

Early Childhood Education and Development Grant Funding FY2020
Grant Application Scoring Matrix

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Proposal Evaluation

On a scale of 1-10, please indicate how effective the bidder has been at addressing each of the following proposal components.

		Weak	Fair	Good	Strong	Exceptional
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1	Key Steps: How the project will work. Specific activities and milestones that are included in the project plan.	Application provides <i>little to no</i> clarity on the key steps of the project plan. Timeline is unrealistic, unclear, or no timeline is indicated. The plan lacks detail and is hard to understand. Application is absent of specified activities and milestones.	The plan is appropriate but limited in detail. Application lists vague activities and milestones. Activities and/or milestones are not well-aligned with the project plan.	Plans are clear and appropriate but are not well-expressed. Timeline is adequate for the plan. Application contains sufficient activities and milestones, but lack specificity.	Plans are clear, well-articulated, and appropriate. Timeline is appropriate for the scope of the plan. Activities and milestones are clear and well-aligned with the project plan.	Application provides a detailed plan including specific activities and milestones that are reasonable and likely to yield the intended results within the desired timeframe. The plan is clear, well-articulated, and comprehensive.
2	Need: The main issue that this project is established to address. Data available to demonstrate the need.	Application provides <i>very limited</i> evidence that substantiates the stated need. The proposal incorporates <i>very limited</i> quantitative and/or qualitative data that ties back to the need to be addressed. The application does an inadequate job at tying the need to a demonstrated gap.	Application provides <i>limited</i> evidence that substantiates the stated need. The proposal incorporates <i>limited</i> quantitative and/or qualitative data that ties back to the need to be addressed; The application does a <i>somewhat inadequate</i> job at tying the need to a demonstrated gap.	Application provides <i>sufficient</i> evidence that substantiates the stated need. The proposal incorporates <i>sufficient</i> quantitative and/or qualitative data that ties back to the need to be addressed. The application does a <i>adequate</i> job at tying the need to a demonstrated gap.	Application provides <i>clear</i> evidence that substantiates the stated need. The proposal incorporates <i>sufficient</i> quantitative and/or qualitative data that ties back to the need to be addressed. The application <i>clearly</i> ties the need to a demonstrated gap.	Application provides <i>overwhelming</i> evidence that substantiates the stated need. The proposal incorporates <i>solid</i> quantitative and/or qualitative data that ties back to the need to be addressed. The application does an <i>excellent</i> job tying the need to a demonstrated gap as evidenced by research.
3	Approach: Models or evidence-based practices incorporated into the project	The application demonstrates <i>little to no</i> use of a tested model, evidence-based, or evidence-informed practices in the design and execution of the project.	The application demonstrates <i>limited</i> use of a tested model, evidence-based, or evidence-informed practices in the design and execution of the project.	The application demonstrates <i>sufficient</i> use of a tested model, evidence-based, or evidence-informed practices in the design and execution of the project.	The application is <i>strong</i> in demonstrating the use of a tested model, evidence-based, or evidence-informed practices in the design and execution of the project.	Application demonstrates an <i>outstanding</i> approach to leveraging tested models, evidence-based, or evidence-informed practices in the design and execution of the project.
4	Organization: Overview of the organization responsible for this project. Description of the lead entity of this is a partnership between more than one organization. When the Organization was established, the focus and services of the Organization, and the track record of success.	The application provides <i>very limited</i> evidence of a clear focus, what services are provided, or a track record of success. The application is absent or <i>very limited</i> of any description of partnerships with other organizations or entities. The application describes the Organization's structure as disorganized, unclear, or absent.	The application provides <i>limited</i> evidence of the Organization's focus, services provided, or track record of success. The application provides a <i>limited</i> description of partnerships with other organizations or entities. The application describes the Organization's structure as less formal and unclear.	Organization and any identified partners have an <i>adequate</i> track record of experience and qualifications. It is yet to be proven whether this will facilitate success. Application contains <i>some</i> evidence that the lead Organization has some history of performance in the implementation of successful programming or system impact. The Organization's structure appears to be strong and consistent.	Organization and any identified partners have a <i>strong</i> track record of experience and qualifications that are likely to facilitate success. Application contains <i>strong</i> evidence that the lead Organization has a <i>great</i> history of performance in the implementation of successful programming or system impact. The Organization's structure is clear, strong, and consistent.	Organization and any identified partners have <i>exceptional, proven</i> experience and qualifications that are likely to facilitate success. Application contains <i>overwhelming</i> evidence that the lead Organization has a superb history of performance in the implementation of successful programming or system impact. The Organization's structure is intentional and authentic.
5	Collaboration: Formal partnerships and their role in the project. How the partnership will be managed and monitored. Supportive partners included in the project.	The application does not include any formal partnerships. Due to the size and scope of the proposal, this project will not succeed without an identified formal partnership. The Organization has <i>very limited</i> evidence of participation in successful supportive partnerships.	Application describes <i>limited</i> partnerships between the lead organization and other organizations. While the size and scope of this project may or may not require formal partnerships, the project could benefit from collaboration. The application describes the organization as having demonstrated <i>weak or no</i> engagement strategies with supportive partners.	Application describes <i>adequate</i> partnerships between the lead organization and other organizations. While the size and scope of this project may or may not require formal partnerships, the application describes the organization as having demonstrated inconsistent engagement strategies with supportive partners.	Application describes <i>strong</i> partnerships between the lead organization and other organizations. The Organization demonstrates a history of effective and successful community partnerships. While the size and scope of this project may or may not require formal partnerships, the application describes the organization as having demonstrated <i>clear</i> engagement strategies with supportive partners.	Application describes <i>very strong</i> partnerships between the lead organization and other organizations. The Organization demonstrates a history of <i>highly</i> effective and successful community partnerships. The application describes the organization as having demonstrated <i>consistently well thought-out</i> engagement strategies with supportive partners.

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6	Equity: Approach to racial equity both inside and outside the organization. Examples of practices in place currently.	The application <i>does not</i> address or provides <i>very limited</i> evidence of the Organizations approach to racial equity. <i>No</i> examples are provided.	The application provides <i>limited</i> evidence or clarity of the Organizations approach to racial equity. Examples provided are not tied to assurance of racial equity.	The application provides <i>sufficient</i> evidence or clarity of the Organizations approach to racial equity. Application only addresses one approach, either internal or external.	The application provides <i>clear</i> evidence of the Organization's approach to racial equity. Application addresses their approach both internal and externally. Examples provided are relevant and have a strong linkage to addressing racial equity.	Application reflects the Organization's <i>highly effective</i> approach to racial equity. The Organization has clearly identified and instituted best practices to assure racial equity both inside and outside the Organization. Examples provided are strong and proven to be effective.
7	Purpose: Project alignment with goals and purposes identified by BOC for this fund.	Application provides <i>very limited</i> or <i>no</i> evidence that demonstrates alignment with the goals and intended purpose of the grant funds.	Application provides <i>limited</i> evidence that demonstrates alignment with the goals and intended purpose of the grant funds.	Application provides <i>sufficient</i> evidence that demonstrates alignment with the goals and intended purpose of the grant funds.	Application provides <i>strong</i> evidence that demonstrates clear alignment with the goals and intended purpose of the grant funds.	Application provides <i>overwhelming</i> evidence that demonstrates alignment with the goals and intended purpose of the grant funds. Project purpose directly addresses a documented need.
8	Evaluation: Project evaluation process and specific performance goals. How the performance indicators will influence practices and/or inform decision making.	Application has <i>very limited</i> or <i>no</i> measurable key performance indicators and <i>has not identified</i> a system or process for capturing performance.	Application reflects <i>limited</i> measurable key performance indicators and has identified an <i>impractical</i> system or process for capturing performance.	Application reflects <i>sufficient</i> measurable key performance indicators and has identified an <i>adequate</i> system or process for capturing performance.	Application reflects <i>meaningful</i> and measurable key performance indicators and has identified a solid system or process for capturing performance.	Application reflects <i>highly advanced, meaningful</i> and measurable key performance indicators and has identified an <i>advanced</i> system or process for capturing performance.
9	Budget: FY2020 Requested amount, Project Budget, Budget Narrative	The budget is unrealistic and poorly aligned with the budget narrative.	The budget has limited detail and is not well-aligned with the budget narrative.	The budget is somewhat realistic and reasonably aligned with the narrative.	The budget is realistic, comprehensive, and clearly aligned with the narrative.	Budget / financial proposal is sound, realistic, and comprehensive; The budget is carefully aligned with the narrative; Applicant's financial proposal may also reflect a diverse mix of revenue sources contributing to the overall project.
10	Overall quality of the application submitted	Poorly written application with numerous grammatical errors, typos, and mis-spelling. The application does not adequately address the components of the grant requirements. The application responses are insufficient and/or of poor quality.	The application is marginal in quality with many grammatical errors, typos, and mis-spelling that distracts from the content of the proposal. Application does not adequately address the components of the grant requirements. The application responses are limited and/or inconsistent in quality.	Sufficiently written application with some grammatical errors, typos, and mis-spelling; application adequately address the components of the grant requirements. The application responses are of average quality and relevance.	Well-written application. While the application had minor grammatical errors, typos, and mis-spelling, it was not a distraction from the content of the proposal. The application is strong in addressing the components of the grant requirements. The application responses are high quality, relevant and lead to a solid understanding of the proposed project.	Application is clear, complete and grammatically correct; Application goes above and beyond addressing all of the components of the grant requirements. The application responses are of the highest quality, highly relevant, and lead to a deeper understanding of the proposed project.