2023 Building Safer Communities Grant Evaluation Criteria	
Rating Scale: **1: Poor/Inadequate** **2: Below Average** **3: Average/Meets Expectations** **4: Above Average** **5: Excellent/Outstanding**	Reviewers can assign a rating from 1 to 5 for each criterion, based on their assessment of the grant application. Reviewers must provide justifications or comments to support their ratings, promoting transparency and consistency in the evaluation process. **To qualify for funding, applications must receive a rating of at least 75% of the total score.**

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A. Alignment with Program Goals (Weight: 35%)

Question 1: Alignment with BSCF Multi-Year Plan Priorities
- The proposed project aligns with the BSCF multi-year plan's goals for new or enhanced prevention programs and comprehensive wrap around support services.
- The proposed project or initiative addresses the needs and challenges identified in the community effectively.

Question 2: Barriers to Access
- The organization has identified barriers to access such as hours of operation, policies, locations, language accessibility, and staffing,
- The organisation has demonstrated a comprehensive and effective effort to eliminate barriers to access. For example, the organization offers services in multiple languages, extended service hours (weekends evenings), phone or text support, offers services in multiple accessible locations to the population it serves, and employs staff with lived experience and cultural competency.

Question 3: Target Populations
- The applicant clearly identifies one or more target populations that the proposed project will impact. These target populations include Black, Indigenous, Newcomer, female youth and their families; gang-exiting youth.
- The applicant provides a clear plan demonstrating how the proposed project/initiative will directly impact the target populations (gang-exiting youth, Black youth, Indigenous youth, Newcomer youth, female youth and their families).

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B. Impact & Effectiveness (Weight: 25%)

Question 4: Impact and Effectiveness • The applicant provides a clear and comprehensive description of the potential impact of the proposed project on youth gang involvement. • Expected outcomes/impact, whether short-term or long-term, are clearly defined, attainable, and backed by evidence. This evidence may include relevant statistics or research studies that influenced the project's design, references to successful case studies and evaluations, examples of similar initiatives that achieved positive results. • The plan for impact is realistic and demonstrates a high likelihood of success.
Question 5: Evaluation Strategy • The application clearly demonstrates how the organization intends to measure the success of their plan. Each proposed activity in the application includes at least one performance metric. These metrics should follow **the SMART criteria, meaning they should be Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely**. • The application also outlines measures of success that can be easily assessed and shared. Examples of measures are new locations, number of youth and caregivers attending programs, and level of satisfaction related to accessibility of programming.

C. Project Implementation & Management (Weight: 10%)

Question 6. Organizational Capacity • The applicant provides a clear and comprehensive explanation of their ability and readiness to carry out and oversee the proposed project. • There is a description of the resources, skills, expertise, and infrastructure in place to ensure efficient and effective project execution.
Question 7: Feasibility Considerations • The application provides a clear and comprehensive explanation of the practical factors and considerations made by the applicant to ensure that the project can be implemented within the specified timeline of the grant program. • The application includes a detailed and clear description of the steps taken or plans made by the applicant to ensure the project's timely execution according to the grant's schedule.

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D. Budget and Sustainability (Weight: 10%)

Question 8: Budget
- The budget is complete, and all amounts are well-aligned with the proposed activities. All items requested are fully eligible under the stated eligibility requirements.
- The funding request is not only directly related to the proposed activities but is also reasonable and suited to cover the required resources and services.

Question 9: Sustainability
- The application provides a clear and comprehensive description of how the project has strong potential to continue operating and achieving its goals beyond the grant funding period.
- A detailed plan for sustainability is presented, including diverse strategies and resources to ensure continued success.

E: Anti-Racism, Anti-Oppression & Decolonization Lens & Trauma Informed Approach (Weight: 15%)

Question 10: Anti-racism, anti-oppression and decolonization lens and trauma informed approach

- The application demonstrates that the proposed project actively incorporates anti-racism, anti-oppression, and decolonization principles as well as a trauma-informed approach in the delivery of the program.
- The project effectively leverages key community partners to enhance culturally appropriate program options.
- There is a clear explanation of how the project actively addresses potential disparities or biases in the delivery of services to target populations.

F: System Innovations/Collaboration (Weight: 5%)
To evaluate the level of collaboration within the application, points are awarded based on the extent of collaboration or partnership in delivering the initiative, regardless of whether it is a single agency or a collaborative application.

Single agency applications:
- The application clearly indicates collaboration with multiple organizations or agencies to deliver services to youth and their families. While it outlines roles and responsibilities although there may be some gaps in defining these roles. However, overall, the collaboration is evident and contributes to enhancing access to services for youth, addressing systemic barriers, and/or improving systems to better serve youth and their families.

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System Innovation/Collaborative applications: • The application for a collaborative project provides a comprehensive and clear outline of the roles and responsibilities of each partner organization. • The application demonstrates an understanding of how the collaborative project uniquely addresses systemic barriers for youth, improving access to services or strengthening systems to work better for youth and their families. The collaborative effort is well-structured.