



## Grant Evaluation Criteria 2017

The grant should be ranked on its own merit and not compared to other proposals reviewed. These are only guidelines.

*Mission: The Athens Foundation enhances the quality of life for the people of our region through building resources, making grants, and supporting leadership now and for generations to come.*

*Values Statement: The Athens County Foundation believes that a healthy, inclusive community is one that preserves and expands on those things that are working well and: values local input, solicits diverse perspectives, inspires cooperation and collaboration, stewards valued resources, encourages self-assessment and continuous learning, promotes shared values of trust, respect, honesty, and openness, and recognizes the inter-relatedness of community development and economic development.*

**Category 1: Community Alignment:** Project outcomes align with the mission and values of the Athens Foundation. Documentation of the need for project is present and clear. The grant has clear and realistic goals that align with community needs. Leverages additional resources and collaborations with others to secure additional financial, in-kind or volunteer contributions from other sources.

**Category 2: What will the results be:** Are proposed activities outlined in detail? Is there evidence that the activities will bring about desired results? Does a long range plan exist?

**Category 3: How likely is it:** Is there clear alignment between the organization's mission and the project approach? Is there strong prior achievement by the organization in a similar area or population? Is the project's success dependent on other partners? Is the description of key activities and milestones predictive of success?

**Category 4: Best use of funds:** Are the requested funds reasonable to achieve results? Is it clear what our funds are paying for? Is it clear how these costs will be covered in the future? Are any of the funds required for the project already secured?