Appalachian Development Grant Scoring Guide		
Community Development Components		
Description	**Criteria**	**Score**
Community Development Infrastructure	The project focuses on activities directly related to community infrastructure such as property, buildings, or downtowns to support visible economic development and create vibrant communities. The applicant and partners have specific plans prepared to construct infrastructure necessary to revitalize the communities being served. The infrastructure aims to serve multiple purposes.	5
	The project includes a community infrastructure component, but applicants and partners do not have plans in place for specific activities focused on downtown revitalization or connecting communities through natural or cultural assets.	2
	The project does not include a community infrastructure component or other related activities.	0
Healthcare	The project clearly includes one or more activities directly related to increasing healthcare access or services and an established partnership with essential partners and providers in the healthcare industry is included.	3
	The project includes one or more healthcare components but lacks necessary healthcare partners and providers and/or a strategy to provide the resources needed to improve access or services to residents in the project area.	1
	The project does not include any health components.	0
Workforce	The project focuses on local or regional workforce development activities. The project has the support of, and partners with, employers and other key regional stakeholders. The project has identified specific workforce needs for the area being served.	2
	The project has components related to workforce development such as training or higher education but does not establish critical partnerships with employers. The applicant lacks direction in addressing specific workforce needs of the region.	1
	The project does not include workforce related activities.	0
Total Points		**10**

Transformational/Economic Impact		
Description	**Criteria**	**Score**
Investment Priority: Public/Private Partnerships	The project is driven by existing partnerships between public and private entities. These partners are engaged, have defined roles and the project will help expand those relationships. The partnerships are relevant to the project. The partners responsible for each activity are clearly stated.	10
	The project seeks to develop new public/private partnerships but does not expand upon existing or natural relationships. The partners responsible for each activity are clearly stated.	7
	The project develops partnerships but does not define how the new or existing partnerships are relevant to the project presented and does not clearly state partners responsible for each activity.	3
	The project does not include public/private partnerships.	0
Investment Priority: Evidence Based	The concept for the project has been proven and is based on strong evidence. Evidence, data, and/or a demonstrated successful similar project is presented or referenced directly in the application related to all project concepts.	10
	Part, but not all, of the project has been proven and is based on strong evidence.	7
	Anecdotal, high-level evidence on the general topic, such as a scholarly journal article on healthcare needs, has been provided in the application. However the proof of concept with evidence for the project is not demonstrated in the application.	3
	There is neither a proof of concept nor evidence supporting this project.	0
Investment Priority: Sustainability	The project provides a visible, lasting impact on the communities it serves and is sustainable for at least 20 years into the future. A sustainability plan is provided in the application.	10
	The project provides a visible, lasting impact on the communities and is sustainable, but the length of sustainability is less than 20 years or sustainability only covers a portion of the project. A sustainability plan is provided in the application.	7
	The project addresses elements of maintenance, but a sustainability plan is not provided in the application.	3
	The project does not demonstrate a visible or lasting impact or project maintenance and a sustainability plan is not provided in the application.	0
Economic Development: Quality of Life	The project demonstrates a comprehensive strategy and rationale to attract and retain people to the region, strengthen local business, and increase tourism.	5
	The project demonstrates a comprehensive strategy and rationale to attract and retain people to the region, strengthen local business, or increase tourism.	3
	The project does not demonstrate an ability to attract and retain people to the region, strengthen local business, or increase tourism.	0
Economic Development: Existing/Future Development	The applicant demonstrates a strong connection for how the project will impact or complement existing economic development activities and/or projects. The applicant demonstrates how those activities can serve as a catalyst for future development.	5
	The applicant demonstrates either a strong connection for how the project will impact or complement existing economic development activities and/or projects or how those activities can serve as a catalyst for future development, but not both.	3
	No connection between proposed activities and existing or future economic development is mentioned or explained in the application.	0
Economic Development: Community Impact	All project activities directly impact, or are physically present, in all communities listed in the application.	5
	Project activities directly impact or are physically present in all but one of the communities listed in the application.	3
	The project fails to show activities in multiple communities listed in the application.	0
Total Points		**45**

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Regional Impact		
Description	**Criteria**	**Score**
Regional Impact	Geographical area includes three or more counties or communities in four or more counties	25
	Geographical area includes two counties or communities in three counties	20
	Geographical area includes one county or communities in two counties	15
	Geographical area includes two or less communities within a single county	10
	Geographical area includes one community	0
Total Points		**25**

Planning, Partnerships, and Community Effort		
Description	**Criteria**	**Score**
Planning	The proposal was developed using a comprehensive planning process provided by the Ohio Department of Development's procured planner.	10
	The proposal is based on planning activities but the applicant utilized their own planning process and/or the Appalachian Technical Assistance Grant provided by the Ohio Department of Development with no partnership with the Ohio Department of Development's procured planner.	5
	The proposal does not have documentation of planning and does not explain how the applicant will implement the project.	0
Community Effort and Partnerships	The project has documented community support. A list of invested partners committed to all project activities is included and partner roles are defined.	10
	The project has documented community support and evidence of strong invested partners but the partner roles are not clearly defined or committed to all project activities.	5
	The project does not document community support and lacks strong invested partnerships. There are no commitments from key partners and the scope of the project does not match the activities proposed by each partner.	0
Total Points		**20**

Economic Distress Score		
Description	**Criteria**	**Score**
Economic Status of Counties Included	One or more of the counties included is designated as *Distressed* by ARC or *Persistent Poverty* by the EDA in Federal Fiscal Year 2022 OR 2023.	10
	One or more of the counties is designated *At-Risk* by ARC in Federal Fiscal Year 2022 OR 2023.	5
	No counties are designated as *At-Risk* or *Distressed* by ARC or *Persistent Poverty* by the EDA in Federal Fiscal Year 2022 OR 2023.	0
Total Points		**10**

Budget		
Description	**Criteria**	**Score**
Budget Table	The submitted budget is clear and detailed. Budget items are directly tied to project activities. Contingencies are included and project activities can be completed in the timeline established.	10
	The budget identifies specific activities but is lacking detail and may not completely match the project description. At least one budget item is not tied to project activities. One or more project activities may not be feasible within the established timeline and/or contingencies are not built into the budget.	5
	Budget significantly lacks detail, does not match the project activities and cannot be accomplished within the timeline.	0

	Budget section includes all of the following components: •Narrative that explains all costs associated with the project and thorough explanations for how each item will be completed within the timeline. •Narrative that demonstrates an ability to manage the project and work with partners and subgrantees. •Subrecipient agreements and detailed scope of work, budget and balances, records and reports, federal and state compliance laws, and suspension and termination provisions for all fiscal partners. •Outputs and outcomes for all project components that provide viable and significant economic benefit to the project region.	20
	Budget section includes three of the following components: •Narrative that explains all costs associated with the project and thorough explanations for how each item will be completed within the timeline. •Narrative that demonstrates an ability to manage the project and work with partners and subgrantees. •Subrecipient agreements and detailed scope of work, budget and balances, records and reports, federal and state compliance laws, and suspension and termination provisions for all fiscal partners. •Outputs and outcomes for all project components that provide viable and significant economic benefit to the project region.	15
Budget Reporting, Output, and Outcomes	Budget section includes two of the following components: •Narrative that explains all costs associated with the project and thorough explanations for how each item will be completed within the timeline. •Narrative that demonstrates an ability to manage the project and work with partners and subgrantees. •Subrecipient agreements and detailed scope of work, budget and balances, records and reports, federal and state compliance laws, and suspension and termination provisions for all fiscal partners. •Outputs and outcomes for all project components that provide viable and significant economic benefit to the project region.	10
	Budget section includes one of the following components: •Narrative that explains all costs associated with the project and thorough explanations for how each item will be completed within the timeline. •Narrative that demonstrates an ability to manage the project and work with partners and subgrantees. •Subrecipient agreements and detailed scope of work, budget and balances, records and reports, federal and state compliance laws, and suspension and termination provisions for all fiscal partners. •Outputs and outcomes for all project components that provide viable and significant economic benefit to the project region	5
	Budget section includes none of the following components: •Narrative that explains all costs associated with the project and thorough explanations for how each item will be completed within the timeline. •Narrative that demonstrates an ability to manage the project and work with partners and subgrantees. •Subrecipient agreements and detailed scope of work, budget and balances, records and reports, federal and state compliance laws, and suspension and termination provisions for all fiscal partners. •Outputs and outcomes for all project components that provide viable and significant economic benefit to the project region.	0
	Funds from multiple sources are leveraged in the project. This could include funds such as ARC or other federal programs, other Development or state programs in other agencies, local, private, or in-kind, etc.	10
Other Funding Sources	Funding from at least one other source is being leveraged and/or no funding is secured but demonstrated efforts to obtain other funds is documented by the applicant.	5
	No other funding is being leveraged and no in-kind support is included.	0
Total Points		**40**
Total Points for All Categories		**150**

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