



A Diligent Grant Making Process Scoring Rubric Summary

Grant requests are reviewed by Foundation staff and external field experts against a grant rubric before recommendations are offered to the Foundation Board. The below framework summarizes categories of consideration for the Board to consider when making grant funding decisions. Request should score well in several categories to increase the likelihood of success.

Categories:

- **Strategic Fit:** Is the initiative a strong fit with the Foundation Strategy & Goals?
- **Need:** Is there a clearly defined & measurable community need?
- **Plan:** Is the plan well-designed & backed by research and best practices? Are there clearly defined benchmarks and strategies?
- **Leadership:** Has leadership convened all supporters & partners necessary to execute with compelling community buy-in?
- **Finances:** Does the organization have a strong financial track record? Does the proposal include a well-designed budgeted with a compelling use of funds? Is there a clear sustainability plan in place?
- **Impact:** Will the project have long-term impact in the community? What is the impact ratio? Is the initiative scalable/replicable?