

**APPENDIX – EVALUATION RUBRIC**

<b>Criterion</b>	<b>Strong (3)</b>	<b>Satisfactory (2)</b>	<b>Developing (1)</b>
<b>Demonstration of Need:</b>	Description is very clear, concise, and easy for individuals in multiple disciplines to understand.	Description depicting the need is somewhat clear and minimally explains why funding is needed. Individuals in multiple disciplines can understand the need.	Description of need is hard for individuals outside the discipline to understand, verbose, or uses overly technical jargon.
<b>Logical Plan &amp; Feasibility:</b>	Personnel, project activities, timeline, and budget expenditures congruent with project description and outcomes. The plan is well-reasoned, well-organized, and based on a sound rationale.	Project's assembled personnel, timeline, or budget expose weaknesses in the plan design. Outcomes unlikely to be achieved in the project's current form. The plan is minimally well-reasoned and well-organized.	Insufficient information about personnel, project activities, timeline, or budget expenditures to gauge feasibility. The reasoning and organization of the plan is not clear.
<b>Budget:</b>	The planned expenditures logically support and are necessary for the planned actions. The budget does not exceed the required limit.	The planned expenditures might support the planned actions, but require more detail or justification. The budget does not exceed the required limit.	The planned expenditures do not logically support or are not necessary for the planned actions, or they exceed the required limit.
<b>Timeline:</b>	The project can be completed within the grant year's timeline.	It will be challenging to complete the project within the grant year's timeline without additional help, expertise, or funds.	It is unlikely that the project can be completed within the grant year's timeline.
<b>Qualifications</b>	The individual or team is well qualified to conduct the proposed activities.	The individual or team has some qualifications to conduct the proposed activities (but not all).	It is unclear if the individual or team has the qualifications to successfully complete the project.

<p><b>Innovation:</b></p>	<p>Project contains original, innovative, or creative aspects. Project represents the implementation of new insight or idea, with potential of impact or benefits made clear. Project stands to significantly advance knowledge within its own field or across different fields, advance desired societal outcomes, or both.</p>	<p>The project contains no or few original, innovative, or creative aspects. Project represents practice(s) commonplace within the field, or an adoption of a project with well-established benefits. Project is likely to advance knowledge within its own field and may advance some desired societal outcomes.</p>	<p>It is not clear that the project is creative or innovative. No innovation described or specific potential impact or benefits made clear. It is unclear how the project will advance knowledge or advance desired societal outcomes.</p>
<p><b>Likelihood of External Proposal Being Funded</b></p>	<p>Bridge Funding Proposal clearly indicates how funding will improve the likelihood of external funding upon resubmission. If external review feedback from initial submission of external funding was provided, it favorably indicates funding on resubmission.</p>	<p>Bridge Funding Proposal suggests how funding will improve the likelihood of external funding upon resubmission, but could be clearer.</p>	<p>There is no indication of how the Bridge Funding Proposal will strengthen external funding resubmission.</p>