

INDIVIDUAL REVIEWER WORKSHEET
2014 Social Innovation Fund Grant Competition
EVALUATION REVIEW

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. DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES: PROPOSAL FOR EVALUATION

Assess the extent to which the applicant:

- Describes a reasonable evaluation strategy to ensure that funded program models will achieve at least moderate levels of evidence over their three to five year grant period.
- Explains how they will assess needs for and provide technical assistance to subgrantees as they design, implement, and monitor evaluations of their program models.
- If addressed, describes how they will work with an evaluation partner and what activities this partner will do to support the Social Innovation Fund portfolio. If not, describes the capacity and expertise of staff to successfully support the SIF portfolio.
- Describes an appropriate and detailed budget to support the cost of reasonable evaluation activities that will meet Social Innovation Fund evaluation requirements.

In addition:

For applicants with a pre-identified intervention, assess the extent to which the applicant:

- Demonstrates that their targeted innovations have at least preliminary evidence of results.
- Describes a program model(s) that has the potential to achieve at least a moderate level of evidence of effectiveness during the Social Innovation Fund grant period of three to five years.

For applicants without a pre-identified intervention, assess the extent to which the applicant:

- Describes examples of program models that will be evaluated, and whether these models have the potential to achieve at least moderate levels of evidence of effectiveness during their Social Innovation Fund grant period of three to five years.

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

_ Excellent (15)

_ Good (12)

_ Fair (9)

_ Inadequate (6)

10. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPACITY: EVALUATION EXPERIENCE

Assess the extent to which the applicant:

- Demonstrates experience in managing and supporting evaluations of program models they have funded in the past.
- Demonstrates the capacity to apply evidence/evaluation results to decision-making and investment strategies.
- Has experience influencing and supporting its grantees to use evidence to improve program performance.
- Demonstrates their staff's capacity (or contracted capacity) to ensure successful evaluation of their subgrantees' program models.

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

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Total Score: __ of 30

11. 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, 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 sections.

STRENGTHS:

WEAKNESSES: