



Appendix I. High Impact Practices to Improve Maternal Health Mini-Grants: Application Review Criteria and Scoring

Applications will be reviewed and scored according to four elements:

1. **Description of the initiative:** The agency has indicated which [High Impact Practice Set](#) (HIPS) they have selected for implementation. The people who will lead implementation of the HIPS are clearly identified. The process for implementing the HIPS is clear and realistic. (3 points)
2. **Description of motivation:** The agency has clearly explained both its motivations for selecting this HIPS, and expected impacts, including the potential impact on racial disparities. Information and data that demonstrate the need to strengthen services in this HIPS area are provided. (3 points)
3. **Description of data collection and use:** The agency has specified methods for collecting *each element* of data in the Measurement Tool associated with the selected HIPS. The people responsible for collecting data are clearly identified. The agency has presented specific ways in which data will be used to strengthen services. (5 points)
4. **Budget justification:** The proposed expenditures are clear, reasonable, and directly support implementation of the selected HIPS and data collection. (3 points)

The RHNTC team will score each element up to the number of points indicated. The sum of scores for each element will provide a total application score. Applications with the highest scores will be selected for awards.

The RHNTC encourages brief but detailed responses in the applicant's preferred format (e.g., paragraphs, bullets, tables). Please email rhntc@jsi.com with any questions about the application process or criteria.