

Nevada Arts Council SNAP Grants - FY10

Grant Application Review Criteria And Scoring Rubric

Please use the following when scoring each application. Please note that the words 'job' and 'position' can mean just one or multiple salaried positions (allowable for nonprofit arts organizations only) and/or contractual services (allowable for all eligible applicants.) **These three areas add up to 100 points.**

For applications that request funding for more than one position or contract, panelists may choose to prioritize positions for funding on the lower portion of the score sheet.

1. Clarity of Application/Quality and Effectiveness of the Organization Up to 40 points

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| Weak | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does not provide clear mission statement or insight into the organization or its connection to the community. Organization has a limited impact on the community it serves. Application is confusing and unclear. Weak or unclear budgetary/financial information provided (about economic impact on organization and/or specifics regarding SNAP funded positions.) Concerns about ability to carry out the proposal. | <i>0-13 pts</i> |
| Average | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mission and relationship to community described. Organization has a significant impact on the community it serves. Provides basic, clear information in the application. Clear budgetary/financial information provided (about economic impact on organization and/or specifics regarding SNAP funded positions.) No apparent 'red flags' about ability to carry out the proposal as evidenced by quality of the application. | <i>14-34 pts</i> |
| Excellent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear and compelling mission is stated and relationship to community well described. Organization has a broad and significant impact on the community it serves. Provides all required information clearly and concisely. Public value clearly stated and communicated through concise budgetary/financial information provided (about economic impact on organization and/or specifics regarding SNAP funded positions.) Very confident about the organization's ability to carry out the proposal. | <i>35-40 pts</i> |

2. Significant and Immediate Impact on the Preservation of Jobs Up to 40 points

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| Weak | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vulnerability not clearly demonstrated for positions to be supported with SNAP funds. Lacks specific information. Has not clearly demonstrated that SNAP funded jobs will be preserved during grant period. | <i>0-13 pts</i> |
| Average | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides basic information about jobs to be preserved and the economic conditions that led to SNAP funding need. Provides basic information how SNAP funded jobs will be preserved during grant period. | <i>14-34 pts</i> |
| Excellent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides compelling and specific information about jobs to be preserved with clarity and detail about conditions that led to SNAP funding need. Provides specific and achievable steps to ensure SNAP funded jobs will be preserved during grant period. | <i>35-40 pts</i> |

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3. Importance to Mission and Core Work of the Organization

Up to 20 points

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| Weak | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position provides services that, although useful, are not essential to organization's core mission. • Application does not clearly describe how the jobs will advance the organization and/or its mission. | <i>0-7 pts</i> |
| Average | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position provides an important service to the organization. • Without position, programming and/or operations could be impeded or suspended. | <i>7-17 pts</i> |
| Excellent | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Position provides a critical service to the ongoing operations of the organization and is central to the organization's mission. • Compelling and specific narrative information demonstrates that without this position how programming and/or operations would be seriously compromised or curtailed. | <i>18-20 pts</i> |