

LCCC Cultural Opportunity Grant Scoring Rubric
FY2026 Grant Cycle – Applications due October 15, 2025 by 5pm

CRITERIA	Outstanding	Very strong	Strong	Sufficient	Unclear	SCORE	POINTS POSSIBLE
Project Description Question 1	Applicant provides clear and specific details about the project, including location, activities, and anticipated community impact; the applicant provides specific details on how the LCCC funds will be used.		Applicant provides a description of the project and how they will use the funds; details of the project, impact, and how the funds will be used can be more specific or complete.		Applicant discusses their organization and its goals, applicant could do more to identify the specific project, impact, and details; specific use of LCCC funds is missing or unclear.		15
Priority access, awareness, <u>or</u> education? Question 2	Applicant clearly articulates how the project fits within one chosen priority; the applicant’s response to this question shows a clear understanding of the chosen funding priority (as described on page 2 of the application).		Applicant clearly articulates how the project fits within one chosen priority.	Applicant touches a chosen priority but could do more to describe how the project fits within it.	Difficult to detect the chosen priority; or the project straddles more than one priority.		5
Need Question 3	Applicant clearly identifies the target audience(s) and illustrates the need for the project, using quantified trends or data to make a compelling case.		Applicant identifies the target audience(s) and illustrates the need for the project using anecdotal examples.		Target audience is identified, but applicant could do more to show how the project meets a need; the reader must interpret the need.		10

LCCC Cultural Opportunity Grant Scoring Rubric
FY2026 Grant Cycle – Applications due October 15, 2025 by 5pm

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Question 4	Applicant thoroughly explains how the project supports diversity, equity, and/or inclusion. Project prioritizes diversity, equity, and/or inclusion.	Applicant explains how the project supports diversity, equity, and/or inclusion.	Project's relationship to supporting diversity, equity, and/or inclusion is unclear or minimal.		5
Goals Question 5a	Applicant identifies a thorough set of specific, measurable, and realistic goals that relate to the chosen priority and can be achieved within the grant cycle.	Applicant identifies specific, measurable, and realistic goals but connections to the chosen priority could be clearer.	Applicant identifies goals but they are not as specific, measurable, or realistic as they could be; and/or they don't clearly connect to the priority.		10
Evaluation Plan Question 5b	Applicant identifies the specific method(s) they will use to determine whether they've met their project goals (survey, tests, audience counts, etc); the methods are reliable and effective means of measuring success.	Applicant identifies specific method(s) they will use to determine whether they've met their project goals.	Applicant identifies evaluation methods but they do not clearly connect to the desired goal(s).		5
Work Plan Question 6	Applicant provides a comprehensive, reasonable, and manageable work plan that includes all expected key dates and project benchmarks.	Applicant provides a basic work plan that includes key dates and project benchmarks.	Work plan is too basic and leaves out some needed detail.		10

LCCC Cultural Opportunity Grant Scoring Rubric
FY2026 Grant Cycle – Applications due October 15, 2025 by 5pm

Resources Question 7	Applicant clearly identifies key resources that will help the project succeed and indicates how they will do so.	Applicant identifies key resources that will help the project succeed.	Applicant identifies resources but it's not entirely clear how they are relevant to the project.		5
Budget Question 8	Budget is clear, accurate, complete, realistic, and <i>limited to this grant request</i> (rather than the larger organizational budget). Expenses and revenue match.	Budget is complete and realistic; revenue and expenses match.	Budget is unclear and/or unrealistic, and/or expenses and revenue do not match.		5
Budget Narrative Question 9	Budget narrative supports and explains numbers in budget. Budget line items that might be considered vague are made clear. Applicant indicates how LCCC funds will be spent.	Budget narrative provides some explanation but could do more to support or clarify numbers. Applicant indicates how LCCC funds will be spent.	Budget narrative further confuses the reader and/or there is insufficient discussion of how LCCC funds will be spent.		5

TOTAL SCORE:					75
---------------------	--	--	--	--	-----------