

MARYLAND BUILD OUR FUTURE GRANT PILOT PROGRAM - PHASE 1 SCORING RUBRIC - FY 2025

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

	Yes/No
Is the Applicant Eligible?	
Does the Project Focus on an Eligible Technology Sector? (Question 2)	
Do the Sources and Uses Adhere to the Funding Formula?	
Confirmed if Applying for Other Grant Funds, including Source(s) and Amount(s)? (Question 6)	
Was a Contact Person Identified and the Application Signed?	
Is the Applicant In Good Standing with the State of Maryland?	
Was IRS Form W-9 Included?	

ASSESSMENT SCORECARD

(1) Narrative - Location, Size, Function, Capital Investment, Timeline to Complete

Excellent to Outstanding	Good to Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal to Fair	Poor or Incomplete
Provided clear, specific and meaningful information of the proposed project on all topics requested.	Provided meaningful information of the proposed project.	Provided some information about the project but did not address all topics requested.	Did not provide information about key elements of the project.	Project narrative was unclear and did not address most elements requested.
16-20 points	11-15 points	6-10 points	1-5 points	0 points

(3) Transformational Aspects of the Project, and How it Supports Innovation

Excellent to Outstanding	Good to Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal to Fair	Poor or Incomplete
Provided clear, compelling information how the project would transform and support the sector's ecosystem in Maryland.	Provided meaningful information how the project would transform or support the sector's ecosystem in Maryland.	Provided some information how the project might support or improve the sector's ecosystem in Maryland.	Did not provide sufficient information how the project might support or improve the sector's ecosystem in Maryland.	Did not provide information how the project could improve or support the sector's ecosystem in Maryland.
12-15 points	8-11 points	5-7 points	1-4 points	0 points

(4) How the Project Fills a Gap in the Industry Sector's Ecosystem

Excellent to Outstanding	Good to Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal to Fair	Poor or Incomplete
Clearly and compellingly identified a gap in the sector's ecosystem and demonstrated how the project would very likely fill that gap.	Identified a gap in the sector's ecosystem and clearly described how the project could fill that gap.	Identified a gap in the sector's ecosystem and described how the project might fill that gap.	Did not identify a gap in the sector's ecosystem, but described how the project might improve the ecosystem.	Did not identify a gap in the ecosystem, and did not relate how the project might improve the ecosystem.
12-15 points	8-11 points	5-7 points	1-4 points	0 points

(5) Budget, Sources and Uses of Funds, Availability of Funds, Spending Plans

Excellent to Outstanding	Good to Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal to Fair	Poor or Incomplete
Identified all proposed sources and uses of funds for the project, and how they relate to the overall success of the project.	Identified all proposed sources and uses of funds for the project.	Identified some sources and uses of funds, but unclear whether sources can be delivered.	Identified some sources and uses of funds, but unclear whether sources can be delivered, and whether overall funding is sufficient for project success.	Did not identify sources and uses of funds.
16-20 points	11-15 points	6-10 points	1-5 points	0 points

(7) Importance of State Funds to the Project

Excellent to Outstanding	Good to Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal to Fair	Poor or Incomplete
Includes clear and convincing arguments that State funds are critical for the project, and that the project could not succeed without funding.	Includes clear and convincing arguments that State funds will contribute to the project's success.	Includes clear and specific arguments how State funds will improve the chances of a successful project.	Does not specifically address how State funds will improve the chances of a successful project.	Did not explain how State funds could improve the chances of a successful project.
9-10 points	7-8 points	4-6 points	1-3 points	0 points

(8) Vision of What Success Looks Like

Excellent to Outstanding	Good to Very Good	Satisfactory	Marginal to Fair	Poor or Incomplete
Clearly and convincingly articulates a realistic vision for how the project will transform and support the sector's ecosystem.	Clearly articulates a realistic vision for how the project can transform and support the sector's ecosystem.	Clearly articulates a vision for how the project can transform and support the sector's ecosystem.	Articulates a vision for how the project might could transform and support the sector's ecosystem	Does not provide a vision for how the project could transform and support the sector's ecosystem.
16-20 points	11-15 points	6-10 points	1-5 points	0 points