



# SEDS-USA Chapter Grant Proposal Scoring Rubric

Criterion	3 Exemplary	2 Adequate	1 Needs Improvement	0 Insufficient Evidence	Comments/Notes
<b>Innovation</b>	Project/initiative represents the implementation of new insight or idea, with potential benefits of change made clear.	Project/initiative represents local implementation of emerging innovation or trend, with potential benefits specified.	Project/initiative represent practice(s) commonplace within the field, or an adoption of a change with well-established benefits.	No innovation described or specific potential improvement defined.	
<b>Project Management</b>	Personnel, project activities timeline, and budget expenditures congruent with project/initiative description and outcomes.	Deficiencies or overestimations exist in personnel, timeline, or budget within tolerable range, outcome appears despite gaps or leaps.	Project's assembled personnel, timeline, or budget expose weakness in plan design. Outcomes unlikely to be achieved in project's current form.	Insufficient information about personnel, project activities timeline, or budget expenditures to gauge feasibility.	
<b>Rational</b>	Strong rational and significance of proposed project/initiative. Addresses specific need(s) common among peer institution.	Rationale or significance of project tends toward the too-specific or too-general, but overall argument holds.	Weak presentation of chapter's need, or tenuous argument for grant's ability to address need.	Unconvincing or no evidence of need presented, or grant proposal does not address stated need.	
<b>Sustainability</b>	Evidence presented that project/initiative or its impact can be sustained locally beyond grant period, if results warrant.	Project/initiative is temporary, designed to end when grant ends, or some effort to secure commitment beyond grant period is represented.	Plans for future are states as assumptions without supporting arguments or evidence.	No meaningful plans for future beyond funding term appeal in proposal.	
<b>Diversity</b>	Demographic makeup of chapter and/or goal of project/initiative demonstrates emphasis on reaching entire	Average demographic makeup of chapter and/or goal of project/initiative seems to reach fair amount	Minimal diversity in chapter demographic makeup and project/initiative seems to	Minimal diversity in chapter demographic makeup and project/initiative only	



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	chapter community and may also include the larger community.	of chapter community, and most can benefit from the project.	not include diversity in scope.	reaches select group/individuals.	
<b>Professionalism</b>	Clear picture of how data will be collected and used to demonstrate degree to which outcomes are met. Proposal follows clear and concise structure and has no grammatical or formatting errors.	Good understating of anticipated specific results or success, but plan lacks some detail about data or methods. Proposal follows general structure with minimal grammatical and formatting errors.	Success difficult to ascertain, flawed by untestable outcomes, inappropriate methods, or lack of useful data collection. Proposal inconsistent in hard to follow. Grammatical and formatting errors take away from message.	Evaluation plans missing or unusable. Proposal very disorganized, with no evidence or a clear structure. Grammatical and formatting errors challenge comprehension.	
<b>Budget</b>	Budget is reasonable and shows cost breakdown by item. Resources have been identified and budget designed to maximize project/initiative activities. Additional funding sources, if applicable, have been identified.	The budget is reasonable and shows cost breakdown. It demonstrated and effort to identify resources and maximize funds.	The budget is somewhat reasonable, yet there are gaps in explanation of costs shown or a clear link to the project/initiative needs.	Budget is not reasonable, missing, or unrelated to project/initiative.	
<b>Total Score</b>					
<b>Recommend Funding</b>	Yes	Partial \$_____	Not at this time.		