Federal Grant Opportunity Assessment Tool
Nonprofit Backbone Organization

Evaluation Factor	Assessment Ranking			Raw Score [Enter]	Factor Weight	Weighted Score [Calculate]
	Stronger ←——→ Weaker					
	3	**2**	**1**			
Potential Benefit						
Backbone organization is eligible to serve as lead applicant	Backbone is eligible to serve as lead and has the capacity and desire to take the lead role	Backbone is eligible to be lead, but another partner will be lead	Backbone is not eligible to be lead applicant		2	
Backbone will receive direct financial resources from award	Backbone will receive at least $50K in direct investment	Backbone will receive < $50K in direct investment	Backbone does not receive direct investment		3	
Proposed project would leverage data analysis capacity and convening expertise of backbone	Backbone data capacity or convening role is key component of proposed work	Backbone data capacity or convening role is helpful, but not necessary	There is no reliance on the backbone to play a convening role or capture or analyze data		3	
Proposed project would demonstrate value of the backbone's theoretical framework or strategy	Backbone framework clearly aligns with core tenets of the grant program competition and/or proposed project	Backbone framework is helpful, but not clearly aligned or critical to the proposed work	No real connection between grant program or proposed project with backbone's framework		2	
Backbone has power and/or authority to influence the proposed grant budget	Backbone has authority to control how proposed grant dollars are allocated/spent	Backbone has strong influence on how grant dollars are allocated/spent	Backbone has some influence, but no control over the grant budget		3	
Risk & Reward						
Grant program is anticipated to fund a high *number* of awards	Competition will fund a high number of awards (20+ awards)	Competition will fund several awards (10-20)	Competition will fund few awards (1-9)		5	
Grant program has high maximum award *amount*	Maximum grant award is significant (Over $1M)	Maximum grant award is moderate ($500K-$1M)	Maximum grant award is modest (under $500K)		4	
Prior grantees include organizations that are *similar* to the proposed lead applicant	Prior grantees include a significant number of similar entities to the one proposed as local lead applicant	Prior grantees include a few similar entities OR this is a **new** competition (no prior grantees)	Prior grantees include very few or no entities that are similar to the proposed lead applicant		3	

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Alignment						
Grant program's required activities and evaluation indicators align with coalition's strategic vision, objectives, and activities	Grant program required activities and evaluation indicators clearly align with existing strategic plan and data collection activities	Grant program required activities are clearly aligned, but additional data collection or data sharing will be required	Grant program required activities are not aligned with an existing strategic plan and project will require new data capture		5	
Geographic scope and/or focus population of the grant program aligns with service area of the coalition	Grant program focus population and/or geographic scope clearly aligns with existing strategic priorities of the coalition	Grant program focus population and/or geographic scope is partially aligned, but will require expansion of existing focus or priorities	Grant program focus population or geographic scope is not aligned with existing coalition priorities		5	
Coalition has established relationships with required collaborators, institutions, agencies, and sectors	Coalition has long-standing relationships with all required and recommended partners	Coalition has core required partnerships, but will need to engage more partners to pursue the grant	Coalition does not have required partnerships in place to pursue the grant		5	
Lead applicant and partners have the data, documentation of stakeholder and community engagement, and project governance capacity to achieve a perfect score based on NOFO review criteria	Based on review criteria in the NOFO, it is technically possible for the application to achieve a **perfect** review score (including any bonus points or preference criteria)	There are challenges accessing data and/or documenting local engagement, but there is still strong potential to achieve an excellent score	Based on the review criteria in the NOFO, there is at least one criterion that would likely result in a significant "weakness" during peer review scoring		5	
Coalition has the internal systems and personnel to effectively steward funds (financial) and generate required reports (data)	Coalition has financial and data management infrastructure and key personnel required to meet all grant program requirements described in the NOFO	Coalition has significant capacity, but will need to invest in additional financial and/or data management resources	Coalition does not have existing capacity to manage federal funds or conduct required data capture and reporting		5	
Note: Coalition = collaborative partners and stakeholders		**Final Score**				——— 150