



Guidelines for Grant Proposal Selection: Region 5

1. Local Relevance

- **Geographical Focus:** The proposal must demonstrate a clear and direct connection to Region 5, which includes the counties of Lincoln, Mineral, and Sanders.
 - **Impact on Local Communities:** The proposal should either focus on or be relevant to at least one of the counties within Region 5. Preference is given to initiatives that directly benefit the residents, organizations, or local businesses in our counties.
 - **Local Partnerships:** Proposals that include or are in collaboration with organizations, community groups, or agencies based in Region 5 are highly encouraged. Local involvement strengthens the project's ability to deliver sustainable outcomes and enhances community buy-in.
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2. Financial Considerations

- **Length and Timing of the Ask:**
 - Proposals should clearly outline the length of funding required (e.g., one-time, annually, or multi-year commitment).
 - Indicate the timeline for fund usage, including specific phases or milestones, to ensure clarity on the project's lifespan and immediate impact.
- **Annual or Long-Term Funding Needs:**
 - Applicants should specify if the funding request is intended to be annually recurring or for a one-time grant.
 - Proposals that outline plans for sustainability beyond initial funding, with clear steps to ensure the project can continue after grant funds are exhausted, will be given priority.
- **Financial Sustainability:**
 - Proposals must present a budget, based on current balance and the long-term financial viability of the project.



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- Preference is given to projects that demonstrate a clear path to sustainability, showing how they will continue beyond the initial grant, including potential for alternative funding sources.
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3. Delivery Method

- **Mode of Delivery:**
 - Proposals should outline the delivery method(s) for services. This includes whether the project will be carried out in person or through tele-service/remote means.
 - **Tele-Service Considerations:**
 - If utilizing tele-services, applicants must describe the technology infrastructure in place to support the service. This includes communication tools, data security protocols, and accessibility for the community.
 - Partnerships with local agencies or other community-based organizations should be identified, showcasing how collaboration enhances the ability to serve the target population effectively.
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4. Community Relevance & Impact

- **Existing Presence in Region 5:**
 - Applicants should clarify if they are already operating within Region 5 and provide evidence of past or ongoing impact in the area.
 - **New Entrants to Region 5:**
 - If the applicant is new to the region, they must provide a clear rationale for why they are expanding into Region 5, including how they plan to engage with the local community, build relationships, and adapt their services to meet the needs of the area.
 - New organizations should present plans for community integration and collaboration with existing local agencies to ensure successful outcomes.
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5. Additional Considerations

- **Local Ownership and Community Buy-In:**
 - Proposals that include a strong element of community ownership, where local stakeholders play a role in decision-making, implementation, or oversight, will be prioritized.
 - Local letters of support are encouraged. This helps us understand the strengths of community partnerships and on the ground impacts.
- **Evaluation Metrics:**
 - Applicants should include a clear plan for how success will be measured. This could include quantifiable outcomes, feedback from local residents, or other relevant indicators of community impact and how the information will be shared.