

APPLICATION QUESTION	CRITERIA	MAX SCORE
Narrative Questions		
Implementation & Capacity <i>How is your partnership well-positioned to address the identified need? Highlight the strengths, expertise, and resources each partner contributes, as well as any existing or planned staffing structures that will support the work. Describe how the partnership will function in practice to deliver programs effectively.</i>	<p>10 pts The proposal clearly explains how the partnership is well-positioned to address the identified need within the selected funding category. The response highlights relevant and credible strengths, including staff expertise and/or operational capacity. The application explains how the partnership will function in practice, showing strong readiness to deliver programs effectively.</p> <p>5 pts The proposal provides a general explanation of how the partnership is positioned to address the identified need within the selected funding category. The response references some relevant strengths, such as staff expertise or experience, but lacks depth, clarity, or a clear connection to effective implementation.</p> <p>0 pts The proposal does not clearly explain how the partnership is positioned to address the identified need within the selected funding category. The response provides little to no information about relevant staff expertise, organizational strengths, or experience related to the community or issue area. There is not enough information to assess the partnership's capacity to deliver programs effectively.</p>	10
Evaluation & Learning Across Partners <i>What specific outcomes is your partnership aiming to achieve within your selected funding category, and how will you track progress or learn from your work together? Describe the processes, feedback loops, or indicators you will use to understand what is working, what could improve, and how you will adapt your collaborative approach over time. Specifically, how will data, feedback, or lessons be shared across the partners to improve outcomes.</i>	<p>10 pts The proposal clearly defines specific, meaningful outcomes that the partnership aims to achieve within the selected funding category. The response describes indicators or measures used to track progress (quantitative and/or qualitative) and intentional shared learning practices commensurate with the partnership's resources and capacity. The application clearly explains how data, feedback, or lessons learned are communicated among partners and how the partnership uses these insights to adapt, improve, or refine both program delivery and the collaborative approach over time.</p> <p>5 pts The proposal identifies some intended outcomes related to the selected funding category and references tracking or learning activities across the partnership, but details are limited or uneven. There is some mention of indicators, feedback, or information-sharing among partners, though processes lack clarity, consistency, or depth. Adaptation or shared learning is implied but not clearly explained, and it is unclear how insights meaningfully inform partnership improvements.</p> <p>0 pts The proposal does not clearly articulate intended outcomes for the partnership and provides little to no information on how progress is tracked, learning occurs, or insights are shared across partners. The response does not demonstrate how data, feedback, or lessons learned are used to improve outcomes or strengthen the collaborative approach over time.</p>	10
Cultural Responsiveness & Relationship With Priority Population <i>How is your collaborative work shaped by the voices, needs, and lived experiences of the people you aim to serve? Please describe your history engaging with the priority population(s), any community relationships that inform this partnership, and the ways your partnership will ensure accessibility, responsiveness, and trust across all organizations involved.</i>	<p>10 pts The proposal clearly demonstrates how the partnership's work in the selected funding category is shaped by the voices, needs, and lived experiences of the people it serves. The response describes a meaningful history of working with the priority population and highlights meaningful relationships that inform or strengthen the work. The application explains concrete ways the organizations involved ensure accessibility, cultural responsiveness, and trust with the community.</p> <p>5 pts The proposal provides a general explanation of how the partnership engages with or serves the priority population. The response references some history, community relationships or efforts to ensure accessibility or responsiveness, but lacks depth, clarity, or a strong connection to how community voice meaningfully shapes the work.</p> <p>0 pts The proposal does not clearly explain how the partnership's work is informed by the voices, needs, or lived experiences of the people it serves. The response provides little to no information about history with the priority population, community partnerships, or practices that support accessibility, responsiveness, or trust.</p>	10
Total Narrative Points		30