

Board; b) reflect on the body of work they completed together as an ESC and discuss lessons learned; and c) provide feedback to staff regarding the ESC process, the RFP, and the process for evaluating proposals. These additional meetings may occur either before or after the presentation of the funding recommendations to the Board (see Step 14) and ESC members are not required to attend.

14. Board Approval of Funding Recommendations

At the first BSCC Board meeting following the Development of the Rank Order of Proposals and Funding Recommendation (step 12), staff present the ESC's funding recommendation to the Board. It is the responsibility of the BSCC Board to review the evaluation process for fairness and completeness and to make the final funding decisions.

15. Applicant Feedback

Within a few days of receiving the Board's approval of the funding recommendations, BSCC staff informs the applicants of the results of the competitive process. When requested by an applicant, feedback is provided in the form of a table that displays the applicant's total proposal score, the scores for each rating factor, and their rank relative to those of applicants that were funded.

Summary and Conclusion

Developing a process for determining which applicants will receive funds for important programs is a tremendous responsibility. Applicants competing for grant funds not only have critical needs, but they also invest considerable effort and resources in planning for and constructing their proposals. It is essential that the competition for the grant funds be contested on an even playing field, according to clear, standardized and fair rules. It is essential that the individuals granted the responsibility of making funding recommendations make fully informed assessments based upon relevant criteria within a highly structured process.

We hope that the reader of this document concurs that the *BSCC Grant Proposal Evaluation Process* satisfies the above criteria and helps to ensure that the most meritorious grant proposals receive grant funds. Any feedback regarding *BSCC's Grant Proposal Evaluation Process* is appreciated.