



EVALUATION RUBRICS FOR OUTLINE EVALUATION LOCAL CHALLENGE FUND (LCF)

Project Outline proposals under the **Local Challenge Fund (LCF)** will be assessed by review panels/ expert evaluators based on the following **Evaluation Criteria**. The reviewers will comment on the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal against each criteria and assign score on the basis of **Grading Scale**. An overall score will also be assigned to the application on the grading scale:

Evaluation Criteria

Criteria for Evaluation	Weightage	Score (1-7) (Refer to Grading Scale)
Does the Project Outline identify a critical Locally Relevant Socio-Economic Issue? - Is the Locally Relevant Socio-Economic Issue significant and relevant for the LCF program? - Does the Project Outline justify the need for an LCF award in this topical area?	20	
Does the Project Outline contain all of the required sections as identified in the Template? (In the Project Outline stage, limited detail is permitted. However, all elements must be addressed) - Does the Project Description address: - The Research Challenge and Anticipated Impact - The Methodology - Project Integration - Partnerships - Do the CVs submitted as part of the Project Outline contain the required information?	10	
Does the Project Outline identify an appropriate team for the proposed project? - Are local collaborators/stakeholders appropriate for the proposed project? Does their inclusion indicate that research results will be implemented to address the Locally Relevant Socio-Economic Issue? - Are the academic partners appropriate for the proposed project? Are their roles clearly described? - Does the Proposal Outline demonstrate that the team can accomplish the proposed project?	20	

Does the Project Outline describe a plan of work that, if successful, will make a meaningful contribution to addressing the Locally Relevant Socio-Economic Issue? - Does the Project Outline describe a research agenda that is appropriate in scope for the LCF program? - Is the dissemination plan reasonable to make an impact?	25	
Is a Full Proposal resulting from this Project Outline likely to be fully competitive in the LCF Program - Does the Project Outline contain the appropriate research idea to indicate that a Full Proposal would be competitive in the LCF program? - Does the Project Outline present a compelling case for how a Full Proposal can describe significant societal impact resulting from an LCF award to this research team?	25	

Grading Scale

Grading Scale	Description
7- Outstanding	Exceptionally strong proposal with negligible weaknesses
6-Excellent	Very strong proposal with negligible weaknesses
5-Very Good	Very strong Proposal with minor weaknesses
4-Good	Strong proposal with minor weaknesses
3-Average	Proposal having some strengths but moderate weaknesses
2-Weak	Proposal having few strengths with major weaknesses
1-Poor	Proposal having very few strengths with numerous major weaknesses