

## Scoring Tips

Potential applicants may find this competitive process to be very demanding and to require a lot of work, effort, data, information, and expertise. Don't be discouraged. Just do your best, send the application to us, and we'll review it. You can't get a grant if you don't try.

**I. General Match.** The reviewers of Direct Services, Training, and Other projects use the identical two scoring pages for each of these three types of projects. The two scoring pages used are for the: (1) Justification (maximum of 11.11 points), and (2) Statutory Considerations (maximum of ten points) parts of the application form.

However, most points are in the outcome section of the application form, and its credibility (maximum of 88.89 points). The outcome forms are different for Direct Services, Training, and Other projects.

Do your best on all parts of the application form, but mathematically you can not get a high total score without a substantial and credible outcome section.

**II. Rural Match.** If a rural organization wishes to be considered for both a rural and a general matching grant or even solely a rural grant, the rural organization may be better off to complete the application as if it were for the general matching grant. However, for rural grants, the information shown below should be clearly stated in the information provided, which is technically the basis for rural grant decisions.

Evaluation of the Rural Application. Based upon the information provided by the applicant, the likelihood in the next 12 months the lives and health of the population being served will be adversely affected without the requested resources. Scores between 0 and 5 may also be used (e.g. .5, 1.25, 2.0, 2.5, 3.5, 4, 4.5, etc.), but none greater than 5.

5 High,

3 Medium

1 Low

0 Not sufficiently established in the information provided