

RFSI Rubric

Project Purpose, Objectives and Outcomes

Project Priorities

How strongly is this project related to the project and market channel priorities identified by the NMDA?

1. Project is strongly related to the RFSI funding priorities provided by stakeholders (25)
2. Project is somewhat related to the RFSI funding priorities provided by stakeholders (18)
3. Project is weakly related to the RFSI funding priorities provided by stakeholders. (7)
4. Project is not related to the RFSI funding priorities provided by stakeholders (0)

Note: Project priorities include physical infrastructure construction/renovation, modernization, as well as labor and workforce safety and development.

Climate Action Goals

In this project, what consideration is given to the USDA Climate Action Goals or the Governor's Climate Goals?

1. This project's objectives have a strong consideration for climate goals. (10)
2. This project's objectives have some consideration for climate goals. (6)
3. This project's objectives have limited consideration for climate goals. (3)
4. This project's objectives have no consideration for climate goals (0)

Note: Examples include: Develop, customize, or install equipment that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, increases efficiency in water use, improves air and/or water quality. For more information on the Climate Action Goals visit <https://www.usda.gov/oce/energy-and-environment/climate/adaptation>.

Business Impact

Does this project provide substantial impact for "small, disadvantaged businesses" as defined by USDA or SBA.

Examples include: small and underserved business owners, historically underserved farmers or ranchers, women-owned small businesses and veteran-owned small businesses.

1. Project provides substantial impact for "small, disadvantaged businesses" (10)
2. Project provides moderate impact for "small, disadvantaged businesses" (5)
3. Project provides little impact for "small, disadvantaged businesses" (3)
4. Project provides no impact for "small, disadvantaged businesses" (0)

Note: More information on the SBA small business size standards can be found at:

<https://www.sba.gov/document/support-table-size-standards>

The SBA Size Standards Tool: <https://www.sba.gov/size-standards/index.html>

Community Support

Letters of support

Does this project have substantial, demonstrated support from the community in the form of letters of support?

1. Two letters of support are provided by relevant stakeholders to the project which demonstrate a strong understanding of the project (15)
2. Two letters of support are provided by relevant stakeholders to the project which demonstrate some understanding of the project (11)
3. One letter of support is provided by a relevant stakeholder to the project which demonstrates a strong understanding of the project (7)
4. One letter of support is provided by a relevant stakeholder which demonstrates some understanding of the project (3)
5. No letters of support are provided (0)

Project Budget

Expenditures

What quality of budget was provided with this project?

1. A high-quality budget was provided is clearly explained, reasonably estimated and relevant to the project's objectives. (10)
2. A budget was provided that is somewhat clearly explained, somewhat reasonably estimated and somewhat relevant to the project's objectives. (6)
3. A low-quality budget was provided that includes major problems such as unallowable expenses, missing, poorly explained, and/or unreasonable estimates. (3)
4. No budget was provided for this project. (0)

Overall

Long-term economic viability

What potential does this project have to remain economically viable after funding has concluded?

1. Strong potential for ongoing viability after funding has concluded. (10)
2. Some potential for ongoing viability after funding has concluded. (6)
3. Limited potential for ongoing viability after funding has concluded (3)
4. No potential for ongoing viability after the funding has concluded (0)

Market and Community Impact

What level of impact would the objectives of this project have for the market or community?

1. This project will provide substantial impact for the community and market. (15)
2. This project will provide some impact for the community and market. (10)
3. This project will provide limited impact for the community and market (5)
4. This project will provide no impact for the community and market (0)