Rubric for Museum Assistance Program FY27 Operational Support Grants

	Excellent (5 Points)	**Adequate (3-4 Points)**	**Limited (1-2 Points)**	**Deficient (0 Points)**	**Points Awarded**
Organizational Capacity	Professional staff, clear administrative systems, demonstrated track record of success.	Some gaps exist in staffing or administrative systems, but it has the capacity to manage funds.	Serious concerns about the museum's ability to manage/report on funds.	No responsive information provided.	
Mission & Purpose	The museum's mission is clearly stated, is tied to community needs, and operational support will further the mission.	The mission is evident but less clearly tied to community need, unclear how operational support will further the mission.	The mission is not stated, there is no tie to community needs, and/or operational support will not further the mission.	No responsive information provided.	
Impact: Sustainability	Grant will make a difference to the museum's ability to remain stable and self-sufficient.	Grant will provide helpful support, but the impact is moderate or less clearly shown.	Minimal or unclear impact of grant funds.	No responsive information provided.	
Impact: Community	Grant will make a difference to the museum's ability to serve its community and/or audience.	Grant will provide helpful support, but the impact is moderate or less clearly shown.	Minimal or unclear impact of grant funds.	No responsive information provided.	
Financial Need	Demonstrates significant financial need with clear evidence (budget deficits, limited revenue streams).	Moderate financial need; some reserves or diversified income.	Minimal demonstrated need and little evidence of strain.	No responsive information provided.	
Equity & Geographic Distribution	Serves an underserved population, rural area, or community with limited access to cultural resources. Will contribute to overall geographic diversity of awards.	Serves a general audience or overlaps with better-resourced areas. Will contribute to overall geographic diversity of awards.	No demonstrated effort to broaden access or geographic balance.	No responsive information provided.	
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