or in-kind resources.		
Local Employment	Creates or supports jobs for area residents.		
Length of Impact	Delivers lasting results beyond the grant period.		
Budget Efficiency	Grant covers a substantial portion of the total cost.		
Quality of Life	Enhances overall livability in the community.		

Community Benefit	Reaches a broad or diverse group of community members.		
Beautification	Improves visual appeal or community pride.		
Economic Development	Advances local economy or business activity.		
Community Marketing	Positively promotes the community to residents or visitors.		
Childcare Access	Improves availability or quality of childcare services.		
Housing Support	Develops or maintains safe, affordable housing.		
Environmental Sustainability	Incorporates eco-friendly or sustainable practices.		
Youth Engagement & Education	Benefits children/youth or supports educational efforts.		
Equity & Inclusion	Reaches underserved populations or advances equitable outcomes.		
Organizational Capacity	Applicant demonstrates ability to manage and complete the project.		
Project Readiness	Project is well planned and ready for implementation.		

Total Score: ____ / 85