




FY25 FHP Scoring Rubric

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Reminder of the Project Funding Process…

Date	Activity
March 31	FHP projects due to Board
April 1 - June 1	Board review team reviews & scores FHP project submissions
June Board Meeting	Board votes on project list
July 1	Board submits approved project list to Secretary of Interior
Within 90 days	Secretary of Interior approves or rejects project list

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How'd We Get Here?

- Board review team provided feedback after reflecting back on the FY24 process.
- Feedback incorporated into revised scoring rubric for FHPs.
- Finalize rubric before FHPs put out RFPs in fall.
- Presented to FHPs during 8/31 RFP call.

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Changes to FY25 Project Scoring Rubric

- Simplified ACE Act “hard” criteria scoring section.
  - All 5 “hard” criteria worth 10 points each.
- Added 5 points for providing project status updates.
- Increased weight of overall package score.
- Revised report card to reflect new point values.
- Still finalizing scoring scales with Board review team.

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Question	Scoring scales	Possible Pts
ACE ACT "Hard" Requirement - Are there clear, informative summaries of project sponsor experience?	0-10 (0:not included, 10: all included and very clear)	50 pts
ACE ACT "Hard" Requirement Are there clear measurable ecological benefits?	0-10 (0:not included, 10: all included and very clear)	
ACE ACT "Hard" Requirement Are there clear goals and objectives?	0-10 (0:not included, 10: all included and very clear)	
Will 1:1 matching requirements be satisfied for the full FHP proposal overall (across all proposed projects - *EXCEPT Tribal projects)?	0-10 (0: no match, 10: meets or exceeds 1:1 match requirement)	
ACE ACT "Hard" Requirement - Did the FHP clearly provide justification for why the project was selected?	0-10 (0:not included, 10: all included and very clear)	
Did the FHP request base operational funds? (Y/N)	Y/N	
	Match Funding (cash & in-kind): NFHP Request Ratio	
Does the project meet "SOFT" requirements?	0-20 (0: projects do not meet a minimum of 6 requirements, 20: all projects meets at least 10 of the soft criteria) *Still in progress with Board Review Team	20 pts
Is there a clear description of FY22/23 project status?	0-5 (0: no project status updates provided, 5: all project status updates provided)	30 pts
Does the application include a clear justification for operational support funding?	0-10 (0: no justification included, 10: full, clear justification included)	
Assess the overall FHP application package (e.g. overall application and performance, including cover letter, partnership accomplishments, and work plan)	0-15 (15: outstanding proposal package provided)	

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