**Partners for Places Grant Program**

**Round 19 Invitation to Apply**

**Application Selection Criteria**

**Selection Process and Criteria**

Applications are vetted against the Partners for Places Request for Proposals (RFP) eligibility criteria by The Funders Network (TFN) staff. Then, they are Selection Committee-scored. There is often less than a one-point difference between a project that is awarded a matching grant and one that is not.

For this reason, applicants are strongly encouraged to maximize scores by closely reviewing and writing to the scoring criteria in Table 1.Each scoring criteria is represented in the application form as a question to answer. More detail and guidance are provided to each one in that form.

While not garnering points, the committee also discusses factors like community resource needs, size, geography, refined applications from re-applying applicants, and if an applicant is new to the fund. The hope is that limited resources can be distributed as evenly as possible across award rounds.

**Table 1. Round 19 Selection Criteria**

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| **#** | **Criteria** | **Points** |
| 1 | This project will foster a new or strengthen an existing collaborative partnership for equitable sustainable climate action (EAC) and/or Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) work between a local government sustainability and/or water director, a local frontline community group,[[1]](#footnote-1) and a local funder. | 30 |
| 2 | This application succinctly describes how an award will strengthen relationships among a local government, a place-based funder, and local frontline community group. It describes the roles and responsibilities of each partner in: (1) application development, (2) project implementation, and (3) the ongoing partnership. | 15 |
| 3 | This project will advance a community-identified goal or create a community plan. | 15 |
| ~~4~~  | This project is strategically designed to achieve its proposed outcomes and impacts. It describes how success will be measured. | 20 |
| 5 | This application demonstrates a commitment to using equity principles and tools in project design and implementation. | 10 |
| 6 | The applying team is built to supply the skill sets and knowledge base needed to advance local EAC and/or GSI goals and priorities.  | 5 |
| 7 | This project has the potential to add to the field of practice and/or provide model approaches to advance EAC and/or GSI at the local level. | 5 |

1. A frontline community group has a primary mission to represent and serve frontline communities, improving living situations by addressing the root causes of oppression and injustice, economic disadvantage, and environmental harm. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)