



2024 Nonprofit Learning Series Presented by Community First Bank

Session 3: Creating Competitive Grant Proposals

HANDOUT 1: GRANT COMPETITIVENESS MINI ASSESSMENT

Respond to the following questions to determine your organization's strengths and opportunities related to grant competitiveness.

Mission & Vision	Yes	No	Somewhat	Unsure or N/A
Does your organization have an accurate, up-to-date, and clear mission statement?				
Does your organization have an accurate, up-to-date, and clear vision statement?				
Are there any items that you want to prioritize around Mission & Vision ?				
Strategic Planning	Yes	No	Somewhat	Unsure or N/A
Does your organization have a strategic plan?				
Does your strategic plan have strong goals and objectives?				
Does your strategic plan include specific steps to achieve your goals and objectives?				
Are there any items that you want to prioritize around Strategic Planning ?				
Organizational Structure	Yes	No	Somewhat	Unsure or N/A
Does your organization have an engaged board?				
Does your organization have qualified staff and volunteers?				
Is your organization in compliance with all legal requirements?				
Does your organization have documented policies and procedures?				
Are there any items that you want to prioritize around Organizational Structure ?				
Track Record & Impact	Yes	No	Somewhat	Unsure or N/A
Track Record & Impact				
Is your organization able to demonstrate past success and impact?				

Does your organization have formal methods established for measuring and evaluating your programs?				
Are there any items you want to prioritize around Track Record & Impact ?				
Financial Health	Yes	No	Somewhat	Unsure or N/A
Does your organization have accurate and current financial statements?				
Does your organization have diversified funding sources?				
Are there any items that you want to prioritize around Financial Health ?				
Grant Readiness	Yes	No	Somewhat	Unsure or N/A
Does someone in your organization have professional grant writing skills?				
Does your organization have past grant successes?				
Has your organization identified potential grant opportunities that align with its mission and goals?				
Are there any items that you want to prioritize around Grant Readiness ?				
Community Engagement	Yes	No	Somewhat	Unsure or N/A
Does your organization have strong community partnerships?				
Does your organization have evidence of community support? (relationships, donations, etc.)				
Is your organization well-known and the brand easily recognizable?				
Does your organization do active outreach in the community?				
Are there any items that you want to prioritize around Community Engagement ?				