

Process Improvement Ideas for FY2025 Strategic Partnership Grants

- Require budget template and provide more explanation on how to complete it
- More opportunity to discuss specific projects and proposals (not just the overall scenarios/formula) possibly before scoring occurs
- More outreach and engagement to potential applicants from less represented focus areas
- Encourage partnership grants across county focus areas (encourage collaborative applications)
- Possibility of removing “Need” from scoring or change how it is scored, so “Basic Needs” doesn’t outweigh other focus areas (“Need related to category”)
- Consider a percentage of funds that should go to each focus area
- Possible addition to application related to ROI or bang for buck
- Map (geographical) of investments
- Orientation to county geography, needs, services, etc. prior to application
- Hard cap maximum request amount of \$80,000
- Have multiple request levels (e.g. up to \$80k or up to \$20k)
- Scoring system that incentivizes smaller dollar amount proposals?
- Possible organization-level pause/ineligibility for one year after receiving sequential funding for 3 years
- Bonus scoring for things like smallness/newness/innovation

Parking lot

- County funding to organizations and projects in more than one grant program
- Committee make-up and fulfillment for members
- Committee member orientation
- Virtual, in-person, hybrid options
- Commitment to balanced focus areas