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GRANT SCORING CRITERIA/RUBRIC

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Frontline Community Representation: How well are frontline communities represented in the organization, the project's target audience, and at various stages of the project?	1 – the application does not include any frontline communities in the organization or involve frontline communities in any stage of the project.	2 – the application includes one or more frontline communities in who is served but not in the cultural representation of the applying organization.	3 – the application includes one or more frontline communities in who is served and the applying organization is culturally representative of who they are serving. The proposal describes involvement of frontline communities in some stages of the project.	4 – the application includes more than two frontline communities in who is served and the applying organization is culturally representative of who they are serving. The proposal describes involvement of frontline communities at all stages of the project.	Applicant Section: 11, 12, 13, 14 Project Section: 4, 10 c)
Project Clarity: How clearly is the project directly connected to an SRFC Focus Area(s)? How clear are the priorities, values, social issues, needs, or lived experiences of the frontline community(ies) being served by this project?	1 - The project does not clearly connect to any SRFC Focus Area(s). The priorities, needs, or lived experiences of frontline communities are missing or barely mentioned. Reviewers may struggle to understand how the project aligns with community-identified issues or why it is	2 – The project mentions SRFC Focus Area(s) and community priorities but does so generally or with limited detail. The connection to frontline community experiences is present but not strongly described. Reviewers may understand the project's purpose, but the link to community needs or social issues	3– The project has a clear link to SRFC Focus Area(s). The proposal describes community priorities and needs, though some details may be less fully explained. The work is still clearly rooted in the experiences of frontline communities, and reviewers can understand how the project responds to community-identified issues.	4– The project shows a strong and direct connection to one or more SRFC Focus Areas. The work is clearly grounded in the priorities, values, lived experiences, and needs of frontline communities. The purpose and approach are easy to understand, and the plan reflects a deep understanding of	Project: 10 a), b), f)

	relevant to the communities served.	feels incomplete or unclear.		the social issues the community faces.	
CRITERIA	**1 – BELOW AVG**	**2 - AVERAGE**	**3 – ABOVE AVG**	**4 - EXCELLENT**	**Qs TO CONSIDER**
Project Budget Equity: How does the budget demonstrate a commitment to equity by the organization and the proposed project?	1- The application does not clearly support equitable participation or fair compensation through the budget. Equity needs are not addressed, or the budget choices could unintentionally create or maintain barriers for community members.	2- The application shows some awareness of equity needs in the budget but the budget proposal includes only limited or unclear supports. Items like fair pay or participation resources may be mentioned, but they are not well explained, not funded enough, or not clearly tied to the project plan.	3- The application includes several equity-focused items in the budget proposal. Fair pay and participation supports are present, but not fully built into all parts of the project. The proposal shows a solid effort to reduce barriers, even if some pieces could be stronger or more complete.	4 - The application clearly supports equity through the budget proposal. It includes fair pay for community workers and specific resources that help people participate (like language support, translation, childcare, or accessibility tools). These supports are built into the project from the start.	Project: Budget, budget narrative, work plan
Climate Equity in Project: How well is a commitment to equity demonstrated by the work plan? Do the expected outcomes reflect increasing climate resilience through education/awareness	1 - The application does not show a meaningful connection to equity or frontline communities. Activities and outcomes do not clearly support climate resilience, community awareness, or adaptation to climate impacts. The plan	2 - The application mentions equity or frontline community priorities but provides limited or unclear activities connected to climate resilience or adaptation. Outcomes may be general or not directly tied to the needs of frontline	3 - The application includes several activities that support equitable engagement and climate resilience for frontline communities. The outcomes show some clear community benefit, such as improved understanding or early steps toward	4 – The application shows a clear and meaningful commitment to equity. Activities are designed with and for frontline communities and address topics the community identifies as important for climate resilience. Immediate	Project: Work Plan, 10 b), c)

of a topic important to frontline communities and/or adaptation to climate change impacts?	lacks evidence of commitment to equity-related goals.	communities. The intent is present, but the link between activities, outcomes, and equity is weak or underdeveloped.	adaptation, though equity is not fully integrated into all parts of the plan. The commitment is solid, even if not comprehensive.	outcomes reflect increased awareness, learning, or actions that directly help communities adapt to climate change impacts. Equity is evident across the entire plan.	