

Semifinalist Assessment Criteria

The following criteria will be used by the independent review panel to assess semifinalist full proposals and make funding recommendations to MHC:

- Evidence that the project is led by community
 - What degree of collaboration and community input is in the implementation of the project?
 - To what degree do American Indian or immigrant people have decision-making authority for the project?
 - To what degree is the diversity of experiences within the community, such as across gender, sexual orientation, age, ethnicities, disability status, etc., represented or providing input into the project?
- Goals, Outcomes, and Evaluation
 - To what degree do the goals, measurable outcomes, and evaluation strategy align with one another? Are they clear/do they make sense as a cohesive whole?
 - To what degree do the goals, measurable outcomes, and evaluation strategy align with the project activities? How well do they fit together? Do the goals and outcomes match the proposed activities?
 - To what degree does success, as defined by the applicant, seem achievable?
- Degree of Impact
 - To what degree will the project make a significant impact in community?
 - How strong is the provided evidence that this project will be beneficial to American Indian or immigrant communities in Minnesota?
- Contingency Plan
 - To what degree is the project achievable within the constraints of COVID-19?
- Budget
 - How clear is the budget: what the expenses are/what the funds will be spent on?
 - To what degree does the budget align with the project narrative?
 - Is the request reasonable and appropriate – can the amount of funds requested be spent by the applicant within the proposed timeframe?

In addition to the criteria above, the panel may consider the diversity of the overall awardee pool, including geographic location, project topic, audience, etc.



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