



## 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 assessment criteria</li> <li>• Extremely likely that all 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 assessment criteria</li> <li>• Very likely that all 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 assessment criteria</li> <li>• Likely most 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 assessment criteria</li> <li>• Somewhat likely that some objectives will be met</li> <li>• Some moderate weaknesses</li> </ul>	May be funded with conditions
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 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 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>• 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