

EVALUATION CRITERIA

Funding Program: Partnerships for Social Innovation Fund

Fiscal Year: 2026-2027

Program Goal: The goal is to address organizational, social and/or environmental challenges within a provincial priority sector through partnership development and engagement.

Criteria

The application will be assessed based on the following criteria:

Relevance & Alignment	<p>To what extent does the proposal align with the funding program?</p> <p>To what extent is the proposal relevant within the priority sector?</p>
Impact & Outcomes	<p>To what extent does the proposal engage partner(s) in co-creation (research design, development, implementation, knowledge mobilization and evaluation)?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposal clearly articulate intended outcomes and measures for success?</p> <p>To what extent will the proposal's expected outcomes contribute to improvements in the target organizational, social and/or environmental challenge in NB?</p>
Sustainability	<p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate that outcomes, including partner engagement, are likely to be sustained beyond the funding period?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate consideration of funding sustainability beyond the award period?</p>
Knowledge mobilization	<p>To what extent does the proposal outline activities to mobilize project findings outside of the research institution and/or research setting with partner?</p>
Capacity & Feasibility	<p>To what extent does the researcher provide evidence of relevant skills, experience, and resources to successfully deliver the project?</p> <p>To what extent does the proposal demonstrate a realistic and achievable delivery plan, considering timelines, budget, resources, and key risks?</p> <p>To what extent has the partner(s) offered demonstrable support for the proposal?</p>

Scoring Rubric

1	Does not satisfy the criterion
2	Partially satisfies the criterion
3	Satisfies the criterion
4	Strongly satisfies the criterion
5	Exceeds the criterion

Review & Scoring Processes

This funding program uses an expert-level review. Expert-level reviewers are external subject-matter experts who hold at least a Master's-level degree or higher in their respective field. Two (2) out-of-province Social Science and Humanities reviewers holding the credentials noted above will review each eligible application.

Criteria will be scored using the above scoring rubric. Each reviewer's scores are averaged across the evaluation criteria. Averaged scores will then be converted to T-scores. The final score for each application is the average T-score across all reviewers, which is then used to rank applications. T-Scores will be ranked in order from highest to lowest.