

Evaluation Criteria for Proposals

Proposals are evaluated on their strengths and weaknesses relative to the merits of all other proposals. Final funding decisions will be made based on the final rankings and recommendation of each review panel quarterly meeting. Applicants will be notified of funding decisions no later than 30 days after the submission deadline. Submission Deadlines: Q1: March 31st, Q2: June 30, Q3: September 30th, Q4 December 31st

Criteria	Weight
<p>1. Collaborator Status/ Serving Diverse Audiences: Written into the initial competitive proposal, weighted priority will be given to those organizations listed as signed collaborators at time of proposal submission. Additionally, proposals seeking to serve underrepresented farmer/farmworker populations will also receive weighted priority.</p>	30
<p>2. Alignment with WRASAP Goals: Applications will be evaluated based in part on how well outcomes and objectives align or enhance those of the greater WRASAP proposal; identification of a significant farm stress/agricultural suicide prevention-related problem and use of appropriate tools and methodologies to address the question, and likelihood that the proposal will enhance the translational component and reach of the program activities.</p>	30
<p>3. Proposed Results: The extent to which the Proposed Results include clear statements of what you anticipate producers will understand, analyze, develop, decide, or implement through participation in the project, how realistic and attainable estimated producer numbers are, the relative level of rigor associated with the progression of producer actions, from understanding to implementation, and the degree to which results address regional priorities.</p>	15
<p>4. Team/Organizational Capacity and Collaborators: Review Panel will attribute equal value to: (i) evaluating the skills, knowledge and experience of the project team and organization to effectively deliver projects; and (ii) evaluating how well-engaged collaborating public or private organizations will increase the likelihood of farmer/rancher participation and strengthen the project.</p>	10
<p>5. Innovative Approach and Review of Past Projects: Review Panel will evaluate: (i) the extent to which the project employs innovative approaches to develop or deliver training, materials, or tools; and (ii) how well your proposed project builds upon or collaborates with previously funded projects, or alternatively, how it is a totally unique and innovative project.</p>	10
<p>6. Results Verification: WRASAP will evaluate the effectiveness of the applicant's plan for evaluating and tracking producer achievement of the proposed risk management results.</p>	5