



Grant Review Panel Scoring Criteria

All grant applications received by Komen Northeast Ohio are reviewed under the same set of criteria. Reviewers will consider and score applications on the following criteria. The percentage assigned reflects the weight each criteria holds in the final scoring of applications.

- **Statement of Need: 15%**
 - Does the project provide services to one or more of the target communities described in the Affiliate’s Community Profile?
 - How closely does the project align with the funding priorities stated in the RFA?
- **Project Design: 20%**
 - Is the project culturally competent?
 - Is the project evidence-based?
 - How likely is it that the objectives and activities will be achieved within the scope of the funded project? Is the project well planned?
 - Is the budget appropriate and realistic?
 - Does the budget justification explain in detail the reasoning and need for the costs associated with the project?
- **Impact: 25%**
 - Will the project have a substantial positive impact on increasing the percentage of people who enter, stay in, or progress through the continuum of care?
 - Will the project have a substantial impact on the need described in the funding priority selected?
 - Is the impact likely to be long-term?
- **Organization Capacity: 15%**
 - Does the applicant organization, Project Director, and his/her team have the expertise to effectively implement all aspects of the project?
 - Is there evidence of success in delivering services to the target population?
 - Is the organization fiscally capable of managing the grant project, including having appropriate financial controls in place?
 - Does the applicant organization have the equipment, resources, tools, space, etc., to implement all aspects of the project?
 - Does the organization or staff have appropriate licenses, certifications, accreditations, etc., to deliver the proposed services?
 - Does the organization have a plan to obtain the resources (financial, personnel, partnerships, etc.) needed to sustain the project beyond the grant term (if awarded)?
 - Does the applicant organization have long-term support from organizational leadership?
- **Monitoring and Evaluation: 15%**
 - Is there a documented plan to measure progress against the stated project goal(s) and objective(s), and the resulting outputs and outcomes?
 - Is there sufficient monitoring and evaluation (M&E) expertise for the project?
 - Are there sufficient resources in place for M&E efforts?
- **Collaboration: 10%**
 - Does the proposed project enhance collaboration among organizations with similar or complementary goals?
 - Are the roles of the partners (if applicable) appropriate and relevant?
 - Are collaborations (if applicable) likely to be sustained beyond the grant term?

A score is assigned to each of the above five categories. Categories are assigned a number on a scale of 0-7, with 0 being the lowest and 7 being the highest, based on the following definitions:

7	Exceptional	Very strong with no weaknesses identified
6	Excellent	Very strong with a few minor weaknesses identified

5	Good	Strong with at least one moderate weakness identified
4	Satisfactory	Some strengths and several moderate weaknesses identified
3	Fair	A few strengths and at least one major weakness identified
2	Marginal	Very few strengths and a few major weaknesses identified
1	Poor	No strengths and several major weaknesses identified
<p>Minor Weakness: An easily addressable weakness that does not substantially lessen ability to meet criteria</p> <p>Moderate Weakness: A weakness that lessens ability to meet criteria</p> <p>Major Weakness: A weakness that severely limits ability to meet criteria</p>		