2026-27 Professional Learning Early Literacy Grant Scoring Rubric

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DO NOT COMPLETE OR SUBMIT WITH YOUR APPLICATION!

- A total of 100 points are available per application.
- A score will be given for each question and then a **total score** will be given on the application.
- Approximately 20 childcare centers and approximately 10 family childcare homes receiving the highest scores will be awarded grant funding.

Name of Childcare Facility: _____

QUESTION 1 50 points	**41-50 points EXEMPLARY**	**31-40 points SATISFACTORY**	**21-30 points ADEQUATE**	**11-20 points NEEDS IMPROVEMENT**	**0-10 points INSUFFICIENT**
Comments:	Program represents implementation of new ideas, is original, innovative, creative, and addresses specific needs. The program description is clear and has strong evidence of careful planning, thought, and research. The program is broken down in distinct and manageable parts. The timeline gives specific and doable start and end dates for the duration of the program.	Program description is general. It is engaging, somewhat creative and innovative and can be understood. There is an outlined plan for documenting and evaluating the success of the grant. The timeline states start and end dates, but some are questionable.	Program represents common practices with the early childhood field, not very creative or innovative. Timeline does not consist of all elements of the program.	Program needs clarity, further planning, lacks creativity and innovation. Weak presentation of plan design. Dates given are questionable and unrealistic.	Unclear about the project description. No innovation or creativity is described. No specifics are defined. No evidence of need stated. Insufficient information about the program's activities. Timeline is incomplete or nonexistent.
Question 1 Score: _____					

QUESTION 2 15 points	11-15 points EXEMPLARY	6-10 points SATISFACTORY	0-5 points INSUFFICIENT
Comments:	A clear process of how center staff will be made fully aware and well versed of early literacy is described. Ensuring the program will be successfully implemented is evident.	There is an outlined plan for staff to be made aware of early literacy, but the description is not cohesive, lacks detail and is not comprehensive.	No meaningful plans or information about how center staff will be made aware of early literacy is given.
Question 2 Score: _____			

QUESTION 3 15 points	11-15 points EXEMPLARY	6-10 points SATISFACTORY	0-5 points INSUFFICIENT
Comments:	Success of program is easy to determine. The plan for documenting and evaluating the outcome of the program is extensive.	Outcomes appear achievable. The outcomes are likely to be achieved in the program's current form. Evaluating the success of the program is limited.	Unclear outcomes are stated with no specifics or evidence given in response. Outcomes are incomplete or nonexistent.
Question 3 Score: _____			

QUESTION 4 20 points	16-20 points EXEMPLARY	11-15 points SATISFACTORY	6-10 points NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	0-5 points INSUFFICIENT
Comments:	The budget is clear and detailed. Budget items are directly tied to the budget activities. All activities are incorporated into the budget and can be completed in the established timeline.	The budget identifies specific activities but lacks detail. One or two budget activities are tied to the program activities and established timeline.	The budget lacks detail and does not completely match the program description. Only one budget item is tied to the program activities and established timeline.	The budget significantly or does not at all match with programming activities. The timeline is unclear or not established.
Question 4 Score: _____				

TOTAL SCORE: _____