Enhance Hamilton County Foundation Grant Scoring Rubric

Category	Low	Medium	High
Completeness of application	Applicant has not followed directions. Required attachments are missing.	Most of the questions are answered completely. Answers are too brief to provide enough information or too lengthy to absorb. There is no/little supporting data. Most attachments are provided.	All questions are answered completely. Answers are brief and concise. Answers are supported with credible data. All suggested and required attachments are included.
<i>Total point available for this category is 6.</i>	Award 0-2 points.	Award 3-4 points.	Award 5-6 points.
Organization description	Organization has no history in the county or a very poor reputation. Application cannot prove past successes.	Organization is new to the county. Some minor accomplishments are given.	The applicant organization has a long and well-established history in the county. Organization serves a charitable purpose. Accomplishments prove a well-run organization. Organization is stable yet clearly communicates a need.
<i>Total points available for this category is 9.</i>	Award 0-3 points.	Award 4-6 points.	Award 7-9 points.
Project description and need for project.	The project does not fit within the EHCF purpose. Little or no planning or evidence of a need. No goals or objectives. Who the project serves is not clearly described.	The project somewhat fits within the EHCF purpose. Some planning has occurred. Some evidence to show project fulfills a need. Goals and objectives are given. Beneficiaries are listed, but may not be well defined.	The project fits within the EHCF purpose. There is clear evidence of local planning (community or organizational planning). There is evidence of the need for the project. How funds will address needs is clearly defined. Goals and objectives are clearly spelled out. Target audience is clearly described.
<i>Total points available for this category is 21.</i>	Award 0-7 points.	Award 8-14 points.	Award 15-21 points.

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Ability to carry out project	Applicant cannot implement the	Applicant has ability to	Applicant has ability to
	project in 9 months.	implement the project in 6-9	implement the project in less
	Organization's ability to	months. Organization can	than 6 months. Applicant
	implement at all is questioned.	implement, but there may be	demonstrates capacity to
	Evaluation methods are weak or	questions on some aspects.	implement. Applicant describes
	not included.	Evaluation methods suffice, but	how it will evaluate the impact
		do not inspire.	quantitatively. Evaluation
			methods correlate to goals &
Total points available for this			objectives.
category is 9.	Award 0-3 points.	Award 4-6 points.	Award 7-9 points.
Benefit to residents of	Project serves/impacts few	Project serves half of the	Project serves over 50% of the
Hamilton County and/or	residents of county or	residents of county or	residents of county or
community	community. Volunteer	community. Project impacts	community. There is a strong
	component of the project is	many residents. There is a	volunteer component to the
	weak. EHCF is not recognized.	volunteer component to the	project. EHCF is recognized in a
		project. EHCF is recognized.	creative manner.
Total points available for this			
category is 28.	Award 0-9 points.	Award 10-18 points.	Award 19-28 points.
Has applicant received EHCF	Applicant has received funding	Applicant has received funding	Applicant has never received
funding before?	from EHCF nearly every time	from EHCF once or twice. The	funding. Project has never
	granting cycle since 2005. This	project may have received	received funding.
	specific project has received	funding in part.	
Total points available for this	funding before.		
category is 6.	Award 0-2 points.	Award 3-4 points.	Award 5-6 points.
Project Budget	Funding request exceeds 35%	Funding request is 25-35% of	Funding request is less than 25%
	of project costs. Local cash	project costs. Local cash	of project costs. Local cash
	investment makes up less than	investment makes up 50% of	investment makes over 50% of
	25% of project costs. There is	project costs. Some	project costs. Strong
	virtually no collaboration	collaboration among	collaboration among multiple
	among organizations.	organizations.	organizations.
Total points available for this			
category is 21.	Award 0-7 points.	Award 8-14 points.	Award 15-21 points.