2025 CFGV Community Grants Scoring Criteria

1. Clarity about the population served, why their work is significant, and how it addresses a critical need: 10 points

Correlating application question: Explain who your organization/group serves, why your work is significant, and how it addresses critical issues or needs in the Gunnison Valley.

10-9	Provides full clarity about all three components in detail
8-7	Mostly provides clarity about all three components, but leaves some questions unanswered
6-5	Provides partial clarity about at least two of the components, but gaps are noticeable
4-3	Provides little clarity about one or more of the components, fails to address key issues
2-1	Does not provide clarity about any components

2. Clarity about the applicant's activities: 10 points

   a. General Operating Support: clarity of their mission, what the applicant does, whether it has been an effective organization to date in responding to the needs they identified

Correlating application questions: Mission Statement; In general, what do you do; With past evaluation data in mind, describe the difference you have made

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8-7	Mostly provides clarity about all three components, but leaves some questions unanswered
6-5	Provides partial clarity about at least two of the components, but gaps are noticeable
4-3	Provides little clarity about one or more of the components, fails to address key issues
2-1	Does not provide clarity about any components

   b. Project Support: clarity of their purpose statement, proposed project idea, and whether the project responds to the needs they identified

Correlating application questions: Purpose Statement of Group; Describe your project; What do you want to achieve – what changes do you want to make

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8-7	Mostly provides clarity about all three components, but leaves some questions unanswered
6-5	Provides partial clarity about at least two of the components, but gaps are noticeable
4-3	Provides little clarity about one or more of the components, fails to address key issues
2-1	Does not provide clarity about any components

3. **Viability in the coming year: <u>10 points</u>**

a. General Operating Support: whether they appear to be a stable and responsible organization that is able to respond to adversity and overcome challenges

Correlating application items: Financial Scorecard provided by CFGV and Financial Uploads

10-9	Clearly displays stability as organization and effective responsiveness to adversity
8-7	Mostly displays stability as organization and the capability to respond to adversity
6-5	Partially displays stability as organization, but may not be well-equipped to respond to adversity
4-3	Does little to display stability as organization, and struggles to respond to adversity
2-1	Does not display stability as organization, and cannot respond to adversity

b. Project Support: whether the project appears to be one that can and will be managed effectively, and whether it will have the impact that they seek to have

Correlating application items: Financial Scorecard provided by CFGV and Financial Uploads

10-9	Clearly displays how the project will be managed effectively, and suggests a high level of impact
8-7	Mostly displays how the project will be managed effectively, and suggests a moderate level of impact
6-5	Partially displays how the project will be managed, but is unclear as to what impact it may have
4-3	Does little to display how the project will be managed, and suggests the impact may be minimal
2-1	Does not display how the project will be managed or whether it will have any impact at all

4. **Commitment to enabling everyone in the community to thrive: <u>5 points</u>**

Applicants should not just repeat what they do or who they serve! Consider how they describe how their organization or project/program: fits into the ecosystem or fabric of our community; enhances community coordination or collaboration; expands or strengthens community leadership; engages with partners across the community to advance community-wide strategies and goals; etc. The applicant should cite specific examples in their answer.

Correlating application question: How does your organization (or project/program) work to ensure everyone in our community has the opportunity to thrive

5-4	Clearly demonstrates how their organization or project/program is enabling everyone in the community to thrive by citing specific examples
3-2	Mostly demonstrates how their organization or project/program is enabling everyone in the community to thrive by citing vague examples
1	Fails to demonstrate how their organization or project/program is enabling everyone in the community to thrive by not citing specific examples