

MARYLAND BUILD OUR FUTURE GRANT PILOT PROGRAM - PHASE 1 SCORING RUBRIC - FY 2026				
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS				
			Yes/No	Clarification
Was IRS Form W-9 Included?				Included copy of Form W-9
Is the Applicant In Good Standing with the State of Maryland?				Included SDAT screenshot
Do the Sources and Uses Adhere to the Funding Formula?				Completed in the form (#2-3-4)
Is the Applicant Eligible?				Checked box in the form (#8)
Was a Contact Person Identified and the Application Signed?				Completed in the form (#10)
Does the Project Focus on an Eligible Technology Sector?				Answered question (#2)
Confirmed if Applying for Other State Grant Funds, including Source(s) and Amount(s)?				Answered question (#8)
ASSESSMENT SCORECARD				
Question 1 - Narrative - Location, Size, Function, Capital Investment, New Jobs, Timeline to Complete				
Poor or Incomplete	Marginal to Fair	Satisfactory	Good to Very Good	Excellent to Outstanding
Did not provide a meaningful narrative about the project, with key elements missing or lacking. Did not demonstrate that the proposed facility would accommodate an innovation project in an eligible technology sector.	Described the proposed project, but key elements were missing. Did not demonstrate that the proposed facility would accommodate an innovation project in an eligible technology sector.	Provided information about the proposed project. Proposed facility can accommodate the project for an eligible technology sector, but did not demonstrate innovation.	Provided meaningful information about the proposed project. Proposed facility can accommodate an innovation project for an eligible technology sector.	Provided clear, specific and meaningful information on all topics requested. Proposed facility can accommodate a innovation project for an eligible technology sector.
0-1 point	2-3-4 points	5-6-7 points	8-9-10 points	11-12 points
Question 3 - Transformational Aspects of the Project, and How it Supports Innovation				
Poor or Incomplete	Marginal to Fair	Satisfactory	Good to Very Good	Excellent to Outstanding
Did not adequately describe how the business fits into an eligible technology sector. Project does not appear to be transformational or innovative.	Business appears to be part of an eligible technology sector. Project does not have a transformational impact on the sector and does not appear to be innovative.	Described their business and how it qualifies as an eligible technology sector. Described the project and how it advances their position in the sector. Did not make the case that the project is innovative.	Described their business and how it qualifies as an eligible technology sector. Described the project and how it impacts the sector. Identified innovative features of the project.	Provided clear, compelling information about their business and how it qualifies as an eligible technology sector. Described how the project will have a transformational impact on the sector. Identified what make the project innovative as it relates to the sector.
0-1 point	2-3-4 points	5-6-7 points	8-9-10 points	11-12 points
Question 4 - How the Project Fills a Gap in the Industry Sector's Ecosystem				
Poor or Incomplete	Marginal to Fair	Satisfactory	Good to Very Good	Excellent to Outstanding
Did not identify a gap in their technology sector's ecosystem, and did not relate how the project might improve the ecosystem.	Did not identify a gap in their technology sector's ecosystem, but only described how the project might improve the ecosystem.	Identified a gap in their technology sector's ecosystem and described how the project might fill that gap.	Identified a gap in the ecosystem for their technology sector, and clearly described how the project could fill that gap.	Identified and described the ecosystem for their technology sector. Clearly and compelling identified a gap (or gaps) in the sector's ecosystem and demonstrated how the project will fill the gap (or gaps).
0-1 point	2-3-4 points	5-6-7 points	8-9-10 points	11-12 points

Question 5 - Budget, Sources and Uses of Funds, Availability of Funds, Spending Plans				
Poor or Incomplete	Marginal to Fair	Satisfactory	Good to Very Good	Excellent to Outstanding
Did not identify sources and uses of funds. Unclear whether overall funding is sufficient for project success.	Identified some sources and uses of funds, but unclear whether sources can be delivered. Unclear whether overall funding is sufficient for project success.	Identified the primary sources and uses of funds, but unclear whether all sources can be delivered.	Provided a project budget. Identified all sources and uses of funds for the project, including how grant funds would be spent. Distinguished between hard costs and soft costs.	Provided a project budget. Identified all sources of funds, including how grant funds would be spent, and when other sources will be available. Provided expense categories with supporting detail of how they relate to the project. Clearly distinguished hard costs from soft costs.
0 points	1-2 points	3 points	4-5 points	6 points
Question 6 - Importance of State Funds to the Project				
Poor or Incomplete	Marginal to Fair	Satisfactory	Good to Very Good	Excellent to Outstanding
Did not explain how state funds could improve the chances that the project will succeed.	Did not specifically address how state funds will improve the chances that the project will succeed.	Included clear and specific arguments how State funds will improve the chances that the project will succeed.	Included clear and convincing arguments that state funds will contribute to the project's success.	Described how state funds contribute to the project. Made a compelling case that state funds are important to the success of the project, and how the project would be less impactful and effective without the state funds.
0 points	1-2 points	3 points	4-5 points	6 points
Question 7 - Vision of What Success Looks Like				
Poor or Incomplete	Marginal to Fair	Satisfactory	Good to Very Good	Excellent to Outstanding
Did not provide a vision for how the project could transform or support the sector's ecosystem.	Articulates a vision for how the project can impact and support the sector's ecosystem.	Articulated a vision for how the project can transform and support the sector's ecosystem.	Articulated a vision for how the project could transform and support the sector's ecosystem. Described the innovative and transformational aspects of the sector's ecosystem as a result of the project.	Presented a clear vision for how the project will succeed and how it will be accomplished. Described the innovative aspects of the project. Described the transformational aspects of the sector's ecosystem as a result of the project.
0-1 point	2-3-4 points	5-6-7 points	8-9-10 points	11-12 points
ENOUGH Act Eligible Census Tract				
Applicants that are located in an ENOUGH Act Eligible Census Tract will receive an additional 3 points towards their overall score.				
ENOUGH Community Eligibility Map: https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/6feb4b00d0be4cdda6e179dbbc03ce5c				