

Grant Application Scoring Rubric

CRITERIA	EXCEPTIONAL	EXCELLENT	ACCEPTABLE	EMERGING	INSUFFICIENT
<i>Alignment with Social Determinant Issues</i>	Strong, specific, direct alignment with more than 1 of the Foundation's social determinant issues	Strong, specific, direct alignment with 1 of the Foundation's social determinant issues	General or indirect alignment with the Foundation's social determinant issues	Unclear alignment with the Foundation's social determinant issues	No alignment with the Foundation's social determinant issues
<i>Support for Cabarrus County Residents</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Headquarters in Cabarrus County 100% of population served resides in the county 	Part of a regional, statewide, or national agency and serves 100% of residents in Cabarrus County	Headquarters in Cabarrus County or part of a regional, statewide, or national agency, and the majority of clients served are in Cabarrus County	Headquarters in Cabarrus County or part of a regional, statewide, or national agency and service area includes Cabarrus County	No presence in Cabarrus County
<i>Effective Board Governance</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of an active board that meets regularly and participates in decision-making Presence of a strategic plan or demonstrated alignment between mission and services supported by measurable goals Transparency in financial practices (evidence of independent audits, IRS Form 990 submission, annual report, etc.) Evidence of board bylaws and written board policies 	Evidence of 3 of the 4 effective board governance measures	Evidence of 2 of the 4 effective board governance measures	Evidence of 1 of the 4 effective board governance measures	No evidence of effective board governance

<i>Financial Stability</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Realistic, well-planned, and documented operating budget ● Evidence of diverse revenue streams (grants, donations, earned income, etc.) ● Maintenance of sufficient operating reserves (i.e., 3-6 months) ● Manageable level of debt relative to assets reflecting responsible borrowing practices 	Evidence of 3 of the 4 financial stability measures	Evidence of 2 of the 4 financial stability measures	Evidence of 1 of the 4 financial stability measures	No evidence of financial stability measures
<i>Evidence of Continuous Quality Improvement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Completed the 5 Elements Self Assessment ● Attended the Annual Nonprofit Workshop ● Completed or has scheduled an Organizational Review ● Participated in other professional development events or services 	Evidence of 3 of the 4 continuous quality improvement measures	Evidence of 2 of the 4 continuous quality improvement measures	Evidence of 1 of the 4 continuous quality improvement measures	No evidence of continuous quality improvement measures