FY26 Arts Capital Grant Rubric

1. Mission Alignment and Project Overview:

1A. Alignment with Organizational Goals

Refer to responses in the following section: Mission Alignment & Project Overview, specifically questions 1-4

The application provides a clear, specific, and thorough explanation of how the proposed project will facilitate the organization's mission.	The application includes a clear explanation of how the proposed project will facilitate the organization's mission.	The application indicates how the proposed project will facilitate the organization's mission.	The application is unclear in explaining how the proposed project will facilitate the organization's mission.
Excellent to outstanding	**Good to very good**	**Satisfactory**	**Fair to Marginal**
13-15	**8-10**	**3-5**	**0-3**

1B. Identification of Challenges and Future Success

Refer to responses in the following section: Mission Alignment & Project Overview, specifically questions 4-5

The application identifies specific facility-related challenges and provides specific evidence of the significance of these challenges. The application details how the project will directly address the challenges and support the organization's future success.	The application identifies facility-related challenges and provides evidence of their impact on the organization. The application explains how the project will address the challenges and support the organization's future success.	The application alludes to facility-related challenges and how they impact the organization. The application indicates that the project will alleviate some of the challenges or support the organization's future success. .	The application provides minimal evidence of facility-related challenges and their impact on the organization. The application provides minimal evidence of how the project will address the challenges or support the organization's future success.
Excellent to outstanding	**Good to very good**	**Satisfactory**	**Fair to Marginal**
13-15	**8-10**	**3-5**	**0-3**

2. Project Plans, Feasibility, and Organizational Impact:

2A. Timeline Development

Refer to responses in the following sections: Project Plans, Feasibility, and Organizational Impact, specifically questions 3-4

The project timeline is clear, specific, and realistic, and includes strong evidence of prior planning and research.	The timeline of activities is clear and realistic and includes evidence of prior planning and research.	The timeline of activities is somewhat clear and includes some evidence of prior planning and research.	The timeline of activities is minimally clear and includes little evidence of prior planning and research.
Excellent to outstanding	**Good to very good**	**Satisfactory**	**Fair to Marginal**
8-10	**5-7**	**2-4**	**0-1**

2B. Budget Preparation and Feasibility:

Refer to responses in the following sections: Project Plans, Feasibility, and Organizational Impact, specifically questions 3 and 5

The budget is detailed, well-researched and clearly tied to successful completion of proposed activities. The budget demonstrates that the project is financially feasible, and leverages non-state funding.	The budget is detailed, researched and tied to successful completion of proposed activities. The budget suggests that the project is financially feasible, and may leverage non-state funding.	The budget is adequately detailed and loosely tied to the proposed activities. It provides limited evidence that the project is financially feasible and may leverage non-state funding.	The budget lacks sufficient detail and has little connection to the proposed activities. It provides minimal or no evidence that the project is financially feasible or will leverage non-state funding.
Excellent to outstanding	**Good to very good**	**Satisfactory**	**Fair to Marginal**
8-10	**5-7**	**2-4**	**0-1**

2C. Operational Capacity - Project Team

Refer to responses in the following sections: Project Plans, Feasibility, and Organizational Impact, specifically question 6

The application provides clear and specific evidence that the project team has the necessary skills, resources, and partnerships to ensure successful completion of the project within the 2-year project period.	The application provides evidence that the project team has the skills, experience, resources, and partnerships to complete the project within the 2-year project period, though some details may be general rather than specific.	The application provides limited or generalized evidence of the project team's skills, experience, resources, or partnerships, raising some questions about their capacity to complete the project within the 2-year project period.	The application lacks sufficient evidence of the project team's skills, experience, resources, or partnerships, making it unclear whether the project can be completed successfully within the 2-year project period.
Excellent to outstanding	**Good to very good**	**Satisfactory**	**Fair to Marginal**
8-10	**5-7**	**2-4**	**0-1**

2D. Organizational Sustainability

The application demonstrates a clear understanding of the capital project's operational and financial impacts and presents well-defined strategies to address challenges, adapt to changes, and maximize opportunities for long-term sustainability, including staffing and budget considerations.	The application shows an understanding of the project's operational and financial impacts and includes some plans to address them, but strategies for adapting to changes, maximizing opportunities, or ensuring long-term sustainability are general or lack detail.	The application makes a general reference to operational or financial impacts but offers minimal information on how these will be addressed. Long-term sustainability, staffing, or budget adjustments are not clearly explained.	The application does not address the operational or financial implications of the project, or the information provided is vague, unsupported, or unrelated to organizational sustainability.
Excellent to outstanding	**Good to very good**	**Satisfactory**	**Fair to Marginal**
8-10	**5-7**	**2-4**	**0-1**

3. Community Involvement and Impact:

3A. Community Voice and Impact
Refer to responses in the following section: Community Involvement & Impact, specifically question 1-2

The application demonstrates a deep understanding of community needs and presents creative, well-aligned solutions for serving them. It outlines clear and effective outreach strategies showing that the project has been shaped by input from appropriate stakeholders and community members. Detailed evidence is provided on how the project will positively impact the immediate and surrounding communities and county.	The application shows an understanding of community needs and proposes relevant solutions. Some outreach strategies are described, with limited evidence of stakeholder or community input. The project's potential benefits are identified, but details on impacts on immediate and surrounding communities and county are general.	The application makes a general reference to community needs but provides little detail on how solutions were developed or informed by stakeholders. Outreach strategies are unclear or minimal, and impacts on immediate and surrounding communities and county are vaguely described with no specific examples.	The application does not clearly address community needs, stakeholder engagement, or potential benefits, or the information provided is vague, unsupported, or unrelated to the proposed project.
Excellent to outstanding	**Good to very good**	**Satisfactory**	**Fair to Marginal**
8-10	**5-7**	**2-4**	**0-1**

3B. Accessibility Outcomes
Refer to responses in the following sections: Section 2: Project Plans, Feasibility, and Operational Impact and Community Involvement

The application provides a clear and comprehensive plan for enhancing accessibility for people with disabilities, detailing specific features (e.g., ramps, sensory-friendly spaces, adaptive technology) and identifying the groups impacted (e.g., individuals with mobility or sensory impairments) and how they were actively engaged in the planning process. It also clearly demonstrates how the project will expand access for people of color and individuals living below the federal poverty level, specifying programs or services to be offered and describing their direct, measurable benefits to these communities.	The application describes how the project will improve accessibility for people with disabilities and increase access for people of color and/or individuals living below the federal poverty level. Some examples of accessibility features and programs are provided, but details on impacted groups, engagement in planning, or measurable benefits are limited.	The application makes a general reference to accessibility improvements or serving underrepresented groups but provides minimal information about specific features, programs, impacted groups, or how these groups were consulted or engaged in the process.	The application does not clearly address accessibility for people with disabilities, people of color, or individuals living below the federal poverty level, or the information provided is vague, unsupported, or unrelated to the project's activities.
Excellent to outstanding	**Good to very good**	**Satisfactory**	**Fair to Marginal**
8-10	**5-7**	**2-4**	**0-1**
3C. <u>Local Workforce Opportunities</u> *Refer to responses in the following section: Community Involvement & Impact, specifically question 4*			
The application provides clear and specific evidence of how the project will create new jobs or workforce development opportunities in the community, and outlines concrete strategies for ensuring these opportunities are accessible through inclusive and equitable hiring practices.	The application describes how the project may create jobs or workforce development opportunities in the community and indicates a commitment to inclusive hiring, but details on specific strategies or implementation plans are limited.	The application makes a general reference to potential job creation or workforce development benefits, but provides minimal information on how these opportunities will be achieved or how inclusive hiring will be addressed.	The application does not clearly address job creation, workforce development, or inclusive hiring practices, or the information provided is vague and unrelated to the project's activities.

Excellent to outstanding	Good to very good	Satisfactory	Fair to Marginal
8-10	5-7	2-4	0-1