

FY27 Application Scoring Guide for Disciplines

Application Scoring Guide: Consider which rubric score/description predominantly fits the proposed project. It doesn't have to fully match. Scores less than 7 should reflect an application criterion that is less than adequate. Applicants with a total average score of less than 7 are not funded and may not apply for other funding with the same program in that fiscal year.

Artistic Quality Criterion (50%)

The project presents works of art with quality in design and skill in execution.

- The project utilizes original and unique works of art in program concept, design and presentation or the project encourages traditional artistic activities
- The project broadens the artistic scope of the state's cultural activities

Best	Better	Good	Inadequate
10	9	8-7	< 7
Artistic quality is uniformly high quality and shows significant creativity or originality. May have regional or national reputation.	Artistic quality is better than good and shows clear originality or creativity and challenges the audience. Has strong artistic personnel.	Artistic quality is good and shows some creativity or originality in concept or execution. Qualified artistic personnel.	Artistic quality is not adequate and/or no creativity.

Community Involvement Criterion (30%)

The applicant understands the community needs and involves the community in the project.

Community need for the project is determined by:

- Need for the applicant's arts
- Contribution to the cultural education of the community
- Accessibility of the project to the public (location, accessibility, cost)

Community support of the project is evidenced by:

- Financial, in-kind, volunteer, or government support
- Involvement of local artists
- Size and range of audiences

Best	Better	Good	Inadequate
10	9	8-7	< 7
Applicant is part of the community fabric, an institution. Addresses significant community need. Strong outreach to new audiences and promotes accessibility.	Strong community need is identified, involves community in planning and evaluation, accessibility accommodations, significant attention to new audiences.	Community is significantly involved, makes effort to reach new audiences, provides accessibility accommodations, strong community support.	Community involvement is superficial, outreach to new audiences is weak, no accessibility provided, no community support.

Management Ability Criterion (20%)

The project reflects sound practices in the planning, financing, staff and volunteer management.

- Experience of administrative staff, paid or volunteer
 - Financial stability based on financial reports
- Clarity and completeness of the application

Best	Better	Good	Inadequate
10	9	8-7	< 7
Strong management with years of experience in this project. History of financial stability. Diverse sources of financial support.	High quality of management. History of financial stability. Strong financial support. Clear evidence of planning.	Clear, accurate, and complete application. Experienced management. Financial stability. History of MAC funding.	Inadequate management, or incomplete application. Fails to address financial issues.