

Panel Review Criteria

Museum Grants for African American History and Culture

PROJECT JUSTIFICATION

- Is the project clearly explained?
- Is the need, problem, or challenge to be addressed clearly identified and supported by relevant evidence?
- Are the people who will benefit from the project clearly identified, and have they been involved in project planning?
- Are the collections and/or records that are the focus of the project and their current condition described and quantified in sufficient detail, if applicable?
- Are the ways in which the project enhances the capacity of the institution specific, actionable, and measurable?

PROJECT WORK PLAN

- Are the proposed activities informed by appropriate theory and practice?
- Do the proposed activities appropriately reflect the project's maturity level?
- Are the goals, assumptions, and risks clearly stated?
- Are the proposed evaluation activities and performance measurements appropriate for the project? Will they result in valid, reliable, and generalizable findings?
- Do the identified staff, partners, consultants, and service providers possess the experience and skills necessary to complete the work successfully?
- Is the schedule of work realistic and achievable?
- Are the time, personnel, and financial resources identified appropriate for the scope and scale of the project?
- Is a clear methodology described for tracking the project's progress and adjusting course when necessary?
- Is there an effective plan for communicating results and/or sharing discoveries

PROJECT RESULTS

- Is the plan for collecting and reporting data corresponding to the Performance Goal(s) and Performance Measure Statement(s) selected for the project well designed and feasible?
- Are the project's intended results clearly articulated, realistic, meaningful, actionable, and linked to the need, problem, or challenge addressed by the project?
- Is the plan to effect meaningful change in knowledge, skills, behaviors, and/or attitudes solidly grounded and appropriately structured?
- Will the care, condition, management, access to, or use of the museum collections and/or records improve as a result of the project?
- Will the tangible products be useful?
- Is there a reasonable and practical plan for sustaining the benefits of the project beyond the conclusion of this award?

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Share your overall impressions of the application and general comments that do not fall into one of the above categories. You will select a numeric score of 1-5 for the application in this section.