



The College of Social Science Strategic Partnership Grants At the Intersections of Problematic Policing, Racial Injustice and Safety in Communities of Color

Proposal Review Criteria

I. QUALITY AND TECHNICAL MERIT

- a. Does the proposal demonstrate an awareness of the state of current research?
- b. Does the proposal describe a sound methodology, analytic or technical approach?
- c. How feasible is the proposed project?
- d. Does the proposal suggest an innovation and creative approach to address a problem?

II. IMPACT OF THE PROJECT

- a. Does the proposed work hold potential for the advancement of science?
- b. Is the proposed work relevant to policy and practice?
- c. Is this project likely to attract additional sponsored activities?

III. CAPABILITIES, DEMONSTRATED PRODUCTIVITY, AND EXPERIENCE OF APPLICANTS

- a. Does the PI demonstrate the ability to complete the proposed effort?
- b. Does the applicant demonstrate a record of successful past performance?

IV. BUDGET CONSIDERATION

- a. Is the FIF an appropriate mechanism to advance this work?
- b. Are the budgeted project costs appropriate for the level of effort?

Scoring Table for SPG Research Grants (adopted from NIH guidelines)

Impact	Impact/Priority Score	Descriptor	Additional Guidance on Strengths/Weaknesses
High	1	Exceptional	Exceptionally strong with essentially no weaknesses
	2	Outstanding	Extremely strong with negligible weaknesses
	3	Excellent	Very strong with only some minor weaknesses
Moderate	4	Very Good	Strong but with numerous minor weaknesses
	5	Good	Strong but with at least one moderate weakness
	6	Satisfactory	Some strengths but also some moderate weaknesses
Low	7	Fair	Some strengths but with at least one major weakness
	8	Marginal	A few strengths and a few major weaknesses
	9	Poor	Very few strengths and numerous major weaknesses

Definitions: **Minor:** easily addressable weakness that does not substantially lessen the impact of the project. **Moderate:** weakness that lessens the impact of the project. **Major:** weakness that severely limits the impact of the project.