



## **2026 Community Grants Scoring Criteria - General Operating**

### **1. Mission and Core Work: 5 points**

- Is the mission clear, compelling, and relevant to Gunnison County?
- Does the description of core work align with the mission?

5-4	Mission and work are well-articulated, relevant, and compelling
3-2	Mission and work are clear but not distinctive
1	Mission unclear or work appears disconnected from it

### **2. Who They Serve: 5 points**

- Is it clear who benefits from this organization's work?
- Are the populations served relevant to Gunnison County?

5-4	Audience is well-defined, relevant, and appropriate to the mission
3-2	Audience is identified but lacks detail
1	Audience is unclear or too vague

### **3. Community Need and Response: 5 points**

- Does the organization clearly identify the issue/need?
- Is their approach to addressing it appropriate and meaningful?

5-4	Issue/need is compelling, response is strong and well-aligned
3-2	Issue/need is clear, response is adequate but limited
1	Issue/need is not clearly define or is weakly addressed

### **4. Impact and Measurement: 5 points**

- Do they measure effectiveness in meaningful ways (qualitative or quantitative)?
- Do they provide examples/data showing impact?

5-4	Strong metrics and compelling evidence of community impact
3-2	Some measurement and limited examples
1	No clear measurement or evidence of impact

### **5. Community Connection and Ecosystem Role: 5 points**

- Do they demonstrate collaboration, leadership, or ecosystem thinking?
- Are they contributing to community-wide strategies or enhancing coordination?

5-4	Strong, clear examples of community role and leadership
3-2	Some collaboration/leadership demonstrated
1	Limited or no evidence of broader community connection

## 6. Financial Viability: 5 points

- Do financials reflect sustainability and reasonable stability?
- If concerns exist (deficits, fluctuations, etc.), does the applicant provide clear context and a path forward?

5-4	Strong financial position (mostly greens) or challenges well-explained with a clear path
3-2	Some concerns (mostly yellows) and explanations partially address them
1	Major concerns (mostly reds) with unclear explanations