

Grant Evaluation Criteria and Scoring

General Operating Support for Organizations (GOSO)

Review of the application materials must focus on the following criteria:

Organizational Overview

- The application clearly states the organization's mission.
- Arts and cultural programming are central to fulfilling this organization's mission.
- The application indicates relevant metrics to measure the organization's progress/success in the coming year.

Artistic Vibrancy and Impact

- The organization has a clear approach to providing positive and purposeful experiences for the participants.
- The organization demonstrates a track record of successfully implementing artistic and/or cultural programming clearly related to its mission.
- The organization purposefully provides access for or engages underserved communities as defined by the NEA.

Community Engagement

- The applicant can clearly define the audiences or community/ies it serves, with data to support its claims.
- Organizational programming and operations are responsive to the needs and priorities of the audiences or community/ies the organization serves.
- The organization can demonstrate a track record of intentional and collaborative community engagement.

For each application, assign a score from 1-5 for each of the review criteria categories, with 1 being the lowest score and 5 being the highest score. Select "N/A" for each review category if you have a conflict of interest with this application. After you have scored each review criteria category individually, assign a total rating for each application from the list of the following:

A: This application is excellent. I strongly recommend that this application advances in the selection process.

B: This application is good. I recommend that this application advances in the selection process.

C: This application is okay. I am unsure if this application should receive funding.

D: This application needs improvement. I recommend that this application does not receive funding.

E: I strongly recommend that this application does not receive funding.

No rating – conflict of interest.