| **Categories** | **Low (1-3)** | **Medium (4-6)** | **High (7-10)** |
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| **Evidence of need (30%)** | * Project does not address a need or need is already being met.
* No statement of need included.
* No community support or endorsement from local community provided.
* No engagement or collaboration with local community detailed.
 | * Addresses a need that is not otherwise being met.
* Statement of need included.
* Some degree of community support and/or endorsement included.
* Some engagement or collaboration with local community planned.
 | * Statement of need included with evidence detailed.
* Multiple letters of support/endorsement from community.
* Strong engagement/collaboration with other community groups demonstrated.
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| **Alignment to Council Priorities (20%)** | * No or minimal alignment to Council Priorities/documents.
 | * Moderate alignment with council plan items/strategic documents.
* Some evidence of understanding of relevant Council Plans.
 | * Strong alignment to Council priorities/strategic documents with reasons strongly articulated.
* Supports initiatives that advance reconciliation and/or celebrate First Nations Peoples.
* Supports one or more of Council’s environmental/wellbeing priorities.
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| **Community Benefit (30%)** | * Community benefits are not clear or appear unachievable
* Low benefit for target group/will only benefit applicant.
* Minor increase in community activity likely.
* Gender has not been considered.
* Accessibility for diverse groups not considered.
 | * Community benefits appear clear and achievable
* Moderate benefit for target group/ impact is likely to include other groups in Shire.
* Moderate increase in community activity likely.
 | * Community benefits appear clear, achievable and well considered.
* Significant benefit for target group/ impact will benefit Shire broadly.
* Impact of project on all gender identities has been considered.
* Accessibility for diverse community groups has been addressed.
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| **Ability to deliver project (20%)** | * Inadequate project planning - aims are unclear or appear unachievable, project description lacks clarity and tasks list incomplete or has little attention to detail.
* Inadequate budget - unclear/incomplete, no funds or in-kind contribution, no additional funding sources sought, project costs exceed project value or will require ongoing funding.
* Potential risks or strategies to mitigate these not adequately considered.
* No supporting documentation provided
* AGM minutes and financial statement not provided.
 | * Adequate project planning - clear and achievable aims and project timeline.
* Adequate budget - most costs or income sources identified, some funds or in-kind contribution included, additional funding sources may have been sought and project costs equal project value.
* Some relevant risks considered with strategies to mitigate these.
* Some supporting documentation provided.
* AGM minutes and/or financial statement provided.
 | * Excellent project planning - clear articulation of all tasks in a logical order with realistic timelines.
* Sound budget - all costs and income sources clearly identified, significant funds or in-kind contribution included, additional funding sources may have been confirmed and project value exceeds project cost.
* Relevant risks carefully considered with strategies to mitigate these.
* All supporting documentation provided
* Most recent AGM minutes and financial statement provided.
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