

Seed Scoring Matrix

LEGEND		
If out of 5	If out of 10	
0	0	Does not address the question.
1	1-2	Minimally addresses the question.
2	3-4	Touches on addressing the question or addresses only part of the question.
3	5-6	Addresses the question with a fair amount of detail.
4	7-9	Addresses all aspects of the question with a good amount of detail.
5	10	Provides an excellent, detailed answer to the question. Clearly addresses all aspects of the question and provides additional supporting information.

PROJECT NAME:

REVIEWER NAME:

CRITERION	SCORE
<p><u>Alignment with I3 values</u> Out of 5</p> <p>*The project should be given 5 points if it aligns with all four (4) I3 values and with I3’s overall vision to improve all life through Indigenous innovation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sustainability: The innovation is contextualized and can be easily integrated into Indigenous systems (socially sustainable), can transition to scale (economically sustainable), and protect the Land (environmentally sustainable)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Creativity: The innovative and entrepreneurial application of ideas that take risks and enable action-oriented results to achieve transformational impact</p>	/5

<p><input type="checkbox"/> Self-determination: Honours and upholds communities to define priorities, control resources, and make decisions by meeting their own social, cultural, and economic needs to flourish</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Inclusion: Affirms the participation of Indigenous Peoples that honours all genders, sexualities, experiences, and wisdoms</p>		
<p><u>Alignment with investment priorities*</u> Out of 10</p> <p>*Please only score the priority into which the applicant has self-selected. Please score based on the extent to which the project is aligned with I3's investment priorities.</p>		
<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Land story (environmental sustainability): The proposed solution directly addresses or mitigates climate change.</p> <p>May focus on solutions such as stewardship, repairing, nurturing, and/or protecting the planet; increasing the cycle of care between the Earth and its populations; and bringing Indigenous ecological knowledge into existing initiatives.</p>	/10
<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Food sovereignty: The proposed solution addresses food security, including supply chains, food production, and/or food access.</p> <p>May focus on solutions such as supporting, creating, and/or amplifying Indigenous agricultural knowledges; utilizing Indigenous ecological knowledge in agriculture, food supply, or production; and addressing food security by way of agriculture/food production.</p>	
<p><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Tech: The proposed solution addresses digital or tech access for Indigenous communities. (10 points)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> +2 points (out of 10 total points) if the project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Directly increases access to digital spaces for underserved Indigenous Peoples and communities <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a solution that directly addresses Indigenous data governance and/or data sovereignty 	

<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Wellness: The proposed solution directly addresses health and well-being using a holistic and/or Indigenous approach. (10 points)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> +2 points (out of 10 total points) if the project directly addresses solutions for youth mental health</p>	
<p><u>Innovation</u> Out of 10</p> <p>We are looking for ideas that are completely new or more than a small improvement over current approaches. An idea that excels in this category:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Is bold, novel and/or a departure from incremental improvements over current approaches OR is at the leading edge, i.e., uses a never-before-seen approach or a novel tool to solve a pressing problem <input type="checkbox"/> Integrates Indigenous knowledge and ways of knowing and doing with social and/or business innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Considers and aims to address the principles of honouring Indigenous ways of knowing and being <input type="checkbox"/> Considers and aligns with our definition of Indigenous innovation 		<p>/10</p>
<p><u>Potential for impact: Cultural reclamation and/or revitalization</u> Out of 10</p> <p>We are looking for projects that have the potential for transformative impact on the reclamation or revitalization of Indigenous culture. A solution that excels in this criterion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Clearly states its social purpose and intended social impact <input type="checkbox"/> Honours Indigenous ways of knowing and being, Indigenous laws and rights, and the land <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledges interconnectedness, relationality, ceremony, or seven-generation thinking <input type="checkbox"/> Restores and revitalizes Indigenous ancestral, traditional, and/or cultural knowledge <input type="checkbox"/> Is being developed, tested, and/or refined in close partnership with the community or communities that it will impact 		<p>/10</p>
<p><u>Potential for impact: Gender equality</u> Out of 10</p> <p>We are looking for projects that have the potential to advance Indigenous gender equality.</p>		<p>/10</p>

<p>A solution that excels in this criterion considers the influence of gender and the project’s impacts on women, Two Spirit, queer, trans, non-binary, and gender-diverse individuals across all aspects of the innovation. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Considering how the innovation empowers women, Two Spirit, queer, trans, non-binary, and gender-diverse individuals <input type="checkbox"/> Hiring practices that advance gender equality <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership and decision-making roles, for example on the Board of Directors or governance body, as well as in executive/leadership roles <input type="checkbox"/> Primary end user(s) of the innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Plans for how they can address or improve gender equality across their project or organization 	
<p><u>Potential for scale/sustainability</u> Out of 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Has a clear vision for the innovation <input type="checkbox"/> Clearly states what success looks like for them and includes an overview of what a path to scale and sustainability looks like for their project <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates passion for the idea and a commitment to bringing it to life <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates consideration of the project’s future sustainability, including considerations of leadership, governance, organizational continuity, resources, and partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates consideration of the project’s potential for scale, including consideration of strategic partnerships and stewardship of resources (e.g., land, funding) <input type="checkbox"/> Provides a high-level overview of the project’s plan for implementation 	<p>/5</p>
<p><u>Fit with grant size and scope</u> Out of 10</p> <p>OUT OF 5: Provides a reasonable budget, which:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates an understanding of how much the project will cost to implement, e.g., salaries are in line with living wages <input type="checkbox"/> Budget items align with the project activities mentioned in the application <p>OUT OF 5:</p>	<p>/5</p>

Project is feasible: ***NOTE:** this is not whether the idea will work or not. The purpose of the grant is to test bold ideas that might not work, but if they do would have a high potential for positive impact.

- Activities match what is possible with maximum budget of CAD\$125,000 (for seed) or seems well thought out and reasonable
- Major milestones of the project can likely be achieved within 12 months
- Has the right team and networks to implement the project, or a strong plan for how they will get them.
- Demonstrates a good understanding of the skills, resources and supports they will need to implement their proposed project.

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<p><u>Overall impression:</u> Out of 10 Please provide your overall impression of the proposed project. This includes feedback on whether the applicant demonstrates they understand what stage of the innovation journey they are at (Seed or Transition to Scale) and whether the project is compelling for unquantifiable reasons.</p> <p>*NOTE: These comments will be shared with the applicant, regardless of whether they are successful in getting project funding or not. Please provide kind and constructive feedback that would be helpful for the applicant to address in project implementation or if they chose to re-apply with revisions.</p>	/10
<u>TOTAL OUT OF 70</u>	/70