

Equine Welfare Assistance Grant

Colorado Department of Agriculture

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Grant Evaluation Rubric

Review Criteria

Each application will be evaluated using the following rubric.

Category	Description and Considerations	Points
Impact	Describe the intended impact of the project on domestic equine welfare in Colorado. Discuss the long-lasting impact of the project. Is this part of a bigger project? How does this project expand or relate to your current work?	50
Experience/Stability of Organization	The experience the applicant has on related projects, grant management, and working with domestic equines and communities. Do their current funds allow for them to continue their work towards Equine Welfare after the grant?	20
Approach	<p>The methodology, outreach plan, research questions and/or plan are thorough and make it clear the stated objectives can be met given the proposed budget and timeline. The project team is robust and includes necessary stakeholders.</p> <p>The proposed timeline and deliverables are realistic. The grant deliverables will be completed by June 30th, 2026.</p>	15
Innovation	Describe what innovations in domestic equine welfare this project represents and how this project will further the understanding of the benefits and costs of domestic equine welfare, including what gaps will be filled by the project.	5



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Budget	Does the budget make sense for the project? Will the proposed budget be able to be spent by June 30th, 2026?	5
Project Diversity (Committee Discretion)	The Committee will prioritize projects in diverse geographies around Colorado, different types of projects, projects with differing outcomes.	5
Total		100