

MAP EJ Grants Hub: Competitive Subgrants Scoring Rubric

The evaluation committee will be composed of members of the MAP EJ Grants Hub EJ Council and grantmaking staff. The EJ Council is composed of 10 community-based organizations across region 8. For more information on the EJ Council, visit <https://majejgrants.org/community-partners/>. The grantmaking team may also seek input from Subject Matter Experts to evaluate the technical elements of the proposed project plan.

The evaluation committee will be trained by the MAP EJ Grants Hub and our training partner, Community Centric Fundraising. While the score from the evaluation process will help inform the decision, geography and tier distribution will also affect funding choices.

This rubric shows how each section of the application is weighted.

| Weighted Scoring | | | |
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| Section | Weighting | Min Score | Max Score |
| Applicant Profile | x1 | 1 | 5 |
| Need and Centering Community | x3 | 3 | 15 |
| Partnerships, Assets and Meaningful Community Engagement | x4 | 4 | 20 |
| Project Goals, Activities, and Milestones | x4 | 4 | 25 |
| Performance Measures & Sustainability | x3 | 3 | 15 |
| Programmatic Capability | x2 | 2 | 10 |
| Budget & Budget Narrative | x2 | 2 | 10 |
| TOTAL | | 19 | 100 |

Here is a high-level breakdown of how the scoring committee will score each section.

| Scoring Rubric Summary | | |
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| The applicant is not responsive to the application questions. | 1 | Not recommended for funding |
| The applicant has proposed a project that does not align with the goals and principles of the Thriving Communities Grantmaker Program, the applicant doesn't effectively convey how they will address an environmental justice issue in a way that benefits a community of focus, and/or the applicant does not demonstrate the capacity to complete the project as described. | 2 | |
| The applicant has proposed a project that is intended to address an environmental justice issue in a community of focus, but there are capacity concerns, gaps in the project design, or issues with the project approach that may impact its success. | 3 | Possibly recommended for funding; may need technical support |
| The applicant has proposed an attainable project that is intended to address an environmental justice issue in a community of focus, has plans to effectively engage impacted communities, and demonstrates capacity to achieve project goals. | 4 | Recommended for funding |
| The applicant has proposed a community-driven project that will effectively address the environmental justice issue(s) described. The applicant demonstrates the capacity to successfully achieve project goals and has articulated how this project fits into a broader community environmental justice strategy. | 5 | |