

CCC Application Rubric

2026 Community Collaboration Challenge Application Rubric: Number

Previously Screened For By PSS team

Does the applicant meet the qualifications?

Community-based organizations (CBOs), schools, districts, non-profits, higher education institutions, and local or state government agencies that are interested in serving as a lead organizing partner to catalyze collaboration between stakeholders within communities around starting, scaling and sustaining people-powered and evidence based supports to students in and out of school.

Qualifiers:

Does the project timeline align with the timeline of our award? Y/N

Does the project outline a plan to pilot or grow (in offerings, not simply number of students served) a program aligned to one or more of the PSS aligned supports? Y/N

- If No to either of these, please flag for PSS team member.

Background/Capacity	Minimally addresses or did not meet criteria	Met some but not all criteria	Addressed but did not provide enough detail	Met all criteria with high quality	Total	Feedback/Notes
Problem Statement: How well has the applicant clearly identified a problem, challenge, or need for funding? (19)	0	2	4	6		
Organizational Capacity/Ability: Based on the organization's	0	2	4	6		

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work to date, to what extent do they have capacity to implement the CCC? (20)					12	
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Funding Goals and Outcomes	Minimally addresses or did not meet criteria	Met some but not all criteria	Addressed but did not provide enough detail	Met all criteria with high quality	Total	Feedback/Notes
Proposed Solution: How well does the applicant's vision for the proposed activities/planning address the problem, challenge, or need described? (19, 22)	0	1	2	3		
There is strong alignment between the funding requested and the intended impact of the project. (22, 23)	0	1	2	3		
Upon completing goals/activities, significant measures of success could be clearly identified/visible/quantified with completion of the intended goals or activities. (22, 23)	0	2	4	6		

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How helpful would the deliverable created through this investment be to other organizations and communities? (26)	0	2	4	6	_18	
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Bonus Points - 2 points max (one or the other)	Does the proposed project involve engaging high school students in roles supporting their peers or younger students?	Does the proposed project involve evidence-based roles as career-connected / work based learning experiences?	Total	Feedback/Notes
0 - did not address / addressed, but not core to the proposal 2 - addressed and core to the proposal			_/2	

Bonus Points - 2 points max	Does the applicant have additional funding for the project?	Total	Additional Funding Dollar Amount	Feedback/Notes
0 = applicant has not secured additional funding to support this project 1 = applicant has secured additional funding to support this project, and the additional funding is less than the amount that the organization is requesting from the CCC 2 = applicant has secured funding to support this		_/2		

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project and the additional funding is greater than or equal to the amount that the organization is requesting from the CCC				
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Total Score	/30
Additional Comments	

Feedback

As a reminder, the purpose of the Community Collaboration Challenge is for communities to pilot or expand evidence-based, people-powered student supports to youth at the local or state level by catalyzing their community and forging collaboration. **The 2026 Challenge awards are up to \$10,000 for a community level application.**