FY26 Emerging Artist Grant Application Evaluation Rubric

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Project Description	0-1 points: There is little to no description of what the project will accomplish.	2-4 points: There is some description of what the project will accomplish.	5-7 points: There is an adequate description of what the project will accomplish.	8-10 points: There is a very thorough and detailed description of what the project will accomplish.			
Purpose and Goals	0-1 points: The purpose and goals of the project are not described, feasible, or planned.	2-4 points: The purpose and goals of the project are somewhat described, feasible, and planned.	5-7 points: The purpose and goals of the project are adequately described, feasible, and well- planned.	8-10 points: The purpose and goals of the project are very clearly described, feasible, and extremely well- planned.			
Grant Benefit and Development	0-1 points: There is little to no information provided on how the project will be beneficial in the development of the artist's career.	2-4 points: There is some information provided on how the project will be beneficial in the development of the artist's career.	5-7 points: There is adequate information provided on how the project will be beneficial in the development of the artist's career.	8-10 points: There is strong information provided on how the project will be beneficial in the development of the artist's career.			
Benefit of Mentorship	0-1 points: There is little to no description of how the benefits of the mentorship opportunity will help the applicant accomplish their artistic career goals and support them as an emerging artist.		5-7 points: There is an adequate description of how the benefits of the mentorship opportunity will help the applicant accomplish their artistic career goals and support them as an emerging artist.	8-10 points: There is a strong description of how the benefits of the mentorship opportunity will help the applicant accomplish their artistic career goals and support them as an emerging artist.			
Work Samples: 20% of Total Score							
Quality	0-1 points: Work samples are of poor quality.	2-4 points: Work samples are of fair quality.	5-7 points: Work samples are of good quality.	8-10 points: Work samples are of excellent quality.			

Representation	0-1 points: Work samples are not representative of the artistic discipline proposed in the project.	2-4 points: Work samples are somewhat representative of the artistic discipline proposed in the project.	5-7 points: Work samples are representative of the artistic discipline proposed in the project.	8-10 points: Work samples are highly representative of the artistic discipline proposed in the project.			
Letter of Recommendation: 10% of Total Score							
Potential	0-1 points: Letter of recommendation does not address the applicant's artistic potential.	somewhat addresses	5-7 points: Letter of recommendation addresses the applicant's artistic potential.	8-10 points: Letter of recommendation addresses the applicant's artistic potential.			
Resume: 10% of Total Score							
Professional Development	0-1 points: The resume does not show the artist's professional development, sources of training, or experience in their artistic discipline.	2-4 points: The resume somewhat shows the artist's professional development, sources of training, and experience in their artistic discipline.	5-7 points: The resume shows the artist's professional development, sources of training, and experience in their artistic discipline.	8-10 points: The resume extensively shows the artist's+A1 professional development, sources of training, and experience in their artistic discipline.			
Budget: 20% of To Financial Resources	otal Score 0-1 points: Budget does not show evidence that there are financial resources to complete the proposed project.	2-4 points: Budget shows evidence that there are some financial resources to complete the proposed project.	5-7 points: Budget shows evidence that there are adequate financial resources to complete the proposed project.	8-10 points: Budget shows evidence that there are substantial financial resources to complete the proposed project.			
Budget Details	0-1 points: Budget contains few details of how the funds will be used.	2-4 points: Budget contains some details of how the funds will be used.	5-7 points: Budget contains realistic and specific details of how the funds will used.	8-10 points: Budget contains extremely realistic and very specific details of how the funds will be used.			