

OMB Program Assessment Rating Tool (PART)

Competitive Grant Programs

Name of Program:

Section I: Program Purpose/Relevance/Federal Role

	Questions	Ans.	Explanation (Required)	Evidence/Data (if available)	RMO Weighting	Weighted Score
1	<i>Is the program purpose clear?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
2	<i>Does the program address a specific problem, interest or need?</i>	No			20%	0.0
3	<i>Is the Federal role critical?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2
4	<i>Does the program make a significant, unique contribution to solving the problem?</i>	No			20%	0.0
5	<i>Does the program use the most efficient/effective mechanism to accomplish its goals?</i>	Yes			20%	0.2

Total Section Score

100%

60%

Section II: Strategic Planning

Questions	Ans.	Explanation (Required)	Evidence/Data (if available)	RMO Weighting	Weighted Score
1 <i>Does the program have a limited number of specific, ambitious long-term performance goals that focus on outcomes and meaningfully reflect the purpose of the program?</i>				20%	
2 <i>Does the program have a limited number of annual performance goals that demonstrate progress toward achieving the long-term goals?</i>				20%	
3 <i>Do all program partners (grantees, sub-grantees, contractors, etc.) commit to and report on performance that relates to and supports the output and outcome goals of the program?</i>				20%	
4 <i>Is a comprehensive, independent, quality evaluation of the program conducted on a regular basis?</i>				20%	
5 <i>Is the program budget aligned with the program goals in such a way that the impact of funding, policy, and legislative changes on performance is readily known?</i>				20%	
Total Section Score				100%	0%

Section III: Program Management

	Questions	Ans.	Explanation (Required)	Evidence/Data (if available)	RMO Weighting	Weighted Score
1	<i>Does the agency regularly collect timely and credible performance information and use it to manage the program?</i>				10%	
2	<i>Are performance measurements used to increase accountability?</i>				10%	
3	<i>Are all funds (Federal and partners') obligated in a timely manner?</i>				10%	
4	<i>Are all funds (Federal and partners') spent for the intended purpose?</i>				10%	
5	<i>Does the agency estimate and budget for the full annual costs of operating the program (including all administrative costs and allocated overhead)?</i>				10%	
6	<i>Are the administrative costs reasonable?</i>				10%	

7	<i>Does agency use cost comparisons and competitive sourcing for this program to achieve cost-effectiveness and when special expertise is needed?</i>	10%
8	<i>Does the program use strong financial management practices?</i>	10%
9 (Co 1.)	<i>Are grant applications independently reviewed based on clear criteria (rather than earmarked) and are awards made based on results of the peer review process?</i>	5%
10 (Co 2.)	<i>Does the grant competition encourage the participation of new/first-time grantees through a fair and open application process?</i>	5%
11 (Co 3.)	<i>Does the agency have sufficient knowledge about grantee activities?</i>	5%
12 (Co 4.)	<i>Does the program collect performance data from grantees on an annual basis and is it public and transparent in a meaningful manner?</i>	5%

Total Section Score	100%	0%
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Section IV: Program Results

	Questions	Ans.	Explanation (Required)	Evidence/Data (if available)	RMO Weighting	Weighted Score
1	<i>Has the program demonstrated adequate progress in achieving its long-term outcome goal(s)?</i>				20%	
2	<i>Does the program (including program partners) achieve its annual performance goals?</i>				20%	
3	<i>Were program goals achieved within budgeted costs and established schedules?</i>				20%	
4	<i>Does the performance of this program compare favorably to other programs with similar purpose and goals?</i>				20%	
5	<i>Do comprehensive, independent, quality evaluations of this program indicate that the program is effective and achieving results?</i>				20%	
Total Section Score					100%	0%