



Scoring Thresholds

On August 26, 2016 the New Mexico Commission for Community Volunteerism determined that the following language be in the Formula RFP in the spring of 2017:

Applicants who have been funded for 6 consecutive years, regardless of 1 year or multiyear funding, shall be required to have applied to the Competitive RFP (previous fall) with an application that was deemed to be a qualified and effective application that was recommended for funding and moved to CNCS by a peer review panel, staff and the NMCCV Commission Board prior to applying for Year 7 of Formula funding. If the applicant does not submit an application or submits an application that was not recommended for funding by the peer review panel, staff, or NMCCV Commission Board, then the applicant must take a mandatory 1 year break from Formula funding before being reconsidered for the opportunity to apply for Formula funding in future year.

The board is now asked to determine the minimum score “a qualified and effective application” must obtain from the peer and staff review. The Corporation for National and Community Service has asked all State Commissions to do a better job at a state level to determine quality applications during the state review process. In the past State Commissions, including New Mexico, have submitted all applicants to be considered for funding despite shortfalls indicated by both staff and peer reviewers. The Corporation has voiced some serious concerns about this practice; the most significant of which is that asking the Corporation to review poor or non-responsive applications after the Commission has already determined that the application is of low quality, is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

The Commission Board is being asked to determine the desired scoring thresholds because it will have an impact on potential applicants for the Formula funding opportunity. While the Commission Board is still offered the opportunity to accept or deny any one applicant, a scoring threshold for the Competitive funding opportunity must be set in order for the Commission to avoid any potential applicant protests in the future.

The maximum points possible for applicants is 115; 100 possible points awarded correlate directly to the programmatic areas as indicated in the NOFO, an additional 15 points is given to applicants with resident business preference and veterans preference (5% for resident business preference, 10% veterans preference). The Commission staff is recommending that the board adopt the following language into this year’s Competitive funding opportunity:

Applications that score a minimum of 80 points will be considered by the Commission Board for submission to CNCS for funding consideration. Applications to be considered for submission to CNCS may receive clarification items from the Commission prior to submittal. Applications that score less than 80 points will be deemed weak/non-responsive and will not be considered by the Commission Board for submission to CNCS for funding consideration.



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Attachments:

Attachment A- The scoring breakdown in the Competitive RFP for both operational and planning submittals.

Attachment B- The past scoring thresholds as indicated on the reviewer scoring sheets, these scoring thresholds have not been enforced in the past.



Attachment A- Scoring breakdown from NOFO/RFP

Operational Application Point Summary		
A(1)	eGrant Application	Pass/Fail
A(2)	Proposal Form Requirements	Pass/Fail
A(3)	Application Format	Pass/Fail
A(4)	Executive Summary	Pass/Fail
A(5)	Program Design	50% (50 pts)
	Problem/Need	2pts
	Intervention	3pts
	Theory of Change and Logic Model	19pts
	Evidence Base (Five Tiers)	12pts
	Notice Priority	3pts
	Member Training	4pts
	Member Supervision	2pts
	Member Experience	3pts
	Commitment to AmeriCorps Identification	2pts
A(6)	Organizational Capability	25% (25pts)
	Organizational Background and Staffing	10pts
	Compliance and Accountability	15pts
A(7)	Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	25% (25pts)
	Cost Effectiveness	18pts
	Budget Adequacy	7pts
A(8)	Evaluation Summary or Plan	Pass/Fail
A(9)	Amendment Justification	Pass/Fail
A(10)	Clarification Information	Pass/Fail
A(11)	Continuation Changes	Pass/Fail
A(12)	Performance Measures	Pass/Fail
A(13)	Acknowledgement of Receipt Form:	Pass/Fail
A(14)	Universal Identifier (D&B Registration)	Pass/Fail
A(15)	Resident Business or Resident Veterans Preference	Max 10% of total outlined points A(5)-A (7)
A(17)	Financial Audit/Information	Pass/Fail
A(18)	Letter of Transmittal	Pass/Fail
A(19)	Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form	Pass/Fail
A(20)	Pay Equity Reporting	Pass/Fail
A(21)	Employee Health Coverage Form	Pass/Fail
TOTALS:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100 points maximum without Resident Business or Resident Veterans Preference • 105 points maximum with New Mexico Business Preference • 110 points maximum with Preference Certificate and the Resident Veterans Certification Form 		



Evidence Based Intervention Planning Grant Application Evaluation Point Summary		
A(1)	eGrant Application	Pass/Fail
A(2)	Proposal Form Requirements	Pass/Fail
A(3)	Application Format	Pass/Fail
A(4)	Executive Summary	Pass/Fail
A(5)	Program Design	50% (50 pts)
	Need	10pts
	Evidence-Based Intervention	30pts
	Planning Process/Timeline	10pts
A(6)	Organizational Capability	25% (25pts)
A(7)	Cost Effectiveness and Budget Adequacy	25% (25pts)
	Cost Effectiveness	18pts
	Budget Adequacy	7pts
A(8)	Evaluation Summary or Plan	Pass/Fail
A(9)	Amendment Justification	Pass/Fail
A(10)	Clarification Information	Pass/Fail
A(11)	Continuation Changes	Pass/Fail
A(12)	Performance Measures	Pass/Fail
A(13)	Acknowledgement of Receipt Form:	Pass/Fail
A(14)	Universal Identifier (D&B Registration)	Pass/Fail
A(15)	Resident Business or Resident Veterans Preference	Max 10% of total outlined points A(5)-A (7)
A(17)	Financial Audit/Information	Pass/Fail
A(18)	Letter of Transmittal	Pass/Fail
A(19)	Campaign Contribution Disclosure Form	Pass/Fail
A(20)	Pay Equity Reporting	Pass/Fail
A(21)	Employee Health Coverage Form	Pass/Fail
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Attachment B- Past scoring thresholds

	Exceptional Proposal – Recommend for Funding	A comprehensive and thorough program design of exceptional merit with very significant strengths and no significant weaknesses. Proposal total score should be between 84-92 points.
	Satisfactory Proposal – Recommended for Funding	A program design that demonstrates overall competence and is worthy of support where the value of the significant strengths outweigh the identified weaknesses. Proposal total score should be between 74-83 points.
	Weak/Non-responsive Proposal – Do Not Recommend for Funding	A program design with very significant weaknesses and minimal significant strengths that have been identified. This option may also include a program design that is non-responsive to the published criteria. Proposal total score should be below 74 points.