



Designing a Better Chicago grant review rubric

Applicant name:

Reviewer Name:

5 Points

Merit and alignment with program goals

The proposed project possesses rigor, thoughtfulness and inventiveness, and aligns with program goals to leverage design or design principles to directly address pressing issues in Chicago communities and to improve public life or public space.

5 Points

Potential benefit to people and communities

The project's potential to benefit Chicago residents and impact communities through design or design principles intended for the greater good. Project has wide and expansive reach and/or provides deep, enriching experiences for participants (e.g., engaging community in planning and execution, tailoring programming to their needs, providing opportunities for personal and resonant connections with program themes and content).

5 Points

Depth of experience and engagement with identified communities

The applicant and partners have a history of success with previous community-based projects. They demonstrate deep familiarity and authentic relationships with artists and partners in the proposed project's identified communities/neighborhoods.

10 Points

Feasibility of project

- The applicant presents a clearly written, complete, logical and feasible plan and budget that can be fully executed within a specified timeframe. (5 points)
- The applicant demonstrates an ability to plan for and execute a design-based project at the scope and scale proposed. (5 points)

Total Possible Points = 25 Points

Additional Notes: