

Lake County Video Gaming Revenue Grant Application Scoring Criteria

Community Impact

Community Need (0-60 points): Reviewers will score this category based on the overall impact the proposed program would have in addressing an identified community need. Reviewers will evaluate whether the proposed program is needed by considering the prevalence of similar programs in the community and the number of people to be served.

- 60 points: Addresses assessment, outreach, and education related to gambling addiction
- 45 points: Clinically addresses effects of gambling addiction. Preference is given to organizations that provide gambling addiction services in conjunction with co-occurring disorder services
- 30 points: Non-clinical gambling addiction services
- 15 points: Non-gambling-related behavioral health services

Financial Need (0-20 points): Reviewers will score this category based on the criticality of the requested funds for the organization's finances – and particularly for the program proposed.

- 20 points: This funding results in an incremental unit of this type of assistance
- 10 points: Grant results in a quantifiable increase in a level of service
- 5 points: Agency has well-documented financial need

Overall Impact (0-15 points): This score is based on the likelihood that a client living anywhere in Lake County's geography would use the program's services.

- 15 points: A client anywhere in Lake County is likely to seek their services
- 10 points: Services are available to a significant portion of Lake County residents
- 5 points: Limited draw from broader Lake County

Outcomes (0-20 Points): The reviewers will score this section based on how well the outcomes are written for the proposed program. The application should include client-based outcomes that identify benefits or changes for individuals or populations as a direct result of participating in the program. Outcomes should be focused, measurable, meaningful, specific, attainable, and identify a change in clients' knowledge, attitude, values, skills, behavior, and/or condition. The strategies, mechanisms for measurement, target dates, and rationale should also be clear and understandable. The long-term effects should reflect a general benefit to the community.

- 20 points: Three grade "A+" quality outcomes
- 15 points: Three grade "A" quality outcomes
- 10 points: Fewer than three outcomes and/or three grade "B" quality outcomes
- 5 points: Only one outcome and/or more than one grade "C" quality outcome

Outcome Grades Summary

"A+" = All proposed metrics provide measurable and clear proof that a desired outcome has been achieved

"A" = Some proposed metrics appear measurable and related to a desired outcome

"B" = At least one proposed metric is not an outcome, but actually an output or measure of process

"C" = All proposed metrics are outputs or measure of process

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Program Quality

Program Design (0-20 points): The reviewers will score this section based on how well the program is expected to efficiently and effectively accomplish its proposed outcomes.

The reviewer will also evaluate the level to which the program collaborates with other agencies in the community. Stronger programs share their resources with others and similarly benefit from collaboration.

Additionally, the reviewer will consider how well the program can follow-up with clients' progress, assess levels of satisfaction, and provide adequate referrals if further intervention is needed. Programs should be prepared to prevent further escalation of clients' problems.

- 20 points: Strong program tracking and/or follow-up
- 10 points: Evidence based practices

Staffing and Facilities (0-20 Points): The reviewer will score this section based on the program management and the institutional knowledge of the agency and program by considering staff's levels of experience and training, availability in full-time positions, and staff turnover. The reviewer will consider how well the agency is equipped to run the program successfully and how accessible their facility is to people with disabilities.

- 5 points: Accessible facility
- 5 points: Sufficient professional staff
- 5 points: Low staff or leadership turnover
- 5 points: Board diversity

Agency Capacity

Past Performance (0-30 Points): The reviewer will score this section based on the overall history of the program and/or agency in successfully achieving their outcomes and effectively providing services. The reviewer will assess the program's readiness and capacity to undertake the proposed activity. The reviewer will also consider staff reports regarding the agency's ability to successfully complete its application. If the agency has been funded in the past, reviewers will also take into account the performance in completing quarterly reports and vouchers in a correct, consistent, and timely manner.

- 10 points: Past outcomes
- 10 points: Readiness
- 10 points: Demonstrated skill at reporting and/or documentation

Fiscal Management (0-20 Points): The reviewer will score this section based on the audit report, budgets, and financial assessments of the agency. Reviewers will evaluate the diversity and resilience of the various funding sources that support the agency and/or program and note the ratio of administrative and fund raising costs to total expenses.

- 5 points: Agency assets
- 5 points: Agency cash
- 5 points: Agency diverse funding sources
- 5 points: Agency administrative costs are less than 15 percent of the overall budget

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Sustainability (0-20 Points): The reviewer will score this section based on the sufficiency of resources for the program and the likelihood of completing objectives within the program year. The reviewer will assess the organizational and fiscal viability of the program and agency in the near future.

- 5 points: Program staff training
- 5 points: Program cash
- 5 points: Other program funders
- 5 points: Program administrative costs are less than 15 percent of the overall budget