

		Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor/Absent
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Project Description	Purpose and Objectives	Innovative, specific, testable research question defined	Specific, testable research question defined	Unclear, untestable question	Research question not defined
	Rationale	Strongly summarizes previous work in the field and how this project will contribute to the literature; clearly explains project significance	Summarized previous work in the field and explains project significance	Limited literature review and/or explanation of project significance	Does not include literature review or does not explain project significance
	Merit	Project fully supports the Greenacres mission and intended outcomes on RFP	Project somewhat supports the Greenacres mission and intended outcomes on RFP	Project has limited relation to the Greenacres mission and intended outcomes on RFP	Project has no relation to the Greenacres mission nor intended outcomes on RFP
Project Design	Appropriate Methods	Novel approach with well developed methods	Feasible approach with appropriate methods developed	Methods need further development	Methods will not answer research question
	Timeline	Detailed and reasonable; explains potential pitfalls or delays	Detailed and reasonable	Lacking adequate detail and/or not reasonable	Missing and/or not reasonable
	Budget	Detailed and accurate account of all expenses	Accurate costs; may be missing some details	Limited detail and/or insight into costs	Lacks detail or insight into costs
	Deliverables	Describes deliverables above the minimum appropriate to the scope and depth of proposal		Includes description of minimum deliverables in proposal	Deliverables not included in proposal
Collaboration and Impact		Project collaborates with land managers, owners or conservationists with high potential impact			Project does not collaborate with land managers, owners or conservationists
Writing technique		Exceptionally written document; strong writing style	Well written document with few errors	Average writing style; some grammatical errors	Poorly written; Numerous writing and/or grammatical errors