

## TEDC Grant Proposal Best Practices

**Project Compatibility** : DEMD has discretion to award funds to a limited number of the highest-rated proposals. To ensure competitiveness, consider the project compatibility with the goals of the TEDC. DEMD seeks to fund capacity projects that have a reasonable chance of being viable and that will support informed economic development decisions. Reviewers consider the overall viability and the likeliness that the project will be completed. To demonstrate compatibility and competitiveness, ensure that all “mandatory components” are included in the proposals. *See: Section H of the Solicitation of Proposals.*

**Evaluation of Requirements**: Ensure all the grant proposal requirements have been met. *See: provisions one (1) through six (6) of Section H of the Solicitation of Proposals.*

**Review Criteria**: To ensure competitiveness, consider that TEDC reviewers rank projects based on certain criteria. Become familiar with the TEDC ranking system, and consider the questions the ranking panels will be asking during its review. *See: Section H of the Solicitation of Proposals and FAQs on the TEDC webpage.*

**Define the Funding Impact**: Describe how the proposed project will contribute to the development of business and/or regulatory capacity to develop the energy resources identified, including any short and long term benefits to the tribe. *See: Section H (3)(f) of the Solicitation of Proposals.*

**Evaluation Plan**: Describe how the project will be evaluated and how the findings will be reported, i.e. describe the proposed methodology of how the data will be analyzed and provide an explanation of why such methodology was chosen.

**Proposal and Appendices**: Ensure that the proposal and requested appendices are provided in the required format and that they are they do not exceed the page limit. *See: Sections H (3) of the Solicitation of Proposals.*

**Budget Estimate**: Ensure that the Budget Estimate is detailed and sufficiently allows for all anticipated costs and contingencies; the budget estimate should be consistent with the rest of the proposal to allow the review panel to analyze the benefit of all project components. DEMD requests that budget estimates be submitted as a Microsoft Excel spreadsheet.