

2027 CSP Tax Credit Application Scoring Rubric

The following are the review criteria the review team will use to score each CSP Tax Credit application. Each grant will be rated based on the criteria listed and given a score out of one hundred.

	Exemplary - Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Insufficient Evidence
Project Need: (25 Points)	A crucial community need is clearly defined and strongly supported with historical or statistical data. The targeted population is clearly identified, including estimated number of beneficiaries. Projected outcomes include credible data or benchmarks to support feasibility. (19-25 Points)	The community need is defined and supported with some statistical data. The targeted population is identified, including a general number of beneficiaries. Projected outcomes include credible data, but limited benchmarks to support feasibility. (12-18 Points)	A community convenience versus need, not clearly defined with limited or no statistical data. The targeted population is not clearly identified, and lacking number of beneficiaries. Projected outcomes include vague or limited data, missing benchmarks to support feasibility. (0-11 Points)
Innovation: (5 Points)	The project demonstrates a new or creative approach to addressing the identified need, including innovative partnerships, delivery methods, or uses of resources are clearly described. The project has potential for replication or scalability beyond this community. (5 Points)	The project demonstrates some creativity to the approach to addressing the identified need, innovative partnerships, delivery methods, or uses of resources are described, but limited. The project has some potential for replication or scalability beyond this community. (3-4 Points)	The project does not demonstrate creativity to the approach to addressing the identified need, with limited or not innovative partnerships, delivery methods, or uses of resources clearly described. The project is lacking details for potential replication or scalability beyond this community. (0-2 Points)
Agency Capacity: (5 Points)	The organization clearly demonstrates sufficient experience to successfully implement this project. Staffing roles and leadership responsibilities are clearly defined and shows a track record of completing similar projects on time and within budget. (5 Points)	The organization demonstrates some experience to successfully implement this project. Staffing roles and leadership responsibilities are outlined with limited details a track record of completing similar projects on time and within budget. (3-4 Points)	The organization has limited experience to successfully implement this project. Some staffing roles and leadership responsibilities are discussed, but limited track record of completing similar projects on time and within budget. (0-2 Points)

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<p>Project Planning: (10 Points)</p>	<p>Project goals and objectives are clear, measurable, and prioritized. The proposed project timeline is detailed, realistic, and clearly aligned with the December 31, 2028, deadline. Administrative, fiscal, and oversight controls clearly explained. (8-10 Points)</p>	<p>Project goals and objectives are provided, but not clearly measurable or prioritized. The proposed project timeline is provided, reasonably aligned with the December 31, 2028, deadline. Limited explanation of administrative, fiscal, and oversight controls. (5-7 Points)</p>	<p>Limited project goals or objectives are provided and not clearly measurable or prioritized. The proposed project timeline provided is lacking details to reasonably align with the December 31, 2028, deadline. Limited or lacking explanation of administrative, fiscal, and oversight controls. (0-4 Points)</p>
<p>Fundraising Capacity: (25 Points)</p>	<p>The organization demonstrates strong fundraising experience and past success. There is a clear, realistic fundraising strategy and budget justification tied to the tax credit timeline. Funding readiness is clear with multiple pledge letters included and demonstrate donor commitment, representing a substantial portion of the anticipated donation goal, greater than 80%. (19-25 Points)</p>	<p>The organization describes some fundraising experience and past success. A practical fundraising strategy and budget justification are provided, supporting the tax credit timeline. Funding readiness is outlined and pledge letters included demonstrating some donor commitment, representing a portion of the anticipated donation goal, 50%-80%. (12-18 Points)</p>	<p>The organization describes limited fundraising experience and past success. A fundraising strategy and budget justification are provided, but not clearly supporting the tax credit timeline. Funding readiness is described, but limited pledge letters included to demonstrate donor commitment, representing a small portion of the anticipated donation goal, less than 50%. (0-11 Points)</p>
<p>Community Support: (10 Points)</p>	<p>There is evidence of broad-based, diverse community support through unique letters of support representing multiple stakeholder types and are specific to the project rather than generic or form letters. The narrative describes community engagement demonstrating the projects responsiveness to community-identified need and priorities. (8-10 Points)</p>	<p>There is some evidence of diverse community support through letters of support, though limited representation of different stakeholder types. Letters are not all specific to the project and some are generic or form letters. The narrative describes limited community engagement beyond the letters to demonstrating responsiveness to community-identified priorities. (5-7 Points)</p>	<p>Limited number of letters to show community support, without representation of different stakeholder types. Letters are not specific to the project and are generic or form letters. The narrative does not describe community engagement in response to community-identified priorities. (0-4 Points)</p>

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<p>Overall Quality: (10 Points)</p>	<p>The application is well-organized, complete, with clear responses to all questions. All required documents, attachments and letters are included. The budget and timelines are clear, complete, consistent, and internally aligned. (8-10 Points)</p>	<p>The application is complete, and well-organized, though details could be more specific. All required documents, attachments and letters are included. The budget and timelines are lacking some details but appear to be consistent and internally aligned. (5-7 Points)</p>	<p>The application would benefit from more details and descriptions overall. Some required documents, attachments or letters are missing. The budget and timelines are lacking details and do not appear to be consistent and internally aligned. (0-4 Points)</p>
<p>Confidence in Project: (10 Points)</p>	<p>The application demonstrates strong confidence for a successful project completion, including detailed goals, sufficient and realistic funding sources and timelines. Risks are recognized and adequately addressed. The application inspires confidence in execution and impact. (8-10 Points)</p>	<p>The application demonstrates moderate confidence of successful project completion, with goals, funding sources and timelines not all clearly described. Risks are not discussed, causing concern of a throughout project. The application provides limited confidence in execution and impact. (5-7 Points)</p>	<p>The application does not clearly demonstrate likelihood of successful project completion, with limited details for funding sources and clear timelines. Risks are not discussed, causing concern of a throughout project. The application lacks confidence in execution and impact. (0-4 Points)</p>
<p>Total: 100 Points</p>			