CIWMB GRANT SCORING CRITERIA

ELIGIBILITY and MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS SECTION: Eligible applicants are limited to nonprofit organizations recognized under sections 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6), or 501(c)(10) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Points	Description
GENERAL REVIEW CRITERIA: ***Must attain a minimum score of 70% to be considered for funding (70 points of 100 possible)***	
25	1. NEED – Grant proposal clearly describes and demonstrates the local or statewide need for the project and the benefits and end products resulting from the project. For example, proposal: ▪ Provides convincing reasons why the project should be funded ▪ Addresses identified gap in service availability or current unmet need ▪ Describes and documents the problem ▪ Supports the existence of the problem with surveys, studies ▪ Adequately describes any health and safety threats or environmental concerns
15	2. OBJECTIVES – Work Statement and grant narrative are sufficiently detailed to determine that the project: ▪ Is based on the identified need described in the narrative ▪ Describes specific and measurable goals and objectives ▪ Demonstrates that objectives can be achieved within indicated time frame
20	3. METHODOLOGY – Grant proposal describes by task the activities to be undertaken to achieve the objectives. For example, proposal: ▪ Describes why the proposed activities are the best way to address the identified need ▪ Describes in detail how the objectives will be met with available time and resources ▪ Identifies staffing required to carry out the proposed project ▪ Describes involvement of cooperating organizations ▪ Presents a specific plan for future funding, if applicable
10	4. EVALUATION – Grant proposal describes a method to evaluate the success of the project and determine whether objectives were accomplished. For example, proposal: ▪ Includes both process and outcome evaluation ▪ Describes a method for evaluating and modifying methods during project implementation ▪ Describes clearly the criteria for determining success ▪ States who will be responsible for the evaluation ▪ Explains any statistical tests or questionnaires to be used ▪ Describes any evaluation reports to be produced
15	5. BUDGET – Grant proposal demonstrates that the project is cost effective in relation to the location, source, quality, and quantity of targeted wastes. For example: ▪ Budget itemization is sufficiently detailed to determine that proposed expenses are reasonable ▪ Quotes, estimates, or other documentation to support the costs claimed are provided ▪ All program tasks described in the Work Statement and narrative are itemized in the budget ▪ Cost savings are described, e.g., use of volunteer labor, in-kind services, recycling options, use of existing promotional materials, etc. ▪ Budget items for miscellaneous, contingency, or managerial costs are clearly described and kept to a minimum
15	6. COMPLETENESS, LETTERS OF SUPPORT, EXPERIENCE, ETC. – Grant Proposal is clearly presented and complete as required in the application instructions including adherence to all specified deadlines. Includes evidence that the applicant or its contractor(s) have sufficient staff resources, technical expertise and experience successfully managing grant programs, to carry out the proposed project. For example, proposal: ▪ Includes letters of support for the project ▪ Addresses ability of the applicant to coordinate contracted activities, if applicable ▪ Includes resumes, endorsements, references, etc. ▪ Describes past grants received from CIWMB and relationship to current proposal