

Family Services Expansion Grant

Scoring Rubric FY 2021



Local Partnership: _____

Date: _____

Award Type: _____

Priority County for AmeriCorps (3pts): ____ Yes ____ No

➤ A separate rubric will be completed for EACH Award Type applied for by the Local Partnership.

Criteria #1 Good Standing and Organizational Capacity: Applicants demonstrating exemplary performance	Raw Score 1- 10	Priority Points	Section Score
Program Performance: <i>FY 19 (all year) - FY 20 (Quarters 1 and 2 ONLY)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reached number of children/families served for programs Other output data that links to positive program outcomes Achieved outcomes demonstrating positive program impact 			
Organizational Capacity to Administer Grant Award(s): : <i>FY 19 (all year) - FY 20 (Quarters 1 and 2 ONLY)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicant demonstrates the ability to effectively manage grant award(s) operationally and fiscally, based on compliance with First Steps Partnership Accountability Standards Enter data in First Steps Data Collection system for each required strategy, following the data requirements and deadlines contained in the First Steps Partnership and Program Accountability Standards. 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be familiar with and comply with all federal and state laws and First Steps policies pertaining to hiring, discrimination, workplace policies, nepotism, dual employment, conflict of interest, whistleblower, and confidentiality of client information • Maintain comprehensive general liability insurance 			
<p>Priority Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited outstanding compliance issues (max 3 items) (3pts) 			
<p>Comments:</p>			
<p>Criteria #2 Demographic Targeting : Justification of community need outlined in Statement of Need. Expansion or refocusing of program services to target underserved families with children ages 0-5 years with conditions most at risk for early school failure, including children experiencing homelessness, involved in the foster care system, dual language learners, and children with disabilities.</p>	<p>Raw Score 1-10</p>	<p>Priority Points</p>	<p>Section Score</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demonstrated need for program/services proposed • Ratio of families on wait list(s) compared to families currently served • Demonstrated ability to recruit and retain families • Demonstrates an understanding of what similar services are available in the target area, and that current access is inadequate to address the need 			
<p>Priority Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underserved population(s) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide a defined focus to offer services to homeless, foster care, dual language learners, and/or children with disabilities. (3pts.) 			

Comments:

Criteria #3 Partnerships and Collaboration (if applicable) or 4K Connection	Raw Score 1-10	Priority Points	Section Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Describes experience managing collaborative projects with multiple organizations • Quality of existing community partnerships • Letters of support 			

Comments:

Criteria #4 Programmatic Plan or AmeriCorps Service Activities: Alignment of projected activities to statement of need	Raw Score 1-10	Priority Points	Section Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parenting Expansion Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Application proposes program staffing to increase and enhance quality of service (parent educator, supervisor, bilingual staff, or data administrator) and achieve fidelity to the proposed program model(s) ○ Provide a defined focus to offer services to families not currently served by your parenting program ○ If proposing to expand services via one or more contract vendors, describe how the local partnership's role will support the project's success • AmeriCorps Awards: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Service activities align with position description(s) as outlined in Appendix A ○ Additional training for Member(s) is identified (if required) 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Experience of key personnel with successfully managing people, programs, and grants 			
<p>Priority Points (Parenting Expansion Awards only):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of evidence-based model supported by HomVEE <i>(see application guidance for programs page 2) (3pts)</i> 			
<p>Comments:</p>			
<p>Criteria #5 Projected Budget: Aligns with proposed activities.</p>	<p>Raw Score 1-10</p>	<p>Priority Points</p>	<p>Section Score</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fit of proposed use of funding with projected programs and activities • Amount of funding requested matches projected numbers served and intensity of services • Materials request includes equipment for COVID-19 protection 			
<p>Comments:</p>			
<p>Criteria #6 Data Collection and Evaluation (if applicable) Aligns with proposed activities.</p>	<p>Raw Score 1-10</p>	<p>Priority Points</p>	<p>Section Score</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of method (i.e. survey, interviews, member observations, family satisfaction) to verify that growth or change has occurred to achieve identified goal 			

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed data submission includes methods to document services delivered, client referrals, interventions, screenings/assessments, and/ or satisfaction data (if necessary) Describes how client level data will be collected and submitted to SC First Steps, via the FSDC or other means Parenting Program Expansion Award only: Evaluation takes into consideration how the Local Partnership will reach their required caseload expectation for proposed activities AmeriCorps Awards only: Evaluation takes into consideration how the Local Partnership will reach their required caseload expectations to meet AmeriCorps performance metrics listed in Appendix A 			
Comments:			
Criteria #7 AmeriCorps Member Recruitment and Retention plan (if applicable): See Appendix A	Raw Score 1-10	Priority Points	Section Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assesses community resources and identifies areas to recruit members Defines how the member will be supported throughout their experience, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion as part of the local partnership team Having a designated location (can be shared) with appropriate resources to perform their work Identifying professional development growth areas for members and providing the necessary support, in collaboration with SC First Steps and other partners Defines the climate and experience the applicant would like the member to have in its organization 			
Comments:			

Criteria #8 AmeriCorps Member Supervision Plan (if applicable): See Appendix A	Raw Score 1-10	Priority Points	Section Score
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed supervision plan outlining who will be supervising the member and applicant supervision expectations Defined strategies to support member(s) re: COVID-19 health and safety 			
Comments:			
Additional Feedback:		Total Score	