

## Part Two: FY26 Barrier-Free Arts SC Grant Application Evaluation Rubric

### Full Application (60 points total)

<b>Executive Director Letter of Support</b>	0 points: The applicant does not provide a letter of support from their ED.	1-2 points: The letter of support from the ED is vague and lacks details about their commitment to the grant program.	3 points: The letter of support from the ED states their interest in applying for BFASC and confirms their commitment to participating in the cohort.	4-5 points: The letter of support from the ED provides detailed reasoning for their interest in applying for BFASC and a strong commitment to participate in cohort sessions. They have also indicated agreement to send staff to the LEAD conference in August 2025.
<b>Prior Knowledge</b>	0-2 points: The applicant has not participated in SCAC's Disability and Arts webinar series and has not participated in any other formal professional development around accessibility in arts.	3-4 points: The applicant has participated in some of SCAC's Disability and Arts webinar series OR some other formal professional development around accessibility in the arts, but their participation has been limited and inconsistent.	5-7 points: The applicant has participated in several sessions of SCAC's Disability and Arts webinar series OR several sessions of other formal professional development around accessibility in the arts, culminating in at least 2-4 hours of total PD around accessibility in the arts.	8-10 points: The applicant has participated in consistent sessions of SCAC's Disability and Arts webinar series OR consistent sessions of other formal professional development around accessibility in the arts, culminating in 5 or more hours of total PD around accessibility in the arts.
<b>Past Assessments</b>	0 points: The applicant has not undergone any formal accessibility assessments or audits of their facility, program or website in the past three years.		5 points: The applicant has undergone formal accessibility assessments or audits of their facility, program or website in the past three years. They have provided details about what assessments they have undergone.	

<b>Current Barriers</b>	0-2 points: The applicant has not provided information about the biggest barriers to people with disabilities wanting to interact with their organization.	3-4 points: The applicant has provided some information about the biggest barriers to people with disabilities wanting to interact with their organization but lacks meaningful details.	5-7 points: The applicant has provided an adequate description of the biggest barriers to people with disabilities wanting to interact with their organization, providing some detail around these barriers and why it is important to address.	8-10 points: The applicant has provided a detailed description of the biggest barriers to people with disabilities wanting to interact with their organization. They have provided meaningful details about the barriers and compelling information about why it is important to address.
<b>Cohort Commitment</b>	0-2 points: The applicant has not stated what they hope to gain from the BFASC cohort nor have they indicated what they can offer to others.	3-4 points: The applicant has provided vague information about either what they hope to gain from the cohort or about what they can offer to others in the cohort, but lacks much detail.	5-7 points: The applicant has provided some information about what they hope to gain from others during the BFASC grant program. They have also provided some information about what they can offer to others in the cohort.	8-10 points: The applicant has provided specific and detailed information about what they hope to gain from others during the BFASC grant program. They have provided clear and specific contributions they can offer to others in the cohort.
<b>Organizational Representation</b>	0 points: The applicant has not provided the names, titles, email addresses, and phone numbers of at least two individuals from their organization who will be participating in the BFASC professional development and cohort sessions starting in August 2025.		5 points: The applicant has provided the names, titles, email addresses, and phone numbers of at least two individuals from their organization who will be participating in the BFASC professional development and cohort sessions starting in August 2025.	
<b>LEAD Participation</b>	0 points: The applicant has not provided the name, title, email, and phone number of the individual who will be attending the LEAD conference.		5 points: The applicant has provided the name, title, email, and phone number of the individual who will be attending the LEAD conference.	
<b>Final Cohort Meeting/Presentation</b>	0 points: The applicant has not certified that their executive director will be available to attend the final BFASC cohort meeting on April 2, 2026 from 11 a.m. to noon.		5 points: The applicant has certified that their executive director will be available to attend the final BFASC cohort meeting on April 2, 2026 from 11 a.m. to noon.	

<b>Budget</b>	0 points: The applicant's budget is not balanced and does not provide details about how they will utilize their first year of BFASC grant funding.	5 points: The applicant's budget is balanced and states that they will utilize their BFASC grant funding for the purpose of sending at least one individual to the LEAD conference and the remaining funds to compensate staff time in attending the BFASC cohort sessions.
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