

Committee Member:	
Applicant:	

Instructions: Carefully read scoresheet questions and type your score in the "YOUR SCORE" Column. The notes section is for your personal use only. Total scores will calculate automatically. Please add your last name to the name of the file before you submit your final scoresheet.

Please assume a score of three means the applicant has met the requirements sufficiently. A four is an above-average reply, and a five is truly exceptional. Conversely, a two is below average and a one is a failure to meet requirements.

Organization Feedback		
What was the strongest aspect of the application/presentation?		What aspect of the application/presentation could be improved?

QUESTIONS: ALL APPLICANTS		Total Points Possible	YOUR SCORE	Notes
1. Project proposal has measurable, appropriate goals related to identified community challenges. Identified goals are reasonable and based in data (Keep in mind NED grant might only be covering a portion of entire project).		5		
1 Points	Group failed to propose reasonable, practical, effective solution to identified problem. Proposed project will have little to no impact on the community. Proposed project does not address identified community challenges.			
2 Points	Proposal is somewhat reasonable, somewhat appropriate response to identified neighborhood issues. Project proposal might be thoughtful, measurable, or effective, but is lacking depth, measurable goals, or there are concerns with how effective the project may be at addressing identified community concerns and challenges. Proposal is lacking clear metrics, could face implementation challenges that were not addressed in the application or presentation.			
3 Points	Proposed project has a goal or goals based on data of community needs or challenges. Goals are measurable and achievable.			
4 Points	Proposed project is reasonable, appropriate response to identified community concerns or challenges. Project proposal is very thoughtful, measurable, and effective.			
5 Points	Organization has clear metrics to measure success, has thought deeply, creatively, and strategically. Proposal is backed by data and has an implementation timeline.			
2. Does the project proposal show potential for long-lasting impact?		5		
1 Points	Proposed project is not sustainable/will not happen without NED funding OR cannot reasonably expect a quantifiable long-term (3+ year) impact			
2 Points	Proposed project appears at least moderately sustainable but does not demonstrate a clear connection between NED funding and long-lasting positive changes			
3 Points	Proposed project shows potential for long-lasting impact in terms of creation/preservation of affordable housing; vacancy reduction; or main street revitalization			
4 Points	Proposed project has proven to provide long-lasting impact, or substantially increases organization's sustainability			
5 Points	Project increases organization's impact and capacity, allows organization to leverage additional funding, and project shows high impact, long lasting positive change in their community.			
3. Organization clearly articulates the role NED funding will play in supporting the project. If organization did not include a slide on their budget, subtract one from the score you would otherwise give.		5		
1 Points	Organization has little to no explanation of how grant funding will actually be spent to accomplish project proposal, and provides little to no explanation of the role grant funding plays in budget as a whole			
2 Points	Organization does not provide a clear connection between the grant funds and their project goals, or does not address funding gaps			
3 Points	Organization provides a clear explanation of how NED funding will be used in pursuit of their project goals			
4 Points	Organization gives a clear explanation of how NED funding fits into their organization budget as a whole, but lacks a detailed plan on how to leverage outside funds			
5 Points	Organization explains in detail how NED funding will be used within their budget and how it will leverage other funds.			
4. Applicant prioritized community engagement and demonstrates capacity and willingness to engage their community to build community consensus..		5		
1 Points	Organization does not explain their community engagement process, or has poorly attended meetings with little to no online presence. No plan for improvement is offered			
2 Points	Organization has somewhat consistent meetings but is making minimal efforts to improve outreach, meeting attendance, and/or online engagement. Organization is aware of the importance of community engagement, but does not have strong plan to improve their engagement.			
3 Points	Organization demonstrates a clear understanding of the importance of community engagement, has regular, well-publicized and attended meetings, and/or adjust plans according to community consensus			
4 Points	Organization has a strong community presence with regular, well-publicized and attended meetings, adjust plans according to community consensus, and actively works to improve engagement with community members			
5 Points	Organization holds consistent, well attended, well-advertised community meetings. CDC has demonstrated capacity to elicit community feedback. Organization strives for robust community engagement, via in person meetings and/or online. Board members work to empower community engagement and expand community leadership and participation through consistent board turn over and competitive elections.			
5. Organization understands their community's concerns, pressing needs, and vision. Community challenges, needs, or concerns are clearly identified and are supported by data.		5		
1 Points	Identified community challenges are not well thought-out, do not affect the majority of residents in the neighborhood, or are not based in data or community feedback.			
2 Points	Organization has a general idea of community concerns and pressing needs, but may be missing details or has not demonstrated data collection through surveys or other mechanisms, or lacks robust plans to collect data.			
3 Points	Organization is operating based on data of community needs and/or in line with a neighborhood plan			
4 Points	Organization conducted robust outreach to gather data on community needs and clearly explained the process			

5 Points	Organization can go into details of existing and most pressing challenges in their community and how challenges affect existing residents, new residents, and vulnerable populations. Organization demonstrates community outreach and/or data to support proposal.			
6. Applicant actively seeks to build partnerships and works well in collaboration with other organizations, entities, and government		5		
1 Points	Organization has no partnerships, does not have interest or any priorities to build partnerships. Organization has reputation of being difficult to work with.			
2 Points	Organization has some partnerships, but partnerships are not robust, and do not directly address community challenges and project goals.			
3 Points	Organization has a reasonable number of active partnerships and works well in collaboration with other entities			
4 Points	Organization is a key part of a coalition of similar organizations working towards larger goals			
5 Points	Organization has strong, active partnerships that provide substantial support through technical or monetary assistance (organization and/or partners benefit from partnership). Partnerships directly address community challenges or aide in accomplishing project goals.			
QUESTIONS: CAPACITY BUILDING APPLICANTS ONLY		Total Points Possible	YOUR SCORE	Notes
1. Applicant is serving an area with limited other resources		3		
1 Points	Applicant is operating in a neighborhood with multiple groups with similar mission statements and not collaborating with any of these groups			
2 Points	Applicant is operating in a neighborhood with limited similar groups OR is collaborating (shared mission) with most of the similar groups in the neighborhood			
3 Points	Applicant is the only group operating in their neighborhood OR is in close collaboration (shared projects/staff) with the majority of similar groups			
2. Applicant has a clear vision of a four-year plan		3		
1 Points	Applicant did not specify long-term plans OR does not have a plan beyond year one			
2 Points	Applicant's four-year plan is the exact same activities for four years			
3 Points	Applicant has a clear four-year plan describing how capacity will be built			
	AUTOMATICALLY CALCULATED			
	Single parent head of household population concentration in projected service area	5		For applicants with a current NED contract with the City: If the group has not requisitioned at least 50% of their contract before presentations begin (8/24/26), they willl lose one (1) point from their total score. OMB-CD will make the deduction manually for all applicable groups
	Low/Moderate income (LMI) population concentration of projected service area Project LMI %*5 (ONLY for GENERAL NED AWARD)	5		
	URA Market Index A = 0.5 B = 1 C = 1.5 D = 2 E = 2.5 F = 3 G = 3.5 H = 4 I = 4.5 J = 5	5		
	GENERAL NED SCORE	45	0	
	CAPACITY BUILDING NED SCORE	46	0	