

NSHRF Catalyst Grant Peer Review Scoring Rubric

Score	Description	Status
4.5 – 4.9	Outstanding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outstanding project with potentially significant impact • All aspects of the project align with the specific goals of the funding opportunity • Fulfils or exceeds all assessment criteria • Extremely likely that all objectives will be met • No weaknesses 	May be funded
4.0 – 4.4	Excellent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent project with potentially significant impact • All aspects of the project align with specific goals of the funding opportunity • Fulfils all assessment criteria • Very likely that all objectives will be met • At least one minor weakness that can be addressed during the term of the grant 	May be funded
3.5 – 3.9	Very Good <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good project with potentially important impact • Most aspects of the project align with the specific goals of the funding opportunity • Fulfils almost all assessment criteria • Likely most objectives will be met • Some minor weakness that can be addressed during the term of the grant • At least one moderate weakness 	May be funded
3.0 – 3.4	Solid/Significant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good project with potentially important impact • Most aspects of the project align with the specific goals of the funding opportunity • Fulfils almost all assessment criteria • Somewhat likely that some objectives will be met • Some moderate weaknesses 	May be funded with conditions
2.5 – 2.9	Needs Revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good project idea with potential impact, but in need of revision • Some aspects of the project align with the specific goals of the funding opportunity • Fulfils most evaluation criteria • Unlikely some of the objectives will be met • Numerous moderate weaknesses 	Not fundable
2.0 – 2.4	Needs Major Revision <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project idea and impact in need of major revision • Few aspects of the project align with specific goals of the funding opportunity • Fulfils few evaluation criteria • Unlikely the objectives will be met • Numerous moderate weaknesses and at least one major weakness 	Not fundable
1.0 – 1.9	Seriously Flawed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project idea is flawed and impact is limited • No aspects of the project align with the specific goals of the funding opportunity • Fulfils very few or none of the evaluation criteria • Objectives cannot be met • Numerous major weaknesses 	Not fundable
0	Not Acceptable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unable to evaluate project due to significant and numerous major weaknesses 	Not fundable