



Welcome to Orientation Session I

Introduction to CNCS

This Orientation is for Reviewers New to CNCS
2015 SIF Orientation 1
Grant Competition



Objectives

- Define the CNCS's mission and grant review processes
- Describe the Reviewer's role in identifying worthy programs
- Explain how rigor and documentation drive the review and selection processes

Corporation for National and Community Service

- Engages millions of Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service each year
- Mission:
 - To improve lives, strengthen communities, and foster civic engagement through service and volunteering.

Senior Corps

AmeriCorps

Special
Initiative
Grants

Social
Innovation
Fund

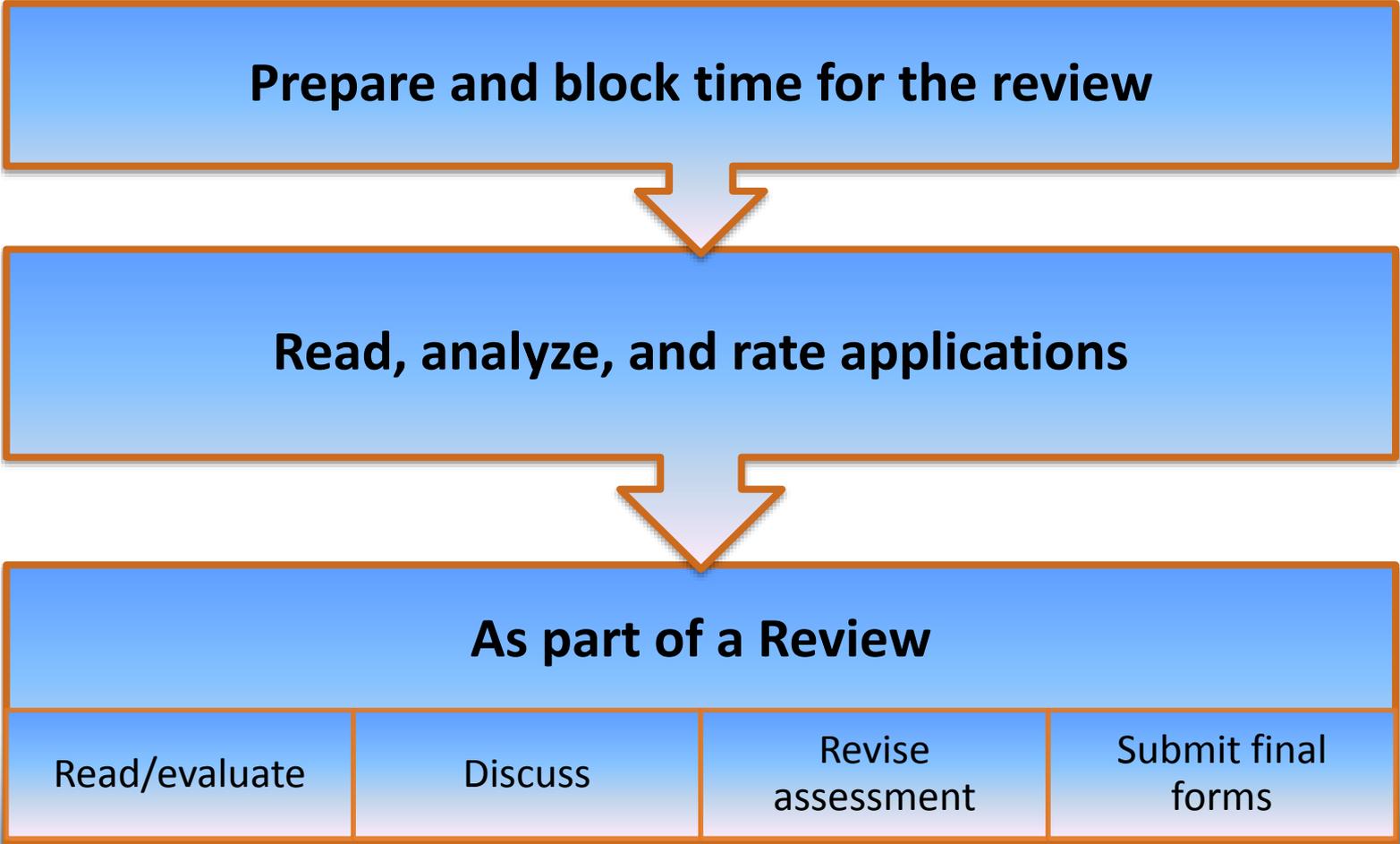
Mechanics of Grant Review

- External Review
 - Program Review
 - Evaluation Review
- Field Model
- Time Frame
- Staff Review
- CEO makes funding decisions
 - Reviewers do not make funding decisions, but opinions are considered

Purpose of External Review

- Determine Quality of Applications
- Inform Decision Makers
- Provide Feedback to Applicants

Reviewer Responsibilities



Documents that Guide Application Preparation

**Notice of
Funding
Availability
(Notice)**

Regulations

**Frequently
Asked
Questions**

Application Structure

- SF 424:Narrative
 - Narrative
 - Performance Measures (disregard)
- Budget
- Budget Narrative

Next Steps

- Continue Reading 2015 Social Innovation Fund Review Handbook
- Participate in Orientation Session 2 “SIF 101”
- Confirm Completion of Orientation 1
 - Email Secret Word to PeerReviewers@cns.gov