**Partners for Places Grant Program**

**Round 22 Invitation to Apply | Application Selection Criteria**

**Selection Process and Criteria.** Applications are vetted against the Partners for Places Invitation to Apply eligibility criteria by The Funders Network (TFN) staff. Then, they are Selection Committee-scored and discussed. There is often less than a one-point difference between a project that is awarded and one that is not.

For this reason, applicants are strongly encouraged to closely review and write to the scoring criteria in Table 1.Each scoring criteria is represented in each application form as a question to answer. More detail and guidance are provided to each one in those forms.

While not garnering points, the committee also discusses factors like community resource needs, size, geography, refined applications from re-applying applicants, and if an applicant is new to the fund. The hope is that limited resources can be distributed as evenly as possible across award rounds.

**Table 1. Selection Criteria**

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| **#** | **Scoring Criteria** | **Points** |
| 1 | 1. **One-Year:** This work will strengthen an existing collaborative partnership between a local government sustainability and/or water director, a local frontline community, and a local funder as they plan or implement an equitable climate action (ECA) or Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) project that addresses frontline community priorities.
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| 1. **Two-Year:** Phase 1 of this work will develop and foster a new or strengthen an existing collaborative partnership for between a local government sustainability and/or water director, a local frontline community, and a local funder. Phase 2 of this work will plan or implement an ECA or GSI project that addresses frontline community priorities.
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| 2 | The applying team is built to supply the skill sets and knowledge base needed to advance local community identified ECA or GSI goals and priorities. | 5 |
| 3 | 1. **One-Year:** This application succinctly describes how an award will assist in planning or implementing an ECA and/or GSI project that addresses frontline community priorities. It describes the roles and responsibilities of each partner in: (1) application development; (2) project planning or implementation; and (3) the ongoing partnership.
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| 1. **Two-Year:** This application succinctly describes how an award will strengthen relationships among a local government, a place-based funder, and local frontline community group in Phase 1. It describes the roles and responsibilities of each partner in: (1) application development; (2) the planning or implementation process of and ECA or GSI project (Phase 2); and (3) the possibility of ongoing partnership.
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| 4 | This work will create a community-driven plan and/or will advance a community-identified goal via an implementation process. | 15 |
| 5 | This project has the potential to add to the field of practice and provide model approaches to advance ECA or GSI at the local level. | 5 |
| 6 | This work is strategically designed to achieve its proposed outcomes and impacts. The proposal is clear about how success will be measured. | 20 |
| 7 | This application demonstrates a commitment to using equity principles in planning and implementation. | 20 |