

# STRATEGIC INVESTMENT GRANTS United Way of Eastern Maine

The online application review consists of 4 sections. All questions will be answered by using the following scoring matrix:

- Strong evidence to support this statement – 4 points
- Good evidence to support this statement – 3 points
- Fair evidence to support this statement – 2 points
- Very little evidence to support this statement – 1 point
- No evidence to support this statement – 0 points

Sections will be weighted using the following formula:

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| <b>Program Narrative (45%)</b>                               |
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| <b>Program Budget and Budget Narrative (15%)</b>             |
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| <b>Opportunity 2028 Shared Performance Measurement (20%)</b> |
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| <b>Overall (20%)</b>   |
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All volunteers will participate in training prior to the application review process. Scoring will first be conducted independently by members of the review panel. A second round of scoring will be conducted after the interview process (Impact Grants only) and review panel discussion. Individual scores will then be averaged:  $(\text{First Score} + \text{Second Score}) / 2$ . The highest and lowest individual averaged score for a program will be excluded. Remaining independent scores will then be averaged to generate the program score.

A financial review will be completed independently by a separate volunteer panel.