

John M. Scott Health Care Trust FY2026 Category III-Emergent Need Application Scoring Criteria

1. Project/Program Summary (15 Points Available)

- A. 15 Points Awarded: The application provides a clear and concise executive summary that communicates what the funding request is for, who the intended service population is, and what the proposed health care benefit would be for the target population and community. The proposed project/program addresses one or more of the FY2026 Category III funding priorities.
- B. 10 Points Awarded: The application provides an adequate executive summary that communicates what the funding request is for, who the intended service population is, and what the proposed health care benefit would be for the target population and community. However, the executive summary lacks clarity or was not concise enough to explain with limited time. The proposed project/program addresses at least one of the FY2026 Category III funding priorities. **OR** The application provides a clear and concise executive summary that communicates what the funding request is for, who the intended service population is, and what the proposed health care benefit would be for the target population and community. However, the application fails to address any of the FY2026 Category III funding priorities.
- C. 5 Points Awarded: The application provides an ambiguous and/or lengthy executive summary that does not communicate what the funding request is for, who the intended service population is, and what the proposed health care benefit would be for the target population and community well. No FY2026 Category III funding priority is selected.
- D. 0 Points Awarded: The application fails to provide information on what the funding request is for, who the intended service population is, and what the proposed health care benefit would be for the target population and community well. No FY2026 Category III funding priority is selected.

2. Project/Program Proposal (50 Points Available)

- A. 50 Points Awarded: The application clearly articulates how the project/program will address the root cause of the health problem. Local data from reputable sources support actions outlined in the project/program. The application effectively demonstrates how many community members they will serve with the project/program and what their target groups will be with the funding. Multiple underserved groups were identified as part of the project/program's target population. The organization has a robust procedure in place to ensure legal requirements of the Trust are met with the project/program and financial management will ensure funds are only used for eligible community members. Additionally, the applicant expressed a robust understanding of how the project/program will address the social determinants of health or provide direct health care services.

- B. 35 Points Awarded: The application provides an adequate explanation on how the project/program will address the root cause of the health problem. Local data from reputable sources support actions outlined in the project/program. The application effectively demonstrates how many community members they will serve with the project/program and what their target groups will be with the funding. At least one underserved group was identified as part of the project/program's target population. The organization has a sufficient procedure in place to ensure legal requirements of the Trust are met with the project/program and financial management will ensure funds are only used for eligible community members. Additionally, the applicant expressed adequate understanding of how the project/program will address the social determinants of health or provide direct health care services.
- C. 20 Points Awarded: A connection between the project/program and addressing the root cause of the health problem can be conceived, but the explanation is too vague or unstructured to provide a clear picture of the connection. Data is either from questionable sources or does not demonstrate how the project/program will address the health care issue. No underserved population was identified as part of the project/program's target population. Procedures to ensure the legal requirements of the Trust are met raise questions or may allow non-qualifying community members benefit from Trust funds. The application does not fully address how the project/program will address the social determinants of health or provide direct health care services.
- D. 0 Points Awarded: The project does not address the root cause of the health problem, or the explanation did not provide a connection. No data is used, or data used is from unreliable sources. No underserved population was identified as part of the project/program's target population. Procedures to ensure the legal requirements of the Trust are met will not ensure Trust funds are used properly. The project/program will not address a social determinant of health or provide direct health care services.

3. Evaluation Plan (10 Points Available)

- A. 10 Points Awarded: The applicant provides a valid quantitative and qualitative evaluation metric that will measure project/program performance. The organization will use evaluation tools to ensure data is collected. A sample of the evaluation tools was submitted.
- B. 7 Points Awarded: The applicant provides a valid quantitative and qualitative evaluation metric that will measure project/program performance. An evaluation tool is in design, but no example was provided. **OR** The applicant provides a quantitative and qualitative evaluation metric that could measure project/program performance, but the metric is lacking in rigor or practicality. The organization will use evaluation tools to ensure data is collected. A sample of the evaluation tools was submitted.

- C. 4 Points Awarded: The applicant provides quantitative and qualitative evaluation metrics, but how it will measure project/program performance is unclear. Evaluation tools are not adequate or non-existent for the evaluation metrics.
- D. 0 Points Awarded: A valid quantitative and/or qualitative evaluation metric was not provided. No evaluation tools are listed.

4. Budget (25 Points Available)

- A. 25 Points Awarded: The budget provided clearly outlines specific project/program line-item costs for Trust funds and other funding sources. The budget includes information about how the project/program will change if full funds are not awarded.
- B. 20 Points Awarded: The budget provided clearly outlines specific project/program line-item costs for JMS funds. However, it does not outline other funding sources *or* how the project/program will change with reduced funding.
- C. 15 Points Awarded: The budget provided clearly outlines project/program line-item costs for JMS funds. However, it does not outline other funding sources *and* how the project/program will change with reduced funding.
- D. 10 Points Awarded: The budget does not clearly outline the nature of project/program costs, or anticipated funding is not reasonably secure.
- E. 0 Points Awarded: The budget document does not include specific line-items for revenues or expenses.