

PROGRAM REVIEW MATRIX– FY27

AGENCY:		PROGRAM:			
CRITERIA	Minimal (1 pt)	Acceptable (3 pts)	Outstanding (5 pts)	Score	Comments
Evidence Based	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant shows no evidence of evidenced based, credentialing, or accreditation.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant shows some evidence of promising practice. (Program would have listed “other” on application or stated steps to becoming evidenced based.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant clearly demonstrates evidence-based, credentialing, or accreditation.		
Outside Funding to Support Program	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant shows no outside funding or in-kind funding to support the program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant shows in-kind funding only to support the program.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant shows outside funding to support the program.		
Communities Served	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant program serves residents in one county.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant program serves residents in two counties.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant’s program provides services in all three NICA counties.		
Early Childhood Iowa State Results	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant doesn’t target one of the 5 state result areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant targets one of the 5 state result areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant targets more than one of the 5 state result areas.		
NICA Performance Measures	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant doesn’t target one of the NICA 3 priority areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant targets one of the NICA 3 priority areas.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant targets more than one of the NICA 3 priority areas.		
Sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant shows no evidence or reasonable plan for sustainability. (NICA is the only funder.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant shows little evidence or reasonable plan for sustainability. (NICA is the primary funder.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant shows evidence or reasonable plan for sustainability. (NICA is not the primary funder – i.e. Receives federal or private		

Historical Measurable Results			grant programming funds.)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant has demonstrated history of little measurable results. Program progress and return on investment on this program have been poor OR this is a new program to the area.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant has demonstrated a history of measurable results. Program progress and return on investment are demonstrated.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant has demonstrated history of measurable results. Progress and return on investment are strongly demonstrated.		
TOTAL PROGRAM SCORE					

Reviewer Comments and Questions:

<input type="checkbox"/> Consider for funding	<input type="checkbox"/> Do not consider for funding.
Reason for not considering:	

Reviewer: _____

DIRECTOR TECHNICAL REVIEW

NAME OF PROJECT:

NAME OF APPLICANT AGENCY:

Disqualified for any of the following:

Application not received on time.	
Applicant did not electronically sign the application.	
Applicant contacted a NICA Board Member during the application process.	
Applicant did not complete the Google form application.	
Application serves individuals outside of Cerro Gordo, Hancock and/or Worth counties.	
Applicant failed to respond to Board's request for additional information, documents, and/or references.	

Point loss off of total points given if any of these areas are not followed:

Late reports during FY26 (10 points)	
Applicant did not electronically sign the application. (5 points)	
Applicant contacted a NICA Board Member during the application process. (5 points)	
Applicant did not complete the Google Form Application (5 points)	
Past performance achievement (10 points)	
Current funded program is not at 50% of funding spent by Feb. 28, 2026 (5 points).	