

Appalachian Technical Assistance 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 plans to (or find partners who are prepared to) construct infrastructure necessary to revitalize the communities being served. The infrastructure aims to serve multiple purposes.	10
	The project includes a community infrastructure component, but applicants and partners do not seek to connect communities through natural or cultural assets.	5
	The project does not include a community infrastructure component or other related activities.	0
Healthcare	The project includes one or more activities directly related to increasing healthcare access or services and seeks to expand or improve a partnership with established providers in the healthcare industry.	5
	The project includes activities related to one or more healthcare components but does not seek to connect with the 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.	3
	The project does not include any health components.	0
Workforce	The project focuses on local or regional workforce development activities. The applicant seeks to work with the necessary education/training partners, employers, and other key regional stakeholders. The project has identified specific workforce needs for the area being served.	5
	The project has components related to workforce development such as training or higher education but does not seek to establish critical partnerships with employers. The applicant does not focus on addressing specific workforce needs of the region.	3
	The project does not include workforce related activities.	0
Total Points		20

Transformational/Economic Impact		
Description	Criteria	Score
Investment Priority: Public/Private Partnerships	Applicant has indicated it will engage and expand partnerships through the planning phase. The potential partners are relevant to the project and their roles are defined.	10
	The project seeks to develop partnerships but does not define how the new or existing partnerships are relevant to the project presented or does not explain the role of those partners.	5
	The project does not include public/private partnerships.	0
Investment Priority: Evidence Based	There is proof of concept for the project. The applicant presents at least one source of evidence or cites a similar successful project for support.	10
	Part, but not all, of the project has been proven and is based on strong evidence.	5
	There is neither proof of concept nor evidence supporting this project.	0
Investment Priority: Sustainability	The applicant demonstrates a long term vision for the project and explains how the project provides a visible, lasting impact on the communities it serves and is sustainable for at least 20 years into the future.	10
	The applicant has a long term vision for the impact the project will have but does not demonstrate how sustainability will be prioritized in the planning process.	5
	The project does not clearly provide a visible or lasting impact and may not be sustainable.	0
Total Points		30

Regional Impact		
Description	Criteria	Score
Regional Impact	Geographical area includes three or more counties or communities in four or more counties	20
	Geographical area includes two counties or communities in three counties	16
	Geographical area includes one county or communities in two counties	12
	Geographical area includes two or less communities within a single county	8
	Geographical area includes one community	0
Total Points		20
Planning, Partnerships, and Community Effort		
Description	Criteria	Score
Community Effort and Partnerships	Applicant lists a strong committed coalition of partners for the project being proposed and will engage the impacted communities. Applicant lists other state, local, federal, or private programs that could complement activities proposed in the application.	10
	The applicant lists potential partners but their roles in the process are not clear. The applicant lists other local, state, federal or private programs but <u>does not link them directly to the project.</u>	5
	The project does not show evidence of community support and lacks strong partnerships. The project does not mention other local, state, federal or private programs that could complement the project activities.	0
Total Points		10
Economic Distress Score		
Description	Criteria	Score
Economic Status of Counties Included	One or more of the counties included is designated as <i>Distressed</i> by ARC or <i>Persistent Poverty</i> by the EDA in Federal Fiscal Year 2022 OR 2023.	10
	One or more of the counties is designated <i>At-Risk</i> by ARC in Federal Fiscal Year 2022 OR 2023.	5
	No counties are designated as <i>At-Risk</i> or <i>Distressed</i> by ARC or <i>Persistent Poverty</i> 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 budget activities. All planning activities are incorporated into the budget and can be completed in the established timeline.	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.	5
	Budget significantly lacks detail, does not match the project activities and cannot be accomplished within the timeline.	0
Total Points		10
Total Points for All Categories		100