

INDIVIDUAL REVIEWER WORKSHEET -EVALUATION

2015 Social Innovation Fund Grant Competition

Legal Applicant: _____ Application ID: _____

Reviewer Name: _____

Assess the extent to which the applicant addresses each of the elements of the application. Select a Rating for each element; provide comments for each Rating. All comments should address the significant strengths and weaknesses identified in your assessment that justify your Rating.

9. PROGRAM DESIGN

Proposal for Evaluation (30%)

In determining the quality please assess the following criteria:

- Applicant’s capacity to ensure successful evaluation(s) of their portfolio as demonstrated by:
 - Experience in managing and supporting evaluations of past funded program models;
 - Experience influencing and supporting recipients to use evidence to improve program performance;
 - Demonstrated ability to apply evidence/evaluation results to decision-making and investment strategies;
 - Staff or contractor ability to ensure successful evaluation of their subrecipients’ program models.
- The quality of the applicant’s plan to assess subrecipient applicants for readiness and capacity to implement a rigorous evaluation plan that would achieve moderate or strong levels of evidence over a three to five year period.
- The adequacy of the applicant’s plan to assess needs for and provide technical assistance to subrecipients as they design, implement, and monitor evaluations of their program models, including a description of the role of staff and contractors.
 - Strategy A:* Whether the applicant presented a reasonable plan for assessing the evidence level of the solutions being proposed by prospective subrecipients. or
 - Strategy B:* Whether the applicant’s evaluation strategy is likely to result in funded program models achieving at least moderate levels of evidence over a three to five year grant period.
- The applicant’s description of how their budget will support the cost of reasonable evaluation activities that will meet the Social Innovation Fund evaluation requirements.
 - Strategy A:* Whether the applicant made the case that there are existing program models that align with their rationale and approach with at least preliminary levels of effectiveness and the potential to achieve at least moderate levels of evidence of effectiveness during their Social Innovation Fund grant period of three to five years.
 - Strategy B:* Whether the applicant proposed solution(s) has at least a preliminary level of evidence and has the potential to increase its level of evidence under the Social Innovation Fund, and achieve at least a moderate level of evidence of effectiveness. (See definitions in *Section A.4.d*). Have they cited the research that supports their assessment?
- If the applicant is applying to more rigorously evaluate a previously funded Social Innovation Fund project: whether the evaluation strategy is likely to result in an increased level of evidence.

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

_ Excellent (30)

_ Good (24)

_ Fair (18)

_ Inadequate (12)

Total Score: __ of 30

10. APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

After the panel discussion and finalizing your assessment: provide a summary of your review that captures the strengths and weaknesses of the application that had the greatest impact on your assessment. This summary,

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which will be provided to the applicant in the Feedback Summary Report and may be posted on CNCS' website, must be supported by your ratings and comments in the previous section.

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES: