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**2025-2028**

**Community Investment Grant**

**Review Criteria**

**Section 1 | Organization Overview | 15 total section points possible**

The purpose of this section is to get to know the applying organization, how they work to promote long-term success and that they acknowledge and accept funding expectations.

* **Agency Overview – 5 points**
* Did the overview provide you with an ability to understand the organization’s history, mission, and programs?
* Was the overview clearly written?
* **Partner Expectations – 10 points**
* ***2.A* *Values – 5 points***
	+ Did the organization clearly state their values including collaboration, reducing duplication and preventing root causes of issues?
	+ Does the collaboration stated seem significant?

- ***2.B* *DEI Commitment – 3 points***

* + Did the organization show how they work to promote and advance equity in Yellowstone County?
* ***2.C Further Expectations -2 points***
	+ Did the organization verify the acceptance of all the funded agency expectations?

**Section 2 | Activities | 40 total section points possible**

The purpose of this section is for the applicant to share the need of their program/service, what they will be doing with funding and who they will serve.

* **Need – 10 points**
	+ Does the organization clearly demonstrate that the community need/gap is present and/or not being met at the appropriate level?
	+ Does the organization clearly demonstrate how they will effectively meet this need?
* **Strategy and Activities – 10 points**
	+ Does the organization clearly describe the activities/services that they will provide?
	+ Do the activities that the organization describes align with the impact strategy they indicate?
* **Target Population – 10 points (Q3)**
	+ Do you feel that the number and population served is significant?
	+ Are you convinced that the number of people who will benefit from the program/project makes sense and is appropriate and reasonable?
	+ Do the criteria for eligibility seem appropriate without unnecessary barriers?
* **Target Population – 10 points (Q4)**
	+ Do you feel that the activities listed in Q2 will help the population described in Q3?
	+ Does the organization make a strong connection between activities and the target population?
	+ Do the activities seem feasible and realistic for the impact planned?

**Section 3 | Evaluation | 30 total section points possible**

The purpose of this section is for the organization to share how progress related to their activities will be evaluated through measurable outcomes.

* **Monitoring and Evaluation Approach – 30 points**
	+ Do you feel that the outcomes for the project/program are measurable and achievable?
	+ Do the Program/Project activities clearly tie to the impact strategy that is identified in section 2?
	+ Do the outcomes stated seem reasonable for the proposed project/program?
	+ Are the measurement tools appropriate for stated outcomes?
	+ Are the linkages between activities and outcomes clear and explicit?

**Section 4 | Budget | 15 total section points possible**

***Community Impact Committee will review this section***

The purpose of this section is for the organization to share how they plan to spend proposed funding over the three-year budget cycle.

* **Budget Narrative – 10 points**
	+ Do you feel that the narrative is clear and thoughtful as to how funds will be used to achieve outcomes stated in the rest of the application?
	+ Does the organization make a strong fiscal case for funding across the three-year grant cycle?
* **Project Budget Form – 5 points**
* Did the applicant use the required form?
* Does the form match that stated funds requested on the cover sheet of the application (page 1)?
* Does the amount of funding requested seem appropriate for what the organization is trying to achieve?