

Scoring Criteria:

Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program

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This document provides an overview of the scoring criteria utilized for administering the Government Resources Accelerating Needed Transformation (GRANT) Program. In order to qualify for funding, an applicant must earn a minimum score of **60** points. Applications that do not meet this requirement will not be considered by the Cabinet and will be returned to the applicant.

Return on Investment Scoring

Funding from the Cabinet is necessary for the project to be completed	Yes – 5	No - 0			
Match funding is required per the federal grant program	Yes – 5	No – 0			
Evaluation criteria of the federal grant program includes scoring for match funding	Yes – 5	No – 0			
Number of businesses to be served by the project	0 - 0	1 to 20 – 1	21 to 50 – 2	51 to 100 – 4	More than 100 - 5
Number of households to be served by the project	0 - 0	1 to 200 – 1	201 to 500 – 2	501 to 1,000 – 4	More than 1,000 - 5
Permanent direct jobs created by the project	0 - 0	1 to 25 – 1	26 to 50 – 2	51 to 100 – 4	More than 100 - 5
Permanent indirect jobs created by the project	0 - 0	1 to 50 – 1	51 to 100 – 2	101 to 200 – 4	More than 200 - 5
GRANT Program funds as a % of total Project costs	< = 10% - 5	> 10% and < = 20% - 3	> 20% - 1		
Local support from all communities involved has been provided (support letters required to be attached)	Yes – 5	No – 0			
How many prior federal grant applications have been submitted by the applicant (excluding this application)	0 to 2 – 5	3 to 5 – 4	6 to 9 – 3	10 to 15 – 2	16 or more - 1
How many prior federal grants have been awarded to and administered by the applicant (excluding this application)	0 - 0	1 to 3 – 1	4 to 6 – 2	7 to 9 – 4	10 or more - 5

Has the applicant prepared a complete federal grant application for this project?	Yes – 5	No – 0			
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Positive Impact Scoring

Impact Counties	Yes – 5	No – 0			
Regional Project	Yes – 5	No – 0			
Grant application includes more than one federal agency	Yes – 5	No – 0			
Are the federal agencies contemplated in the application ones that the applicant has previously worked with?	Yes – 5	No – 0			
Is there more than one local agency or local funding source involved in this application?	Yes – 5	No – 0			
Decision date by the federal grant program (date required to be within 12 months)	Already decided and awarded – 5	1 to 59 days – 4	60 to 120 days – 3	121 to 179 days – 2	180 days up to 1 year - 1
Date project will be completed	1 to 179 days – 5	180 to 365 days – 4	366 to 544 days – 3	545 to 730 days – 2	> = 731 days – 1
Likelihood of project impact on economic/industrial development	Extremely Likely – 5	Most Likely – 3	Likely – 1	Unlikely – 0	
Likelihood of project impact on health and safety	Extremely Likely – 5	Most Likely – 3	Likely – 1	Unlikely – 0	
Likelihood of project impact on infrastructure	Extremely Likely – 5	Most Likely – 3	Likely – 1	Unlikely – 0	
Likelihood of project impact on recreation/tourism	Extremely Likely – 5	Most Likely – 3	Likely – 1	Unlikely – 0	
Likelihood of project impact on rehabilitation programs	Extremely Likely – 5	Most Likely – 3	Likely – 1	Unlikely – 0	
Likelihood of project providing jobs to those impacted by job losses from mine and power plant closures	Extremely Likely – 5	Most Likely – 3	Likely – 1	Unlikely – 0	

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