



Office of Community and Family Resiliency Request for Applications

Trauma-Informed Care Regional Collaborative Sustainability

RFA #: 87, MHA-FY26 Community and Family Resiliency-TIC Regional Collaborative Sustainability

Funding Period: [9/19/2025](#) – [9/30/2026](#)

Request for Applications Posting Date: [08/08/2025](#)

Request for Applications Due Date: [09/05/2025](#), by 3 p.m. EDT

Grants Posting Evaluation Criteria for Request for Applications (RFA)

Trauma-Informed Care Regional Collaborative Sustainability – Office of Community and Family Resiliency

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Applications should be completed using the following information,

guidance, and requirements: SECTION

I. GENERAL PURPOSE & APPLICANT INFORMATION

1.1 Purpose

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) releases this Request for Applications (RFA) for the purpose of soliciting applications from qualified non-profit organizations or governmental entities to build and sustain the infrastructure for trauma-informed care regional collaboratives. This RFA seeks to select six grantees (one grantee per region) who will be responsible for implementing, integrating, and coordinating key components of trauma-informed care work at regional levels (see attached map), including training and professional development, workforce development initiatives, regional event coordination, and maintaining and developing stakeholders and community partners to expand community-based efforts. The overarching goal is to support, strengthen, and connect trauma-informed care efforts to share trauma-informed care programs, practices, and evidence-based modalities and approaches to increase knowledge, availability, and implementation of trauma-informed and trauma-specific services to benefit residents of the six identified regions.

For the purpose of this RFA, the term “applicant” is defined as a nonprofit organization, governmental entity, or individual interested in this opportunity. The terms “application” and “response” may be used interchangeably to indicate materials submitted to OhioMHAS by an applicant in order to be considered for award of a grant for services described in this RFA. The terms “grantee” and “selected applicant” may be used interchangeably in reference to an organization selected by OhioMHAS through this RFA for award.

1.2 Overview of the Project

The Ohio Trauma-Informed Care Regional Collaboratives are a statewide initiative to develop and sustain an inclusive, coordinated infrastructure that advances trauma-informed care efforts across identified regions (see map) in Ohio. These regional collaboratives further expand access to trauma-informed care and other coordinated services. Increasing partnerships and collaboration to further connect and expand the community-based efforts ensuring alignment and cross system partnership and integration. Members will have the opportunity for meaningful contribution and shared ownership engaging in data-driven strategic planning to assess each of the six regions unique needs to identify gaps and opportunities. TIC Regional Collaboration members will co-create solutions for

trauma-informed gaps in services facing all Ohioans. Sharing in the vision, and responsibility towards our shared goal of upstream interventions, or certified behavioral health prevention for trauma, attempts to reduce occurrences of adverse childhood experiences and prevalence of trauma related disorders for all Ohioans. Trauma-informed primary prevention focuses on preventing trauma exposure and building resilience before traumatic events occur, aiming to create safer environments and strengthen protective factors within communities and organizations. The Ohio TIC Regional Collaboratives will be comprised of member organizations but will also include a broader array of participants from community-serving organizations, coalitions, and grassroots groups that align with the mission. For example, TIC Regional Collaboratives can be comprised of 1-3 convener organizations with multiple member partners, the conveners can be any county boards, qualified non-profit agencies, government entities, health care facilities, education service centers, and/or higher education entities. The conveners will maintain and build their regional collaboratives with interested stakeholders from community serving organizations from their identified regions. The convener(s) will be the awardees of the TIC Regional Collaborative project and will be expected to facilitate the collaborative work in the identified region.

The initiative seeks to expand its reach by engaging any professional serving individuals and families impacted by trauma and/or professional and community members working to prevent and decrease the impact of trauma throughout the regional catchment areas. Through the convener's coordination of regional efforts, education, and networking, professionals will apply learning strategies to support and build resilient communities. Additionally, this initiative expands professional development opportunities, amplifying capacity to provide evidence-based trauma-informed care practices, training and technical assistance with regional and community continuity and alignment. The TIC Regional Collaborative enables data-informed decision-making and strategic resource allocation. This initiative will leverage existing and future partners to support a more robust regional network focused on engagement in community-level change and preventing and mitigating the impact of trauma.

1.3 Issuing Office

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) Office of Community and Family Resilience releases this Trauma-Informed Care Regional Sustainability (RFA).

1.4 Background

The State of Ohio is committed to strengthening and sustaining trauma-informed care regional collaborative infrastructure that engages regional scaling, evidence-based strategies to prevent and mitigate the impact of trauma. The TIC Regional Collaboratives were formed by OhioMHAS at the inaugural annual summit in 2014 to understand and meet the needs specific to Ohio's diverse regional makeup and populations. The TIC Regional Collaboratives grew from a grassroots volunteer effort to identify and champion areas of strength, recognize gaps and barriers for implementation of TIC practices; develop a repository of expertise, knowledge, and shared resources to assist in the dissemination of information throughout the state, assuring the TIC principles and opportunities are available everywhere; and develop strategies to meet the needs of individual regions.

The collaboratives play a critical role supporting trauma-informed care regional work, providing

professional development opportunities specific to their regional provider needs, and assessing localized and regional trends. The regional collaboratives further expand capacity and create consistent, community and regional wide support for trauma-informed care prevention and intervention strategies. These collaboratives provide structured opportunities for individuals, providers, and interested organizations to collaborate on regional TIC efforts. Together, with the support and guidance from the Statewide TIC Collaborative, the six collaboratives will foster meaningful regional wide partnerships, advancing trauma-informed care practices, and community impact.

This RFA seeks to sustain regional efforts with a structured infrastructure to maintain and develop upon previous trauma-informed work and promote a coordinated network of support. This RFA seeks to formalize the member partnership, lead and act as a liaison between county systems, organizations, school districts, providers and other existing coalitions.

As Ohio continues to invest in the development of strong regional systems, the time is right to bring together the legacy and strengths of previous efforts and county-wide efforts under a single, unified banner. Evolving the structure toward sustainability while recognizing grass roots efforts to simultaneously increase capacity building suited for each region. This evolution reflects a commitment to building an integrated statewide infrastructure that values collaboration, elevates trauma-informed networks, voices, and existing supports. Cultivating empowered and resilient communities across the state.

1.5 Scope of Work

The Ohio TIC Regional Collaboratives seek to create a sustainable, cohesive, and energized statewide infrastructure that supports and elevates trauma-informed care efforts through enhanced training, collaboration, regional events, and meaningful program and provider engagement. One applicant per region will be responsible for implementing and coordinating all components of the regional collaborative, including specified trainings and technical assistance, workforce development, and collaborative membership engagement. Each region will demonstrate at least one event, training, outreach opportunity, or program implementation and convened collaborative meeting per quarter during the project funding period. The applicant will be responsible for establishing a leadership team composed of representatives from all partners with active MOU's, OhioMHAS, and other relevant stakeholders. These regional partnerships further expand access to trauma-informed care and other coordinated services. Increasing partnerships to further connect and expand community-based efforts ensuring alignment and cross system and cross county collaboration and integration.

Six grantees will be responsible for implementing, integrating, and coordinating key components of the Ohio Trauma-Informed Care Regional Collaboratives, including training and professional development, workforce development initiatives, regional event coordination, stakeholder and membership management, and community partnerships to expand community and regional based trauma-informed care practices, programs, evidence-based modalities. The grantees will be responsible for building upon, establishing, and maintaining a regional collaborative composed of representatives from mental and behavioral health providers, county boards, school districts, individuals with lived experience, the OhioMHAS project lead, and other relevant stakeholders. The collaborative will maintain, develop, and refinement scalable TIC efforts, ensuring to expand and align access to TIC activities.

This funding opportunity is designed to improve outcomes across the following goal areas. Proposals

must clearly demonstrate how applicants will achieve the stated goals and objectives and meet quarterly expectations. In many cases, goals and objectives will be interconnected and mutually reinforcing.

Goal 1: Assess and enhance collaboration and coordination among community and/or county wide agencies and individuals within the region to ensure comprehensive and coordinated trauma-informed efforts.

Objective 1.1: Assess and complete outreach to new and existing community and/or county wide agencies and individuals within the region and work to establish an initial meeting for the region. Regional meetings can be convened, facilitated, and co-facilitated by identified partners within the application. Publicize identified TIC regional members on agency website, social media, and/or other media with membership invitation/registration information.

Objective 1.2: Continue outreach and extend invitations for collaboration to counties within the identified region without representation and other entities that have a vested interest. Demonstrate 85-90% of county representation by the end of quarter 2 during the funding period.

Goal 2: Facilitate regional trauma-informed care opportunities for invested partners, stakeholders, and organizations. Utilize TIC Regional Collaborative meetings as the basis for conversations with partners to increase the awareness and impact of trauma-informed care within the designated region.

Objective 2.1: The TIC Regional Collaboratives will guide identified project activities including but not limited to: the exchange of ideas and best-practices, increasing awareness and skills related to trauma-informed prevention and intervention programs, practices, and evidence-based modalities. Regional Collaboratives awardees are expected to conduct a Community Readiness Assessment if one is not available to inform strategic planning efforts. The strategic plan should be in place by the end of quarter 2 during the funding period.

Goal 3: Operate and maintain a regional opt-in membership model for organizations, offering beneficial relationships and a platform for connection and collaboration.

Objective 3.1: Throughout the time of the project, maintain a statewide inventory of participating programs, and county representation that is continuously updated, to inform strategy, training, and project activity.

Evaluation and Sustainability

The proposal must demonstrate how the Ohio Trauma-Informed Care Regional Collaboratives will be supported in reaching the project goals by ensuring that all efforts are guided by a clear strategy for evaluation, data collection, and long-term sustainability. Submit an evaluation plan that outlines outcomes, indicators, and data collection methods for measuring progress across all goals. Establish a continuous improvement process that incorporates feedback from stakeholders. Submit a sustainability plan that identifies strategies for maintaining key elements of the TIC Regional Collaborative infrastructure beyond the funding period. Track performance metrics that align with the strategic plan and submit a marketing plan that will highlight regional efforts and drive membership participation.

1.6 Eligible Applicants

OhioMHAS seeks applications from organizations that are government entities, community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, health care organizations, or other non-profit organizations providing community and regional wide services. Each proposal will be reviewed independently for quality, and applicants must demonstrate the capacity to implement the project.

Only organizations that have the resources to complete each item under “Scope of Work/Deliverables” should apply. Applicants must be a 501-C (3) or (4) non-profit or government entity.

Priority will be given to applicants with demonstrated previous experience and a strong commitment to regional collaboration, with multiple partner organizations identified within this application, across key functional areas, including training and technical assistance, event planning, marketing, and evaluation.

Only organizations that have the resources to complete each item under “Scope of Work/Deliverables” should apply. Applicants must be a 501-C (3) or (4) non-profit or government entity.

1.7 Award

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services has released this request for applications with the intent of awarding up to \$20,000.00 per year to (six) eligible organization one per identified region (see map), which will in turn support the outlined scope of work. Applicants must be a 501-C (3) or (4) entity.

Awards are expected to be announced for project implementation by 09/19/2025. Future funding award years are contingent upon receipt of federal funds.

The actual dollar amounts awarded for the selected application will be based on the amount of state or federal funding made available to OhioMHAS. Applications are qualified if they are in accordance with the application submission requirements and earn at least the minimum score requirements for quality and completeness of applications, as specified in this RFA. Scoring and final selections will be completed by a team selected by OhioMHAS. To make its final selection of the applicant which will be awarded and to determine the size of the award, OhioMHAS may, at its option, take into consideration application quality, reasonableness and appropriateness of the proposed budget, geographic diversity, local collaborations, and funding available.

OhioMHAS may, at its option, make selections based in part on geographical and demographic criteria in order to provide a wide range of services around the state, and in both urban and rural areas. One awardee will be identified per the six regions within Ohio (see map). Applicants are encouraged to prepare and submit applications and budgets which are both practicable and capable of the scope of work.

Applicants are to be aware that OhioMHAS may, at its sole discretion, negotiate with all technically qualifying applicants for a revised Project Budget, if the Project Budgets of all technically qualifying applicants are in excess of the available funding for this project. Please refer to Section 7.1 C. of this RFA for further information on OhioMHAS procedures to be implemented if this occurs.

SECTION II. Posting and Award PROCESS INFORMATION

2.1 Anticipated Timetable

1. The RFA, accompanying documents, and all questions and answers will be posted on the OhioMHAS website at: <https://mha.ohio.gov/supporting-providers/apply-for-funding/funding-opportunities>
2. All questions must be submitted electronically no later than **8/29/2025, by 3 p.m. EDT**, to OhioMHAS at: MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov
3. The FAQ mailbox will close one week prior to the application due date. No questions will be answered after the deadline. You may **NOT** contact any OhioMHAS staff member directly with questions regarding this RFA. Contacting staff directly with questions could result in disqualification of an application.
4. Responses to all questions (FAQ) will be posted to the OhioMHAS website at <https://mha.ohio.gov/supporting-providers/apply-for-funding/funding-opportunities> and will be updated frequently.
5. Applications must be submitted electronically to MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov by **09/05/2025 by 3 p.m. EDT**.
6. Application grant notification letters will be sent approximately fourteen days post grant application closure.

7. OhioMHAS agreements are not valid and effective until the issuance of an approved State of Ohio Notice of Sub-Award (NOSA). The NOSA will contain the start and end dates of the award.
8. The grantee(s) must be able to begin work no later than seven (7) working days after the time funds are encumbered and approved by the Office of Budget & Management. The grantee(s) will be notified by the OhioMHAS Agreement Manager when work may begin. Any work begun by the grantee prior to this notification may not be reimbursable by OhioMHAS.
9. All work must be completed and approved by the OhioMHAS Identified Agreement Manager. All work must be completed by 3:00 p.m. of the last day of the programmatic period as it appears on the NOSA.

It is the responsibility of all applicants to check the webpage dedicated to this RFA on a regular basis for responses to all questions, as well as for any amendments, alerts, or other pertinent information regarding this RFA. OhioMHAS is not responsible for the accuracy of any information regarding this RFA that was obtained or gathered through a source different from the Q & A process described in this RFA.

Should applicants experience technical difficulties accessing the OhioMHAS website where the RFA and its related documents are published, they may contact the OhioMHAS Helpdesk at (MHAHelpdesk@mha.ohio.gov) for guidance.

If a bidders' conference is scheduled, it will be held – NO BIDDERS CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD-- for any organization interested in learning more about this funding opportunity.

SECTION III. APPLICATION GUIDELINES

The applicant must submit electronic response to (MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov). A copy of the grant *application* must be received by OhioMHAS no later than ([09/05/2025 at 3p.m. EDT](#)). *Applications* received after this date and time will not be reviewed. Materials mailed or submitted separately from the *application* packet will not be accepted or added to the application/proposal by staff of OhioMHAS. Faxed or mailed *applications* will not be accepted. Costs incurred in the preparation of this application are to be borne by the applicant; OhioMHAS will not contribute in any way to the costs of the preparation.

3.1 Page Limit

The page limit for this application is 10 pages, single spaced, one-inch margins, 12-point Times New Roman. The 10 pages do not include the Budget Expenditure Form and Budget Narrative.

Please note that if the application is longer than 10 pages, OhioMHAS will evaluate the application based upon the first 10 pages, and the remainder of the application may be disregarded.

3.2 Application Components

A. Face-sheet

- a. Name of applicant organization, address, phone number
- b. Executive director name and contact information
- c. Project Director name and contact information
- d. Fiscal officer name and contact information
- e. Applicant's federal tax ID
- f. Specify whether applicant is a 501 C (3) or (4) non-profit or government entity
- g. Title of this RFA
- h. Amount of funding requested

B. Abstract – Summary of services and supports to be provided, the target population(s), number of individuals projected to be served in the first and second funding period, the goal(s) and object(s) of the proposed services and supports, and the total amount of funding requested for the first and second funding period. (400 words or less)

C. Scope of the Work/Project Description: Provide a detailed description of the proposed approach to completing each deliverable and timeline for completing each deliverable. In the project description, please also include the following information.

- a. **Target Population**
- b. **Number to be served**
- c. **National Outcome Measures (NOMS):** Applications must include a description of the project goals and measures to be achieved during the programmatic project period.
- d. **Applicant Qualifications:** The applicant must address all the minimum qualifications and fully describe the applicant's experience and qualifications.

- e. **Staffing Plan:** The applicant's response must identify by position and name, the staff who will be key to the project's success. Include qualifications, the amount of FTE per position, and the service providers' level of subject matter expertise implementing the proposed services and supports.
- f. **Sub-Awardee** qualifications and staffing plan (if applicable)
- g. **Adherence to the National CLAS Standards:**
 - 1. Link to National CLAS Standards:
<https://thinkculturalhealth.hhs.gov/clas/standards>
 - 2. How health beliefs and practices will be implemented in a competent and trauma informed manner.
 - 3. How preferred languages will be honored.
 - 4. How to meet health literacy and other communication needs of all populations identified in the proposal.

D. Prior

Applications must demonstrate prior experience successfully implementing complex subject projects subject projects related to the subject matter.

E. Proposed Implementation

Applications must include a discussion of the evidence-based, evidence-supported, or other practices that will be implemented during the project. Additionally, they must provide a realistic timeline for each month of the project. The timeline should include objectives that are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound). All key dates, key activities, and responsible personnel should be outlined in detail and align with the proposed phases of the project.

F. Outcome Measures

- a. Project goals and outcomes to be achieved.
- b. Detailed methodology for measuring progress; benchmarks that provide an indication of standards to achieved.
- c. Methodology for tracking progress achievements or shortfalls.
- d. Methodology for analyzing and correcting project errors.

G. Reporting: Award recipients will be required to participate in OhioMHAS sponsored meetings and provide regular communication regarding status and project outcomes throughout the grant project period, including but not limited to:

- a. Startup meeting with OhioMHAS project lead
- b. Submission of Office of Community and Family Resiliency Monthly/Quarterly Status Reports
- c. Monthly monitoring calls with OhioMHAS project lead
- d. Technical Assistance calls with OhioMHAS project lead as needed
- e. Mid-year reporting
- f. End of year reporting

H. Budget Expenditure Form and Budget Narrative

- a. Applications must include a Budget Expenditure Form and Budget Narrative that identifies all costs to complete the project as described in the Request for Application.
- b. Include a signed Notice of Award/Sub-awardee Statement of Assurances including budget and budget narrative for each sub-awardee.
- c. Include the Budget Checklist which can be found on the OhioMHAS Funding Opportunity Page.

By submitting a budget expenditure form and budget narrative, the Applicant is confirming that the services and deliverables outlined within this RFA are encompassed within the budget expenditure form and budget narrative. The Applicant acknowledges that if their application is chosen as a result of this RFA, the Applicant will not be entitled to increase the original application's cost breakdown. OhioMHAS relies on the budget expenditure form and budget narrative to adequately evaluate and determine awards, and no Applicant shall be entitled to additional funds outside of the cost proposal.

SECTION IV. CRITERIA FOR APPLICATION SCORING

4.1 Scoring Applications

OhioMHAS will enter into agreement(s) with a grantee(s) that best demonstrates the ability to meet requirements as specified in the RFA. Applicants submitting a response will be evaluated based on the capacity and experience demonstrated in their Application and Project Budget. All applications will be reviewed and scored by a team from OhioMHAS.

Applicants who demonstrate previous experience with convening regional collaborative work and skills of effective outreach, creating meaningful connections, and trauma-informed project implementation will receive preference.

OhioMHAS is under no obligation to issue an agreement as a result of this solicitation if, in the opinion

of OhioMHAS and the Scoring Team, none of the applications are responsive to the objectives and needs of OhioMHAS. OhioMHAS reserves the right not to select any application should OhioMHAS decide not to proceed.

OhioMHAS may review the highest-ranking Applicants and/or its key team members to ensure that the Applicant is responsible. The award may not be made to an Applicant that is determined not to be responsible. OhioMHAS's determination of an Applicant's responsibility may include the following factors: the experience of the Applicant and its key team members; past conduct and past performance on previous contracts or grants; ability to execute this project properly; and management skill. OhioMHAS will make such determination of responsibility based on the Applicant's Application, reference evaluations, and any other information OhioMHAS requests or determines to be relevant.

Additionally, OhioMHAS reserves the right to review the Applicant's previous work or work product prior to awarding a grant.

All applications and any other documents submitted to OhioMHAS in response to any solicitation shall become the property of OhioMHAS. This RFA and, after the selection of an applicant for award, any applications received in response to a solicitation that have been opened, reviewed and considered by OhioMHAS are deemed to be public records pursuant to ORC 149.43. For purposes of this section, the term "application" shall mean both the Technical Application and the Project Budget submitted by an applicant and any attachments, addenda, appendices, resumes, letters of recommendation, or sample products.

A. Criteria for Scoring

All applications will be scored based on the available points per section according to the following scale, based on a proposed plan's ability to meet the objectives outlined in this RFA. The application scoring uses the following point values for rating each requirement:

Technical Performance Scoring Definitions:

- **DOES NOT MEET (0):** Response does not comply substantially with requirements or is not provided.
- **WEAK (1):** Response was poor related to meeting the objectives.
- **BELOW AVERAGE (2):** Response indicates the objectives will not be completely met or at a level that will be below average.
- **MEETS (3):** Response generally meets the objectives (or expectations).
- **ABOVE AVERAGE (4):** Response indicates the objectives will be exceeded.
- **STRONG (5):** Response significantly exceeds objectives (or expectations) in ways that provide tangible benefits or meets objectives (or expectations) and contains at least one enhancing feature that provides significant benefits.

Award

1. Awards are expected to be announced during the week of [09/19/2025](#)
2. Grant award will not exceed \$[20,000.00](#) per grant recipient.
3. All grant funds must be expended by [09/30/2026](#).
4. Renewals are subject to successful performance and the availability of future funds.

**Deadline for submission of all applications is [09/05/2025, 3 p.m. EDT](#)
and must be submitted to MHAS-OPWGRANTS@mha.ohio.gov**

SECTION V. CONDITIONS AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

*According to requirements of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 126.07, OhioMHAS agreements are not valid and enforceable until the Office of Budget and Management (OBM) certifies the availability of appropriate funding, as indicated by the approval of the Purchase Order (PO). The selected applicant(s) may neither perform work nor submit an invoice for payment for work performed for this project for any time period prior to the PO approval date. The OhioMHAS Agreement Manager will notify the selected applicant(s) when the requirements of ORC Section 126.07 have been met.

* * Subject to all applicable approvals, the agreement period is expected to run from approximately [09/19/2025](#) through [09/30/2026](#). Renewal of the agreement(s) will be contingent upon availability of funding, satisfactory performance, the continued need for the services described herein, and all required approvals.

5.1 Public Release of Records

Public release of any evaluation or monitoring reports funded under this agreement will be made only by OhioMHAS. Prior to public release of such reports, OhioMHAS must have at least a thirty (30) day period for review and comment.

SECTION VI. ATTACHMENTS AND THEIR USES

- A. Required Applicant Information and Certifications (*To be completed & included in the application as specified*)**
- B. Assurances**
- C. Application Score Sheet (*For applicant reference purposes*)**
- D. Project Budget Form (*To be completed and included in cost application packet as specified in Section 3.2, B.*)**

RFA Scoring Evaluation Instructions

EVALUATION CRITERIA:

VALUATION TEAM: The evaluation team shall be comprised of three to five individuals, with three being the absolute minimum, who are required to individually review and score each application. The team members should have some knowledge of the RFA’s subject matter; however, every member does not need to be knowledgeable in every aspect of the RFA. After each individual separately reviews and scores each application, a consensus meeting will take place to discuss all applications and determine a consensus score on a separate scoring sheet for each application. All finalized scoring sheets must be submitted to the Agency Procurement Officer for review and verification, prior to an award being made.

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS, EVALUATION, RATING, AND SCORING: Each application will be scored, and numerical technical point values will be assigned according to the criteria listed below. The scale (0-5) will be used to rate each application response to the RFA on the technical evaluation sections:

| DOES NOT MEET | WEAK | BELOW AVERAGE | MEETS | ABOVE AVERAGE | STRONG |
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| 0 POINTS | 1 POINT | 2 POINTS | 3 POINTS | 4 POINTS | 5 POINTS |

- DOES NOT MEET (0): Response does not comply substantially with requirements or is not provided.
- WEAK (1): Response was poor related to meeting the objectives.
- BELOW AVERAGE (2): Response indicates the objectives will not be completely met or at a level that will be below average.
- MEETS (3): Response generally meets the objectives (or expectations).
- ABOVE AVERAGE (4): Response indicates the objectives will be exceeded.
- STRONG (5): Response significantly exceeds objectives (or expectations) in ways that provide tangible benefits or meets objectives (or expectations) and contains at least one enhancing feature that provides significant benefits.

Once each of the Evaluation Criteria’s ratings are completed, to calculate the total score, sum all category ratings.

| Evaluation Criteria | Rating (0-5) | Score |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|
| Example 1 | 3 | 3 |
| Example 2 | 5 | 5 |
| | | |

Total Score: 8

Scoring Rubric

1. Application Score Sheet (For applicant reference purposes). Note that this form may be modified to meet the needs of the project. The Scoring Rubric must be submitted with the RFA to the Legal Office for review.

Note: Please note that the Bureau of Grants Administration is no longer utilizing weighting. As such, scores from each category will be summed and will not be multiplied by a weighting factor.

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| DOES NOT MEET | WEAK | BELOW AVERAGE | MEETS | ABOVE AVERAGE | STRONG |
| 0 POINTS | 1 POINT | 2 POINTS | 3 POINTS | 4 POINTS | 5 POINTS |

Organization: _____

Name: _____

| Review Criterion | Rating 0-5 | Score |
|--|---------------|-------|
| Scope of Work | | |
| Abstract: Summary of the proposed plan | | |
| Project Description Components: | | |
| Requirements: Demonstration that applicant meets the minimum requirements to apply for the grant. Applications that do not meet the minimum requirements will not be scored. | | |
| Prior experience: Demonstration that applicant has prior experience successfully implementing complex projects across multiple organizations, including prior experience developing training curricula, hosting trainings, and leading organizations to improve performance as applicable. | | |
| Partnerships: Recruit and maintain invested partners, participating program organizations, and county representation. Demonstration to a strong commitment to regional collaboration, evidenced by signed Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with partner organizations across identified regional area. | | |

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| Proposed implementation approach: A realistic timeline for each month of the project. The timeline should include objectives that are SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound). All key dates, key activities, and responsible personnel should be outlined in detail and align with the proposed phases of the project. | | |
| Evidence-based and evidence-supported practices (EBPs/ESIs): A discussion of proposed EBPs and ESIs. The discussion should include whether and/or how the proposed practices will be relevant to the populations served. If practices will need locally adapted to the populations served, then please provide a description of those approaches. | | |
| Evaluation: Reasonable plan for evaluating fidelity of each EBP/ESI and working with organizations to implement changes to improve fidelity. Include a discussion of both on-site and virtual consultations. | | |
| Sustainability Plan: Initial plans on the development of a sustainable program after the grant ends. | | |
| Funding Restrictions: Identified projects and programs follow funding restriction set forth in the funding restrictions | NA | NA |
| Cost: Cost is reasonable, realistic, and is within the projected annual budget | | |
| Total Score | | |

Comments:

Printed Name of Reviewer _____

Signature of Reviewer _____

Date _____