



## NSHRF Merit Review Scoring Rubric

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