



2022 Grants Application Review Criteria

New for 2022, applications will be reviewed by Grants Review Committee members on each of the below criteria. An aggregate score will be calculated for each application and funding decisions will be based on scoring results.

Criteria 1: Proposal Clarity

Weighting: 10%

Definition: How well does the application outline the objectives of the grant application, the methods of implementation, and the metrics used to identify success?

Criteria 2: Proposal Feasibility

Weighting: 20%

Definition: How well does the application demonstrate that sufficient organizational capacity exists to ensure that funds are used as proposed? How well does the application describe the resources that will be required to successfully achieve the goals of the proposal?

Criteria 3: Proposal Value

Weighting: 20%

Definition: How well does the application articulate that the amount of funds requested is the minimum reasonable for a successful outcome? To what extent does the proposal make effective use of funds by providing superior value?

Criteria 4: Overall Impact & Alignment

Weighting: 50%

Definition: How well is the proposal clearly and closely aligned with the relevant Strategic Focus area and overall Program Philosophy? To what extent will the proposal make a meaningful and durable positive impact in the lives of those it serves?

Organizational financial information will be reviewed first. Organizations with areas of concern may receive reduced or no funding.



Grant Program Philosophy:

The City of Aspen's Grant Program supports non-profit organizations that promote a mentally and physically healthy community; provide protection for our natural environment; and create opportunities for connections for all community members; through partnerships, ease of access, stewardship, arts and cultural enrichment and innovation.

Strategic Focus Areas:

Health and Human Services (HHS) Strategic Focus:

The City of Aspen strives to be a healthy and resilient community by supporting a comprehensive system of accessible mental and physical health care, human services, and community resources.

Additionally, for HHS: The current outcomes and priorities for HHS are focused on programs that address mental health and substance abuse, including reduction of suicide rates. In addition, programs that support community and family connections are also a present priority areas.

Arts & Culture Strategic Focus:

The City of Aspen supports artistically excellent non-profit organizations which contribute to the cultural vibrancy of our community.

Community Programs Strategic Focus:

The City of Aspen supports and enhances non-profit organizations which create and deliver high impact community programming.