DRAFT SCORING CRITERIA FOR FY2028 STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP GRANTS

Attachment A - Scoring Criteria

Scoring will be on a scale of 1 to 5 with a maximum total score of 30. Each criterion is weighted equally.

	Proposal Evaluation	Incomplete 1 Point	Insufficient 2 Points	Adequate 3 Points	Good 4 Points	Excellent 5 Points
1	**Strategic Alignment**: Project meets a need directly tied to the County's Strategic Plan and recovery needs from Tropical Storm Helene	No connection to the County's Strategic Plan or Helene recovery is presented.	Loosely aligns to the Strategic Plan and/or Helene recovery.	The projects shows alignment with the Strategic Plan but lacks alignment with Helene Recovery.	Project is clearly aligned with both Strategic Plan and Helene Recovery and includes relevant goals and priorities.	Project is strongly aligned with both the Strategic Plan and Helene recovery, and demonstrates a direct and compelling connection to strategic goals and priorities.
2	**Project Plan**: Project includes clear, reasonable actions that are likely to meet the need	Project explanation is unclear and lacks mention of a specific goal, how the project will work, or who will be served.	Project is not thoroughly or clearly explained and/or is missing key information about implementation.	Project structure is clear and is aligned to the goals of the grant funds but may be missing details about models, activities, and/or milestones.	Project structure is clear, including model and implementation plans, and is aligned to the goals of the grant funds.	Project is very well designed with specific activities and milestones, based on proven model(s), includes implementation steps, and is well aligned with the goals of the grant funds.
3	**Proposed Results**: Project includes milestones and performance measures as required by grant guidelines	Option 1: Little to no description of milestones. Option 2: Little to no description of results or ways to measure performance of the project.	Option 1: Limited description of milestones. Option 2: Description of what will be achieved by the project is unclear and/or lacks explanation about performance measurement. (If applicable, poor previous results track record.)	Option 1: Adequately described milestones. Option 2: Proposed results are adequately described, aligned to the goals of the grant and project plan, but more information is needed about performance measurement. (If applicable, adequate previous results track record.)	Option 1: Well described milestones. Option 2: Proposed results are well described, aligned to the goals of the grant and project plan, and there is a clear plan for measuring success. (If applicable, good previous results track record.)	Option 1: Clearly described milestones. Option 2: Proposed results are clearly described and likely to have a high impact in alignment with goals of the grant funds, including specific measures and methods for effectively measuring results of the funded project. (If applicable, excellent previous results track record.)
4	**Capacity:** Ability to complete the project as described	Organization does not list key personnel involved in managing the proposed project.	Organization has not sufficiently demonstrated the structure and capability needed to complete the project.	Proposed project scope and scale appears to be reasonably within organizational capacity as listed for project.	Organization demonstrates the structure and capability through key personnel needed to complete the project.	Organization strongly demonstrates the structure and capability through key personnel needed to complete the project.
5	**Access to Services**: How the project improves access to services for the community	The project does not address access to services and/or fails to describe how services will be delivered.	Limited explanation of how the project will improve access and/or inhibits access to some populations	Addresses access to services with a reasonable plan, though some gaps or uncertainties remain.	Presents plan or approach to improving access with some attention to diverse populations and community needs.	Presents a clear and thoughtful approach to improving access, with thorough attention to diverse populations and community needs.
6	**Budget:** Includes a clear, reasonable, and efficient budget matched to proposed project	Project budget is incomplete, unrealistic, and/or poorly aligned with the budget narrative.	Budget lacks sufficient detail, is unclear, and/or includes items that do not seem reasonable.	Budget is complete, clear, realistic, and reasonably aligned with the narrative and project plan, but there are questions on some items.	Budget is form is complete with explanatory notes, clear, reasonable and matched to the community need and project plan.	Budget is complete with explanatory notes, clear, detailed, realistic, comprehensive, efficient and clearly aligned with the narrative and project plan.

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