

# AFHS FY 2024-26 GRANT PROPOSAL EVALUATION CRITERIA AND SCORING

A committee external to DCHS will review grant applications and make award recommendations. All grant applications will be evaluated and rated based on the following criteria and point value framework:

Maximum Points	Criteria
20	<p><b>FOCUS POPULATION</b></p> <p><u>20-16 points</u>- Would be awarded if the focus population is a City priority, and unmet human service need for the proposed program/service for that group is high. Proposal also includes data that supports the proposed intervention.</p> <p><u>15-10 points</u>- Would be awarded if the focus population is a City priority, but the program/service does not address as high priority need for them. <b>OR</b> The proposed program/service a high priority needs for the focus population but is not a City priority.</p> <p><u>9-1 points</u>- Would be awarded if the focus population is not clearly related to any of the City's priorities and the proposed service would not address a high priority need for that population. The proposal lacks data that demonstrate the unmet need.</p>
20	<p><b>HUMAN SERVICES NEED BEING MET</b></p> <p><u>20-16 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposed program/service is well chosen to address the identified human service need. <b>AND</b> it is designed for maximum effectiveness, including incorporating evidence-based best or promising practices and/or innovative approaches.</p> <p><u>15-10 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposed program/service will incorporate standard of professional practices and achieve average effectiveness in addressing the identified unmet human service need.</p> <p><u>9-1 point</u>- Would be awarded if the proposed program/service is likely to provide limited benefits in addressing the identified human service need given staffing, language barriers or other markers that will yield limited outcomes.</p>

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10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ADVANCING EQUITY</b></p> <p><u>10-6 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal describes actions the organization has taken to advance Racial and/or Social Equity. The proposed the program/service also describes how it would directly and substantially promote racial and/or social equity as this may include and not limited to; increasing economic stability, education access and quality, health care access and quality, outreach in marginalized communities to promote healthy conditions.</p> <p><u>5-4 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposed program/service as described in the proposal would contribute somewhat to enhancing racial and/or social equity.</p> <p><u>3-1 point</u>- Would be awarded if the proposed program/service does not provide a description on the impact on or how racial and/or social equity would be enhanced.</p>
10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <p><u>10-6 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposed program outlines how the organization has an explicit strategic plan for outreach, and these efforts are likely to substantially assist services to reach those most in need of the services.</p> <p><u>5-4 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal outlined how the organization would implement some outreach efforts, and these are likely to have some benefits in reaching those most in needs of the services.</p> <p><u>3-1 point</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal does not include or how the organization does not plan to invest in any substantial outreach or recruitment. <b>OR</b> it may be relying on potential recipients to "come through the doors" on their own.</p>
10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>MAXIMIZING EFFICIENCY</b></p> <p><u>10-6 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal incorporates noteworthy or innovative approaches likely to be particularly efficient and cost-effective.</p>

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	<p><u>5-4 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal embodies standard practices for delivering the proposed services efficiently and cost-effectively.</p> <p><u>3-1 point</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal is largely silent on this issue, or what is described is not likely to promote a high level of efficiency.</p>
10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FISCAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p><u>10-6 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal conveys how the organization has a full range of standard, well established managerial, governance, and accountability systems and procedures, and a substantial record of successful management of earlier grants.</p> <p><u>5-4 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal has some of the elements outlined on how the organization's but not all, standard governance, managerial, and accountability systems and procedures. <b>OR</b> These systems -- and perhaps the organization itself -- may be new and untried.</p> <p><u>3-1 point</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal contains few or minimal standard by the organization as this relates to managerial, governance, and accountability systems and procedures and has a limited track record of successful management of earlier grants.</p>
10	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>COLLABORATION</b></p> <p><u>10-6 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal outlines how program/service would be strategically integrated into comprehensive efforts to meet multiple needs of the focus population. In these efforts, the organization would closely collaborate with other service providers and community organizations, especially small and emerging ones, or those with strong community roots.</p> <p><u>5-4 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposal outlined how the organization would coordinate the projected services with other activities serving the same focus population -- for example, by co-location of service delivery or cross-referrals of clients.</p> <p><u>3-1 points</u>- Would be awarded if the proposed program/service would be delivered largely in isolation from other services by other organizations or the organization itself.</p>

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5	<p><b>VOICE IN PROPOSED PROGRAM/SERVICE DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION</b></p> <p><u>5-4 points-</u> Would be awarded if the proposal outlines how the organization engages program participants and community representatives to inform program design, improvement, and delivery. The organization also maintains a diverse board of governance that is made up of key community stakeholders. Organization makes use of regular client feedback or key informant groups to drive program intervention.</p> <p><u>3-2 points-</u> Would be awarded if the proposal describes the organization's explicit strategy for employing participant voice in the future, however the organization did not seek client or community participation in the design and implementation of the proposed program/project.</p> <p><u>1 point-</u> Would be awarded if the proposed project/intervention is a result of the organization's staff and leadership without the use and input from service recipient or community input.</p>
5	<p><b>ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY BUILDING</b></p> <p><u>5-4 points-</u> Would be awarded if the proposal provides insight on how the organization has a specific, explicit strategy for how to maximize the benefits of the grant in strengthening the overall organization and expanding community.</p> <p><u>2-3 points-</u> Would be awarded if the organization describes an explicit strategy for how the grant would strengthen the organization, but impact is not clear.</p> <p><u>1 point-</u> Would be awarded if grant would affect only the specific proposed services, which seem to be largely unrelated to other organization activities, the organization's overall management, or other community needs.</p>
<b>TOTAL 100</b>	