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## Grant Evaluation Considerations

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As our grant review committees evaluate applications received and consider award recommendations, the following are several points that may be considered:

### **Think Bigger**

Will what's being proposed have a transformational impact? Is it philanthropic? Does what's being proposed work to solve a community problem, rather than meet a need today that may be an effect of a bigger community problem?

### **Invest Wisely**

Consider the strength of the organization and the potential benefits to the community or communities being served. Consider the number of people that will benefit, including relative to the community being served.

### **Work Together**

Is there an opportunity for collaboration?

### **Prioritize**

How does what's being proposed meet the needs of the community and how can Community Foundation funding be most valuable?

### **Be Diligent**

Consider whether plans for implementation and evaluation are clear.

### **Think Long-Term**

Consider the sustainability of what's being proposed, including potential future funding needs.

### **Additional Resources**

Consider other funding sources that are being leveraged or utilized.

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*note: the above grant evaluation considerations are meant to serve as a simple guide for items that may be considered in the grant writing and grant evaluation process.*