

COMPETITIVE GRANT PROPOSAL SCORING RUBRIC

Criterion	4 Exemplary	3 Adequate	1 Needs Improvement	0 Insufficient Evidence	Comments/Notes
Innovation	Project represents the implementation of new insight or idea within the region with potential benefits clearly outlined.	Project represents local implementation of emerging innovation or trend, with potential benefits specified.	Project represents practice(s) commonplace within field, or an adoption of a change with well-established benefits.	No innovation described or specific potential improvement defined.	
Need	Strong need. Proposal addresses specific need(s) common among peer libraries.	Need is somewhat evident in the proposal and the overall argument holds.	Weak presentation of library or community need.	Unconvincing or no evidence of need presented, or grant proposal does not address stated need.	
Feasibility	Personnel, project activities timeline, and budget expenditures align with project description and outcomes.	Outcomes appear achievable but variables are present in personnel, project activities and/or budget expectations.	Weakness in personnel, project activities, timeline and budget plan. Outcomes unlikely to be achieved in project's current form.	Insufficient information given about personnel, project activities and budget.	

Assessment	Clear picture of how data will be collected and used to demonstrate degree to which outcomes are met.	Good understanding of anticipated specific results or success, but plan lacks some details about data or methods.	Success difficult to ascertain, inappropriate methods, or lack of useful data collection.	Evaluation plans missing or unusable.	
Sustainability	Evidence presented that project or its impact can be sustained locally beyond grant period, if results warrant.	Project is complete, designed to end when grant ends.	Plans for future are stated as assumptions without supporting arguments or evidence.	No meaningful plans for future beyond funding term appear in proposal	
Prior Funding	Library has never applied for nor received competitive grant funds.	Library has applied but never received competitive grant funding.	Library received competitive grant funding several years ago.	Library received competitive grant funding last year.	
Total Score					
Recommend Funding?	Yes	Partial \$_____	Not at this time		
Additional Comments					