

GRANT EVALUATION RUBRIC



Mission: Improve the Quality of Life in Elkhart County by Inspiring Generosity

| CRITERIA | INSUFFICIENT 0-5 POINTS | NEEDS IMPROVEMENT 6-10 POINTS | ADEQUATE 11-15 POINTS | EXEMPLARY 16-20 POINTS |
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| COMMUNITY NEED | Project addresses symptom(s) not root cause of problem. Project impacts a small number of people. | Project does address an underlying root cause; is likely to have at least a short term impact. Limited number of people impacted. | Project does address root cause. Impact on a significant number of people or underresourced population. | Project presents strong case for effectively addressing root cause of a problem with long term impact. Impact on a very significant number of people or underresourced population. |
| PROJECT GOALS | The project does not define success, or does not have a way to measure progress. Not innovative. | Project partially defines success, or has weak ways to measure progress or is not innovative. | Project defines success and some measures of progress, little evidence of innovation. | Project clearly defines success, has clear measures of progress in place, or is an innovative approach. |
| PARTNERS: COMMUNITY AND PARTICIPANTS | Organization in developing stage. Proposed project is not clearly aligned with mission or supported by strategic plan and oversight. | Organization has some history of success. Project is aligned with their mission. Limited evidence of strategic leadership. | Organization has limited history but demonstrates commitment and progress toward high performance. | Organization has a proven track record of success and demonstrates capacity to complete project successfully. |
| STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT/LEVERAGE | Project has neither financial support from their board nor outside sources. | Project has some limited outside support; ongoing sustainability is not secured. | Project includes some support from board members and could secure additional funding if needed. Limited plans for financial sustainability. | Project has other committed funders; has the potential to inspire philanthropy. Board members and donors support project. Reasonable plan in place for ongoing funding if necessary. |
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| CFEC PRIORITY AREA? | Not one of CFEC priority areas: early childhood and development, career awareness & exploration, K-12 internships & apprenticeships, vibrant downtowns, parks & trails. | | | Yes, addresses one of CFEC priority areas. |