

2020 CFGV Community Grants Rating Sheet

Rate the level to which the proposal meets the following criteria:

Purpose (up to 25 points)

0 = lowest rating. Is this application consistent with the applicant's mission? Is it consistent with the Foundation's vision of addressing the "full range of human needs"? For general operating support applicants, is it clear what the organization does? For project support applicants, is it evident what the elements of the project are?

Community Impact (up to 25 points)

0 = lowest rating. Is the issue clear and described so that reviewers can understand its relevance and importance? Does the applicant evaluate its activities in a way that clearly demonstrates that it is making the difference it articulates? Does the application clearly demonstrate direct local impact (beyond a general economic impact)? Does the applicant demonstrate a willingness to collaborate with others? Does the applicant successfully attract volunteers, if applicable?

Governance (up to 25 points)

0 = lowest rating. If the applicant is a 501(c)(3) organization, does the applicant provide evidence of board oversight and accountability? Is there a regularly updated strategic plan, and is the application consistent with the plan? Is there a process for identifying new board members so that the organization can evolve? (In the case of public entities, where the "board" may be elected officials, is there an active advisory group that helps guide the agency or program)? Does the application reflect strategies for organizational and/or program sustainability through use of best practices?

Financial Management (up to 25 points)

0 = lowest rating. If an audit or financial review is warranted, has there been one? If an audit or financial review is not warranted, are policies in place that demonstrate healthy board accountability for financial management? Are sound financial management practices evident? (Some examples, as appropriate: regular audit or financial review; cash reserve or mechanism to carry forward unexpended, non-designated funds). Are the financial uploads of the applicant realistic, understandable, and consistent with the application narrative?

Strengths of the application:

Weaknesses of the application:

Other comments: