ARAS GRANT SCORING CRITERIA

Applicants must score 40% (8 points of 20 points) to be considered for funding.

GENERAL CRITERIA

/4 (=20%)	**NEED** = Grant proposal clearly and convincingly describes and demonstrates why the program should be funded (eg. benefits, outcomes, etc.)
	Why does your organization need this grant? If you received this grant, how would this grant benefit your organization? Decribe and document your need. Support the existence of the program need with data. What is the overall need locally? How many people will benefit in Ardrossan and area if you received grant funding? What will happen if your organization does not receive this grant?
	List relevant past grants received from ARAS and any relationship to this request.
	Please address any additional "need" requirements identified in the grant application.
/2 (=10%)	**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES** = Describe what you wish to accomplish by completing this funded program. Measurable targets that must be met on the way to attaining your goal.
	What are the goal(s) and objective(s) of the program? Tie to ARAS' objective.
	What is the ultimate desired outcome of this program? How does it fit within the community?
/2 (=10%)	**EVALUATION** = Measures the outcome of the applicants program.
	How will your project meet your goal(s) or objective(s) and will it provide the outcome intended?
	How will you evaluate and measure the interim progress and final outcome of your program?
	If you encounter any challenges, how will you confront your challenges?
	If you experience difficulty conducting an activity of the grant, how will you adjust your activities?
	Who will be responsible for measuring/reporting your interim progress and final project report?
/2 (=10%)	**BUDGET** = Cost ($) associated with activities necessary to complete the program.
	Provide an itemized cost breakdown associated with each activity, task, or subtask.
	Are all the program costs associated and tasks outlined?
	Is your proposal cost effective? Provide any quotes, estimates, or other documents to support the costs you are claiming.
	List any costs savings derived from volunteers, in-kind services, etc.
/4 (=20%)	**ARAS VOLUNTEERISM & MEMBERSHIP** = support through volunteers and memberships
	List the date range, events, volunteers and volunteer hours contributed to ARAS for the previous year.
	List the ARAS members in your organization.
	Describe your organization's contribution to ARAS fundraising efforts.
	Describe other contributions your organization has made to ARAS in the past three years.

/2 (=10%)	**APPLICATION COMPLETENESS, LETTERS OF SUPPORT, EXPERIENCE, ETC.** Is the proposal clearly presented and complete? Provide evidence that the applicant or his/her contractor have sufficient volunteer/staff resources, technical expertise, and experience to successfully manage the proposed program and grant. Provide letters of support and/or commitment for this program and grant application from Officer(s). Within the last three years, have you received a grant from ARAS? If yes, please briefly describe the outcome of the prior grant funded program. If applicable, briefly describe the current state of each ARAS funded grant program.
/16 (=80%)	**TOTAL GENERAL CRITERIA POINTS**
PROGRAM CRITERIA	
/4 (=20%)	**AGRICULTURE AND LEADERSHIP** = ARAS prioritizes the use of grant funds to agricultural and leadership programs and may consider other relevant factors. Describe how your program relates to agriculture. Describe how your program relates to leadership.
/4 (=20%)	**TOTAL PROGRAM CRITERIA**
/20 (=100%)	**TOTAL GENERAL AND PROGRAM CRITERIA**

NOTES:

PROCESS: Executive Committee may request applicants provide additional information to receive all possible points prior to its final evaluation of all applications. Recommendations are then presented to the Board for final decision.

QUESTIONS? Contact the Executive Director, ardrossanag@gmail.com, 587-590-2727.