

2022 JEFFERSON COUNTY TIER III SCFD GRANT EVALUATION CRITERIA

SCORING DESCRIPTIONS

- 5 Excellent/Outstanding:** Answers offer detailed evidence in relation to the focus area and criteria. Application leads to a deep understanding of the organization and its work. Discernible community impact.
- 4 Above Average:** Activities and plans are well-articulated and appropriate. Narrative is of good quality and leads to an understanding of the organization and its work in relation to the criteria.
- 3 Average:** Activities and plans are articulated and appropriate. Supporting evidence is of acceptable quality and is relevant.
- 2 Below Average:** Applicant provides limited evidence to address criteria. Program descriptions are appropriate but with limited detail and are not well-aligned with project aims or criteria. Limited or uneven quality.
- 1 Minimum:** Applicant provides minimum required evidence that criteria are met. Program descriptions are appropriate but with limited detail and are not well-aligned with project aims or criteria. Limited or uneven quality.
- 0 Non-conforming:** The applicant did not provide required information or does not qualify under SCFD and/or Jefferson County Guidelines. Insufficient or ineligible.

NOTE: To qualify for Jefferson County funding an applicant must score a mean of 11 points or above.

EVALUATION CRITERIA FOCUS AREAS	SCORE
ORGANIZATIONAL & FINANCIAL HEALTH	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization has a clearly stated mission that guides described activities. • Organization has adequate staffing levels (paid or volunteer) to achieve its mission and articulated programming goals. • Organization clearly identifies challenges and risks; describes mitigation and strategies to address problems and create opportunities. • Organization demonstrates a diversity of funding sources and contributors. • Financial reports are clear, concise and accurate. • Requested funds are appropriate for the scale and impact of the described activities. • Issues concerning debt, deficit, or anomalies are described in the narrative and addressed appropriately. 	
EDUCATION, PROGRAMS & OUTREACH	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Educational] programs are clearly described and are publicly accessible. • Collaborations with other organizations are described and relevant to the application and/or offer evidence of capacity to collaborate. • Outreach and community engagement initiatives are focused on multiple audience groups and stakeholders. • Intended audience and participants are outlined. • Described programs clearly benefit residents of and visitors to Jefferson County. • Providing unique programming, location, and/or audience. • Programs will enrich and expand offerings within Jefferson County, with an emphasis on county-wide inclusion. 	
EVALUATION & COMMUNICATION	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization's overall approach to program evaluation is well-defined and methods for measuring impact outlined. • Participants and stakeholders are regularly asked for input and feedback, which is then considered for program evaluation. • Activities, Attendance and Attendees as described in the application are presented clearly and accurately. • Organization demonstrates active communication, promotion and marketing; acknowledges SCFD when possible. 	
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION (DEAI)	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organization exhibits understanding of DEAI best practices and describes how it implements and works to advance them. • Organization demonstrates that cultural equity, diversity, inclusiveness in hiring and programming is nurtured, advanced and protected. • Strategies for diversifying board, staff, and audiences are clearly stated. • Metrics for gauging and measuring progress are described. • Programs demonstrate a commitment to accessibility and authentic engagement, planning, and programming to under-resourced and historically marginalized communities. 	