

PROJECT TITLE:

Criterion	Strong – 3 Points	Acceptable – 2 Points	Weak – 1 Point	Unacceptable – 0 Points
<b>Program Priorities</b>	Project has a clear, strong nexus with PLC’s goal for this grant program. Applicant(s) have addressed one or more of the specific categories or questions for this year, taking care to align their project with an immediate need or question that our members have.	Applicant(s) have addressed one of the specific categories or questions for this year, and adequately explained how their project aligns with PLC’s goal for this grant program.	Project has a potential nexus with PLC’s goals and work, but applicant(s) have not adequately addressed one or more of the specific categories or questions for this year.	Project does not have a nexus with PLC’s goal for this program. Applicant(s) have not addressed any specific categories or questions for this year.
<b>Affiliate Support</b>	Project obtained strong letters of support from multiple PLC state affiliates.	Project obtained a letter of support from a PLC state affiliate.	Project did not obtain a letter of support from a PLC state affiliate.	Project has received opposition or concern from PLC state affiliates.
<b>Technical Merit</b>	Project is technically sound and feasible. Applicant(s) have outlined a realistic timeline and metrics for success. Research (if applicable) adheres to highest standards of data-driven impartiality.	Project is technically sound. Applicant(s) have outlined a timeline that needs some adjustment to be feasible. Research (if applicable) is data-driven but needs refinement.	Project is questionable. Applicant(s) need to make significant improvements to their timeline and work plan. Applicant(s) need to specify how they will measure success.	Project is not sound. The work plan and stated objectives are not achievable on this or any timeline.
<b>Cost Effectiveness</b>	Proposal includes a defined ask and a clear budget. Applicant(s) have taken care to address risks associated with the project that may incur an unexpected financial burden. Applicant(s) have articulated an effective argument for why this project is a good investment of PLC funds.	Proposal includes a defined ask and a clear budget. There are some line items, or factors that may push the budget off course, that need further explanation. Applicant(s) have made a solid argument for why this project is a good investment of PLC funds.	Proposal includes a defined ask but lacks a clear budget. Applicant(s) must provide more explanation of how the grant will be broken down and used. Applicant(s) must make a more convincing argument for why this project is a good investment.	Proposal lacks a defined ask or budget. Applicant(s) failed to convey why this project should receive PLC funds.

<p><b>Need</b></p>	<p>Proposal establishes a clear need for the funds being requested, and applicant(s) have demonstrated that the project is unlikely to move forward without the support of PLC.</p>	<p>Proposal establishes a clear need for the funds being requested, and applicant(s) addressed how PLC’s funding would usefully supplement other sources of funding.</p>	<p>Proposal establishes some need for the funds being requested, but the project lacks an urgent need for PLC funds.</p>	<p>Proposal does not illustrate any need. Project will likely move forward with or without PLC funds.</p>
<p><b>Transferability</b></p>	<p>Project has the potential and plan to transfer lessons learned to a broader community. Applicant(s) have articulated the ways in which their work could be integrated in PLC’s future efforts to shape government programs and policies.</p>	<p>Project has the potential and plan to transfer lessons learned to a broader community. Applicant(s) must provide more detail on how their work could be integrated into PLC’s future policy work.</p>	<p>Project has the potential to transfer lessons learned to a broader community but lacks a plan to do so. Applicant(s) must provide more information.</p>	<p>Project does not have any clear transferability to a broader community beyond the applicant(s).</p>
<p><b>Past Success</b></p>	<p>Applicant(s) have included sufficient background information on their professional careers to demonstrate a track record of successful project management. Applicant(s) have specific experience in applying for, securing, and executing grant awards.</p>	<p>Applicant(s) have included sufficient background information on their professional careers to demonstrate a track record of successful project management.</p>	<p>Applicant(s) do not have extensive experience in project management but have demonstrated sufficient potential.</p>	<p>Applicant(s) lack the professional experience or potential to handle this project.</p>
<p><b>ADD ALL CRITERIA POINT VALUES. TOTAL SCORE:</b></p>				

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