

American Therapeutic Recreation Foundation

Bernie Thorn Efficacy Research Fund

Grant Review Program

Proposal Title _____ Total Score: _____ /100

Evidence of Need and Understanding of the Problem	Score
Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Statement of purpose and need of the project;• The quality and consistency with which the proposal reflects the research funding priorities established by the ATRF (i.e. ATRA Research Agenda);• Indication of the applicant's recognition of the significance of the problem; and• Identifying the manner in which results from this project will impact on the problem and professional practice.	10
Reviewer Comments:	<i>Score for Proposal</i>
Capacity to Conduct the Project	Score
Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The potential for the applicant to conduct the project being proposed;• The abilities of key personnel associated with the project; and• Institutional resources (i.e., computer, library, statistical) available to the applicant which increases the likelihood of a successful investigation.	10
Reviewer Comments:	<i>Score for Proposal</i>
Technical Soundness	Score
Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The extent to which the proposed research will produce results that are valid and reliable;• The strengths of the proposed research and/or follow up design including the likelihood that the research design will provide answers to the questions being proposed;• Evaluation of the soundness of the analytical procedures used throughout the investigation;	30

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of goals, objectives and anticipated outcomes; and • The extent to which human subject rights have been assured. 	
Reviewer Comments:	<i>Score for Proposal</i>
Management Plan	Score
Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The management capabilities within the applicant's organization to oversee completion of the project as proposed and to assure the quality of the final project; • The quality of the overall evaluation approaches proposed to monitor, assess, and modify (as necessary) project activities; • The clarity and quality of the project's management staffing plan; and • The feasibility of the project's tasks being completed within the allotted time frame. 	20
Reviewer Comments:	<i>Score for Proposal</i>
Project Replication and Dissemination	Score
Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project's potential to make a significant contribution to the efficacy research base within the discipline of recreational therapy; • The project's potential for replication; and • The quality of the plans to disseminate results of the project. 	10
Reviewer Comments:	<i>Score for Proposal</i>
Project Budget and Justification	Score
Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The adequacy of the project's proposed budget in relation to the proposed tasks associated with the project; • The contributed resources of the applicant's agency; • The reasonableness of the budget; and 	10

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether funds are expended for their intended use. 	
Reviewer Comments:	<i>Score for Proposal</i>
ATRF Priorities	Score
Criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of a collaborative research relationship between researchers and practitioners; and/or • Evidence as to the effectiveness of recreational therapy interventions; and/or • Direct connection to the ATRA research agenda. 	10
Reviewer Comments:	<i>Score for Proposal</i>
Final Recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Accept as written. <input type="checkbox"/> Accept with the following modifications: _____ _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Reject for the following reasons: _____ _____ 	

Additional Comments:

Reviewer _____ Date _____