| **Categories** | **Low (1-3)** | **Medium (4-6)** | **High (7-10)** |
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| **Evidence of need (30%)** | * Need for the project is unclear, is not adequately explained or is already being met. * No research to provide evidence of need. * No community support or endorsement from local community provided. * No engagement or collaboration with local community detailed. | * Need for the project is clear, adequately explained or addresses a need that is not otherwise being met. * Some community support and/or endorsement included. * Some engagement or collaboration with local community planned. | * Need for the project is clear, strongly articulated, and includes research as evidence. * Project is an innovative/creative idea that contributes to community resilience/wellbeing. * Multiple letters of support/endorsement from community. * Strong engagement/collaboration with other community groups demonstrated. |
| **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. |
| **Community Benefit (30%)** | * Community benefits are not clear or appear unachievable. * Low benefit for target group/will only benefit applicant. * Minor increase in community participation likely. * Gender, accessibility and inclusion has not been 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 participation likely. * Gender, accessibility/inclusion has been considered. | * Community benefits appear clear, achievable and well considered. * Significant benefit for target group/ impact will benefit Shire broadly. * Large increase in community participation likely. * Increased participation has been actively sought for specific groups e.g. gender, age, ability. |
| **Ability to deliver project (20%)** | * Project planning - aims unclear or appear unachievable, project timeline/tasks lack clarity. * Budget - unclear/incomplete, no in-kind/financial contribution, project costs exceed project value or will require ongoing funding. * Potential risks or strategies to mitigate these not considered. * No supporting documentation provided | * Project planning - clear and achievable aims and project timeline that outlines key steps. * Budget - most costs or income sources identified, some funds/in-kind contribution included, and project costs equal project value. * Some relevant risks considered with strategies to mitigate these. * Some supporting documentation provided. | * Project planning - clear and achievable aims and all tasks logically ordered with realistic timelines. * Budget - all costs and income sources identified, significant funds or in-kind contribution, and project value exceeds project cost. * Relevant risks carefully considered with strategies to mitigate these. * All supporting documentation provided |