

### Rural Mental Health Project Community Grants Adjudication Rubric

All applications to the RMH Community Grants will be reviewed according to the following criteria. The purpose of this rubric is to provide clear guidelines to aid in developing your application as well as to ensure fairness in adjudicating all applications.

Please use these criteria in developing your application and, if possible, ask another person to review your completed application draft using this rubric.

	Great	Good	Poor	Score
Objectives & Context	Project priorities are well-defined and a clear rationale is provided.  The priorities reflect the community's context and strengths.	Project priorities and rationale are described but certain elements are unclear.  The priorities may not reflect the community's context or strengths.	Project priorities are not clearly or sufficiently explained and the rationale behind them is not clear.  The priorities do not reflect the community's context or strengths.	
Impact	Application demonstrates a common vision of the long-term goals and how they will be reached.  Application demonstrates how the chosen approach and activities have the potential to lead to transformative change in the long term.	Project activities or approach may be inconsistent with the desired outcomes.  The chosen approach and activities may or may not lead to transformative change in the long term.	Project activities or approach are not be clearly linked to the desired outcomes.  It is not clear how the chosen approach and activities will lead to transformative change in the long term.	
Approach	Project approach is tailored and meaningful to specific community context.  Project approach aligns with principles and spirit of the RMH approach.	It is not clear how the project approach is tailored to specific community context, or project approach may not be appropriate for community context.  Chosen strategy and approach may not clearly align with RMH principles.	Project approach is not appropriate for community context.  Chosen strategy and approach do not clearly align with RMH principles.	
Community-driven	Application clearly demonstrates that the project is citizen-led and community-driven.	Application is missing key indicators that demonstrate that the project is citizen-led and community-driven.	It is not clear how the project is citizen-led or community-driven.	
Collaborative	Application clearly demonstrates that the project is collaborative in nature, involving community members and other voices throughout various stages - including planning, learning, implementing, and decision-making.	Application may not demonstrate that the project is collaborative in nature <b>OR</b> community members and other voices are not meaningfully involved in the planning and implementation.	It is not clear how the project is collaborative.	
Diverse Collaborators	Application identifies and engages diverse collaborators and audiences.  The roles and strengths of identified collaborators are clearly defined.	Application attempts to engage diverse collaborators and audiences.  It is not clear how collaborators will be involved in a meaningful way.	The collaborators identified do not provide a variety of perspectives <b>OR</b> collaborators are not identified.	
Activities	Project activities are well-defined and are likely to deliver outcomes that will lead to the expected change.  Project activities are reasonable and align with the objectives and priorities of the project.	Project activities may be well-defined but it is not clear how they will lead to the change they are trying to achieve.  Project activities may not be reasonable <b>OR</b> align with the objectives and priorities of the project.	Project activities are not clearly defined or are missing key details.	
Budget	Project expenses are justified and reasonable within the scope of the project.	Project expenses may not be reasonable and within the scope of the project (too little or too much).	Project expenses are not reasonable or realistic <b>OR</b> Budget does not provide enough information regarding project expenses.	
Network Building	Application demonstrates commitment to connect and share with Network.  Project will engage with variety of collaborators and stakeholders.	It is unclear how project will connect and share with Network.  Project will may engage with variety of collaborators and stakeholders.	Application does not demonstrate how project will connect and share with Network.  Project does not engage with variety of collaborators and stakeholders.	
Reflection & Evaluation	Application demonstrates a method for reflection and evaluation.	Application may not provide a clear explanation of how reflection and evaluation will be captured.	Application does not provide a clear explanation of how reflection and evaluation will be captured.	