

Resilient Food Systems Infrastructure Grant Program
Infrastructure Concept Project Proposal
 Scoring Rubric

Title of Project:

SCORING CRITERIA	Maximum Points	Points Received
Distressed Communities Index Score _____	---	---
1. Project Purpose	30	
a. How well does the applicant define the specific and existing issue, problem, or need the project will address? b. Will the project provide a direct benefit to more than one Nebraska food producer by creating a new revenue stream for multiple producers or increasing the capacity of existing revenue streams for multiple producers?		
1a. Climate		
a. Will the project develop, customize, or install climate-smart equipment that reduces greenhouse gas emissions, increases efficiency in water use, improves air and/or water quality, and/or meets one or more of USDA's climate action goals; ____ Yes ____ No	---	---
2. Objectives	15	
a. Does the project address one or more of the priorities identified through NDA outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution; • Aggregation; • Storage; • Processing • Supply chain coordination 		
3. Project Beneficiaries	15	
a. Does the project benefit one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underserved farmers and ranchers; • New and beginning farmers or ranchers; • Veteran producers; • Small business in underserved community; • Small and medium-sized enterprises that add options for consumers and producers; • Cooperatives, farmer-, and worker-owned enterprises; 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity for family-supporting job quality and treatment/safety of workers. • Job creation; • Community impact. 		
4. Other Support From Federal or State Grant Programs		
___ Yes ___ No	---	---
5. External Project Support		
___ Yes ___ No	---	---
6. Existing Project Information		
<p>If the project builds upon an existing project, did the applicant define how this project differs from, compliments, or builds upon the previous work?</p> <p>___ Yes ___ No</p>	---	---
7. Expected Performance Measures	15	
<p>a. Did the applicant provide one of the predetermined indicators listed under the identified Outcome 2 or Outcome 3?</p> <p>b. Did the applicant provide the quantifiable results for the indicator selected?</p>		
8. Budget Narrative	25	
<p>a. Is the budget reasonable and consistent with the project's purpose, outcome, and indicator?</p> <p>b. Is it feasible that the proposed work can be accomplished in three years?</p> <p>c. Is it clearly identified and reasonable how the match will be met? Is signed verification of match commitment provided?</p>		
TOTAL	100	