

Quality Improvement Grant Scoring Rubric

This Scoring Rubric will be used to assess grant applications.

1) THE GOALS OF THIS PROJECT ALIGN WITH PATHS TO QUALITY™ CRITERIA

- 5** - Goals are achievable, specific and measured by achieving the advancement of one level or maintaining at Level 4 and the goals clearly state how they align with the development of children.
- 4** - Goals are achievable and aligned with the Paths to Quality™ and are measurable but may not be specific enough to see the direct link to the advancement of levels or maintaining at Level 4.
- 3** - The goals are aligned with the Paths to Quality™ but, may not be specific enough, measurable or are deemed unachievable by the grant committee.
- 2** - The goals have a loose alignment with the Paths to Quality™ but are not specific, measurable or are deemed unachievable by the grant committee.
- 1** - The goals are not specific and will not achieve the growth of one level on the Paths to Quality™.

2) DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

- 5** – Applicant clearly defines why they would like to receive this grant and how the funds will help achieve their goal. The description is concise and stays within the word limit. The description of the project is aligned to goals in #1 and has an achievable timeline. The project defines a new initiative for the applicant or an improvement on a current initiative.
- 4** - Applicant clearly defines why they would like to receive this grant but may not be as detailed. The description is concise and stays within the word limit. The description of the project is aligned to goals in #1 and defines how the funds will help reach those goals. The project defines a new initiative for the applicant or an improvement on a current initiative.
- 3** - The description of the project is not detailed. The play may be aligned to the goals in #1, but the timeline may not be achievable. The projects initiative or improvement is not made clear.
- 2** - The description of the project may have a loose alignment to the goals. The project doesn't show a clear initiative or improvement of the applicant's current program.
- 1** - The description of the project is not specific and will not achieve the growth of one level on the Paths to Quality™.

3) THE BUDGET FOR THIS PROJECT IS WELL DEFINED

- 5** – The proposed budget reflects the description of how funds will be used in question 2. The budget is clear and precise with itemization and vendors listed. Items are listed by priority with the most important being on top.
- 4** - The budget proposed reflects the description of how funds will be used in question 3. The budget is clear and precise with itemization and vendors listed.
- 3** - The budget proposed does not completely reflect the description of funds in #3. It is missing some itemization and vendors.
- 2** - The budget is unclear or difficult to understand but may have a loose connection to the description in #3.
- 1**- The budget is not specific and will not achieve the growth of one level on the Paths to Quality™.