Full Lives RFP Rubric

Area of Assessment	% of Total Score
Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusivity, including Rural Communities • Vision (20%) • Board and Senior Leadership (10%)	30%
Community Food Systems Approach	25%
State of Readiness and Clarity	20%
Community-Led Initiatives	15%
Local Ecosystem Development	10%
Total	**100%**

Detailed Full Lives Scoring Rubric

Reviewers will assess and score Full Lives applications based on the rubric below.

Area of Assessment	Priority Criteria to Assess	Questions on the Application	Scoring Measures	% of Score
Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusivity, including Rural Communities			*20% of the total score is allocated to the **Vision** and 10% of the total score allocated to the **Board and Senior Leadership.**	30%*
Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusivity, including Rural Communities - Vision	**Vision (20%)** We prioritize collaboratives with a clear focus on racial justice, equity, and inclusivity, actively working towards addressing disparities and promoting fairness within the community, with a specific consideration for the unique challenges faced by rural communities.	What is your collaborative's vision for racial justice, equity, and inclusivity in your community food systems work? Please provide examples of how the vision is specifically tailored to your region or community, how you have demonstrated this vision in your past work, and how the vision is embedded in future plans. For collaboratives working in rural communities, how do you ensure that your focus on equity and inclusivity addresses the unique challenges faced by these communities?	5-Strong and clear vision for racial justice, equity and inclusivity that is relevant to their specific region or community. Includes 3 or more examples of how past work and future plans address racial equity and greater inclusivity in their region. *Collaboratives working in rural communities that demonstrate at least some focus on equity and inclusivity should receive a "5".* 3- Racial equity and inclusivity that is relevant to their specific region or community is part of their vision. Includes 1-3 examples of how past work and future plans address racial equity and greater inclusivity in their region. 1-Desire to focus on racial justice, equity, and inclusivity as part of their work, but did not provide clear examples from past or future work. 0-Unclear or no evidence of racial justice, equity and inclusivity. *Note: Collaboratives working in rural communities with limited community food system infrastructure will receive special consideration	
Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusivity, including Rural Communities – Board and Senior Leadership	**Board and Senior Leadership (10%)** We prioritize collaboratives where 50% or more of their aggregated Senior Leaders and Board members collectively identify as Black, Indigenous, Latine, Asian, Pacific Islander and People of Color.	Does more than 50% of your collaboration's Senior Leaders and Board members identify as Black, Indigenous, Latine, Asian, Pacific Islander and People of Color?	5 – Yes, more than 50% 0 – No, less than 50%	

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Community Food Systems Approach	We prioritize proposals that emphasize a holistic approach to community food systems, addressing various interconnected aspects that promote food resilience, sustainable production, strengthen local food economies, equitable production, and equitable distribution.	Tell us about the work your collaborative is doing or hopes to do to create a thriving, equitable food system in your region. Include examples of how your collaborative contributes to key components of a community food system, such as promoting food resilience, sustainable production, strengthening local food economies, equitable production, and equitable distribution. ***Provide at least one specific example for each component in which your collaborative is working.*** How does your proposed initiative focus on sustainable solutions to increasing food access and food security rather than immediate relief efforts?	5 - Collaborative clearly articulates a comprehensive approach to community food systems, addressing multiple interconnected aspects such as promotion of food resilience, sustainable production, strengthening local food economies, equitable production, and equitable distribution. It shows a high level of commitment to improving food security. 3 - Collaborative addresses some aspects of community food systems and acknowledges the importance of factors such as aspects such promotion of food resilience, sustainable production, strengthening local food economies, equitable production, and equitable distribution. It shows a moderate level of commitment to improving food security. 1 - Collaborative mentions community food systems but lacks depth in addressing interconnected aspects or demonstrating a clear understanding of their importance. There is limited commitment to improving food security. 0 - The proposal does not address community food systems or fails to recognize their importance in the context of the initiative. The proposal is focused on short-term hunger relief support.	25%

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State of Readiness and Clarity	We prioritize collaboratives that exhibit a clear state of readiness, understanding what they need and showcasing readiness for effective implementation and goal achievement.	What does your collaborative need to grow and succeed? How will the support from the Full Lives initiative—funding, technical assistance, community connections—help you meet those needs? What are your collaborative's goals, and how do you plan to achieve them? Describe your vision of success and the steps you'll take to get there.	5- Collaborative clearly articulates their goals for the work, how they plan to get there, and what they need to be successful. The proposal provides a plan and strategies for implementation, with clear goals and methods for achieving them.

3-Collaborative clearly articulates their goals for their work but lacks clarity in either their plans for achieving the goals or what they need to be successful. The proposal outlines some plans and strategies for implementation, but they may lack detail or clarity.

1-Little to no clarity around their goals for this work, how they plan to get there and what they need to be successful. The proposal provides limited or vague plans for implementation.

0-Incomplete or doesn't answer. The proposal lacks any plans or strategies for implementation. | 20% |
| **Community-Led Initiatives** | We prioritize proposals for projects where community input is valued in decision-making processes, promoting a sense of community ownership and engagement. | How does your collaborative define community in the context of this initiative? Include a description of the geographic area, relevant cultural community, etc., your collaborative serves. How does your collaborative use local community voice in decision-making? Provide examples of how community input has influenced decision-making within your collaborative. | 5-Clear and frequent two-way communication between collaboratives and local community members. Examples of how community is influencing decisions and how work aligns with what community is asking for.

3-Occasional two-way communication or frequent points of input (one-way) between collaborative and local community members. Examples of how community provides input into work but not making decisions. Clear on how work aligns with what community is asking for.

1-Some engagement between collaborative and community. Limited examples on how community input is gotten and used. Work is somewhat aligned with what community is asking for.

0-Work is not aligned with what community wants or developed without community input. Unclear or incomplete answer. | 15% |

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Local Ecosystem Development	We prioritize nurturing a robust local ecosystem by fostering partnerships with local organizations, businesses, and community leaders. These collaborations are aimed at harnessing collective resources and optimizing the impact of our initiatives.	Tell us about the members of your collaborative. Include member roles, the history of your collaborative including length of time together and how you work together to make decisions. ***We are looking for high level information and not a comprehensive history***.	5- Collaborative includes three or more organizations that work in CFS; the roles of the organizations are clearly defined; collaborative uses a power sharing model. 3 - Collaborative includes three or more organizations that work in CFS. Two of three of these components are present: the roles of the organizations are clearly defined; collaborative uses a power sharing model. 1- collaborative includes three or more organizations that work in CFS. Only one of these components is present: the roles of the organizations are clearly defined; collaborative uses a power sharing model. 0- Collaborative does not include three or more organizations that work in CFS or Application does not clearly define the roles of the organizations, demonstrate the use of a power sharing model, or demonstrate an understanding of how collaborative efforts can enhance relevance and effectiveness.	10%