

INNOVATION GRANTS

ADJUDICATION RUBRIC

	DIMENSION / CRITERION	NOT COMPETITIVE	PROMISING	EXCEPTIONAL
READINESS	The applicant has the organizational capacity (e.g., financial stability, personnel) to undertake the proposed project and has tackled the planning appropriate for effective implementation.	Organizational capacity is hampered in one or more dimensions, such as weak financial health, rapid turnover in senior positions or other indicators. Project planning is limited in terms of financial viability, knowledge of constituent and partner interest, and/or implementation foresight.	The organization is stable and has adequate financial and leadership capacity to undertake the project. The applicant provides at least some evidence of project planning, including financial details and information from consultation with constituents and/or partners.	The organization demonstrates financial health, solid artistic leadership, effective governance and strong management. Project and financial planning are detailed and robust. The proposal's development demonstrates a consultative approach, with appropriate constituents contributing to design and planning.
THE PROJECT	The application describes a project that clearly addresses an identified need and/or leverages an opportunity, and defines the key benefits that will accrue to the applicant organization.	The proposed project is vague and undefined. The proposal isn't clear about how the project meets a need or takes advantage of an opportunity. Benefits/outcomes are not well-defined.	The proposed project is clearly defined but the link to need/opportunity is not clear.	The proposal documents a project that is carefully scoped and defined, clearly linked to organizational needs and opportunities, and reflects clearly defined outcomes that, if met, will meet important goals.
	The proposed project represents an important addition to (or departure from) the applicant's current organizational strategies and has high potential to yield meaningful results.	The proposal offers a low-stakes project with limited potential to deliver significant organizational learning and development.	The proposal describes how and why the project will be meaningful for the applicant, and provides a reasonable basis for confidence in achievability.	The proposal offers substantial and imaginative approaches that are significant in scope and new for the organization.
	The proposal includes evidence that documentation and evaluation are carefully embedded in project planning and implementation.	The proposal does not include a plan for documentation and evaluation, or the plan is too limited to provide useful information.	The proposed evaluation may provide useful information for some of the objectives, but there are inadequate resources allocated for the evaluation and no information about how evaluation will inform project operations.	The proposal's learning and evaluation plan is thorough and complete, with adequate funds allocated for implementation.
FIELD-WIDE IMPACT	The project has the potential to deliver new learning and insight to the field.	The proposal's approach is already well-documented in the field, and/or learning potential is not articulated.	The proposal suggests new learning for the field, but it is applicable only in limited contexts.	The learning derived from the project will advance the field's knowledge and will have broad implications for best practices. Efforts are consequential.