

ACE Grant Evaluation Process

Review Process

All grants will be confirmed to meet basic eligibility by the UWS Data & Investments staff team. A cross-departmental UWS staff team of between 3-5 people will review each application meeting basic eligibility. That team will make recommendations based on a consensus using the guidelines set out below. They will request final approval of those recommendations from the UWS Community Impact Committee, a team of volunteer experts representing the communities we serve.

Review Elements

- Does this grant reach a population or area currently underserved by UWS investments? If so, which?
- Has this organization received funding from or formally collaborated with UWS within the last 3 years? If so, what are the details?
- What do you find most compelling/motivating about the application?
- What do you find most concerning/confusing about the application?
- Rank how well the proposal defines and explains a connection to the following (1 = not at all; 5 = extremely well):
 - o Innovation
 - o Creating Access
 - o Building Capacity
 - o Ensuring Equity
- What is your recommendation?
 - o Fund this cycle
 - o Do not fund and ask for resubmission to a future cycle with clearer information (no guarantees made for future funding)
 - o Do not fund and provide rationale why this project does not align with ACE