

2014 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program - Proposal Scoring Sheet

Project Title:			
Project Lead:			
Amount Requested:			
Evaluator:			
1. Project Purpose	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the project have the potential to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in Nevada? Does the proposal indicate how the funding will be used to solely enhance the competitiveness eligible specialty crops?	20		
2. Project Purpose	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Is the project proposal important and timely i.e. addresses an issue Nevada's currently facing with real solutions that will improve and benefit Nevada's economy, citizens and other growers/producers?	10		
3. Project Purpose	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Do the project objectives clearly state and appear to improve production, access, education, or enhance the specialty crop industry ? Does the proposal have in depth clear and concise goals? Are these goals realistic and feasible?	20		
4. Project Purpose	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the proposal address specific issue(s),problem(s), or need(s) of the Specialty Crop Industry? Is there focus on specifics as to how solutions can be implemented in a feasible manner?	20		
5. Project Purpose	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the proposal include statements that indicate the project has not been funded by another Federal or State Program? Is there discussion regarding efforts to avoid duplication in funding efforts? If yes, does the project appear to compliment other efforts or is it duplicative?	15		
	85	0	

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1. Potential Impact	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Potential Impact: (projects ability to add income to Nevada Specialty Crop Products, markets or value-added opportunities) Does the project have the ability to increase Specialty Crop Production and Growth in Nevada?	20		
2. Potential Impact	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Are there at least several beneficiaries of this project (Beneficiaries can be producers, growers, other farmers, and members of a community) ? Are the beneficiaries appropriately discussed and appropriate for the project scope?	20		
3. Potential Impact	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the project purpose impact many beneficiaries? Does this discuss how the impacts will positively effect producers and enhancing their competitiveness of specialty crop growth in Nevada? Are there potential economic impacts?	20		
4. Potential Impact	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the project clearly benefit more than one commercial product, individual, and/or organization? Are there clear and concise references to the amount of people this will positively impact? Are there specific references to who will benefit from this projects purpose?	20		
	80	0	

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1. Expected Measurable Outcomes	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the proposal identify distinct, quantifiable, and measurable outcomes that directly benefit the beneficiaries of the project? Have the outcomes been well thought out and clearly portray methods used to monitor these measurements?	10		
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Does the project outcome clearly define a goal, performance measure, baseline or target? Does this include discussion of goals that will benefit and be measured with a focus on more than one benefit to more than one person or entity? Does the section also include how performance towards meeting the outcomes will be monitored?	10		
	20	0	
1. Work Plan	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the work plan adequately include activities necessary to accomplish the project? Are project participants and their responsibilities clearly defined? Are activities and who will be responsible for each activity clearly indicated? This includes the project lead, contractors, site commitments, project partners, and other individuals connected to the project execution.	10		
2. Work Plan	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the work plan include timelines for activities and who is responsible? Does the timeline show that the project will be completed in three years and appears feasible to accomplish within this timeframe?	10		
	20	0	

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1. Budget Narrative	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the narrative include budget information for personnel, fringe benefits, contractual, travel, equipment, supplies, and program income if any? Does the salary requested appear responsible and necessary to accomplish the goals of the project?	10		
2. Budget Narrative	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the budget narrative demonstrate that grant funds are being expended on eligible grant activities that meet the purpose of the program? Refer to RFP document section for allowable and unallowable costs and the definition of the SCBGP.	10		
3. Budget Narrative	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Are costs reasonable in nature? Are costs explained and itemized? Does the applicant demonstrate clear categorized costs for the project? Are employees identified and their fringe costs, if applicable? Is program income adequately addressed, if applicable?	10		
4. Budget Narrative	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the budget demonstrate in-kind match or other contributed funds for the project? Does the in-kind match demonstrate that the applicant is vested in the project? Does the match provided include matching salary and project expenditures?	10		
	40	0	
1. Project Objective	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments

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Does the project use partnerships? Make references to an array of benefits that are not specific to themselves or their company? Does the project share goals of many growers and other beneficiaries throughout the state? Does the project focus, demonstrate a cooperative intention that will expand and promote specialty crops in Nevada for more than one entity, individual, or company?	20		

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2. Project Objective	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Does the project provide any of the following: outreach, promotion, education, and research of Specialty Crop Production In Nevada? Does the project include one of the following; emphasis on nutrition, sustainable agriculture, food safety, and storage development, distribution efficiencies, youth education and food access for underserved communities?	20		
	40	0	
Total	285	0	
Bonus Points: Funding Priority	Maximum Points	Points Received	Comments
Adjusted Total	285	0	