

Grounds Improvement Fund (GIF) Project Evaluation and Criteria Scoring

Scoring of GIF Projects

Each member of the GIF selection committee will independently assess the project proposals against the selection criteria as well as the areas of special consideration to produce a total project score. The cumulative scores of all reviewers will determine the funding priority of each proposed project for consideration in each year's GIF allocation. Other factors such as geographic balance of funded projects and cost sharing by project proponent will also be taken into consideration when the final project list is compiled. The University President has final approval authority over the recommended project list.

Criterion #1-Public Health and Safety

Does the project eliminate or prevent an environmental or safety hazard?

- 5 Project completely eliminates or prevents an environmental or safety hazard
- 3 Project partially eliminates or prevents an environmental or safety hazard
- 0 Project does not eliminate or prevent an environmental or safety hazard

Criterion #2- Supports Campus Planning and Sustainability objectives

Does the project support campus planning objectives including sustainability issues as reflected in the Grounds Plan and Environmental Footprint Reduction Plan (EFRP)?

- 5 The project strongly supports campus planning and/or sustainability objectives
- 3 The project somewhat supports campus planning and/or sustainability objectives
- 0 The project does not support campus planning and/or sustainability objectives

Criterion #3-Exterior Infrastructure Improvement

Does the project improve the efficiency, accessibility and/or connectivity of transit, pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure (e.g. bike racks, sidewalks, ramps, lighting, etc.)?

- 5 The project provides improvement of an infrastructure asset.
- 3 The project helps maintain a current infrastructure asset.
- 0 The project does not provide maintenance or improvement of infrastructure assets.

Criterion #4: Satisfies a particular academic or auxiliary program need

Does the project satisfy a particular academic or auxiliary program need (e.g. connecting path to new structure, additional bus stop, etc.)?

- 5 The project fully satisfies a particular academic or auxiliary program need.
- 3 The project partially satisfies a particular academic or auxiliary program need.
- 0 The project does not satisfy a programmatic need.

Criterion #5: Landscape and/or Aesthetic Quality

Does the project improve the overall landscape and/or aesthetic quality of the University grounds?

- 5 The project significantly improves the overall landscape and/or aesthetic quality of the University grounds
- 3 The project somewhat improves the overall landscape and/or aesthetic quality of the University grounds.
- 0 The project has no impact on the overall landscape and/or aesthetic quality of the University grounds.

Criterion #6- Impact on University's Operating Budget

Will the project have a positive impact on the University's Operating Budget expenses; e.g. reduce maintenance costs, reduce energy use, etc. ?

- 5 The project will have a positive impact on the University's Operating Budget expenses
- 3 The project will have a neutral impact on the University's Operating Budget expenses
- 0 The project will increase the University's Operating Budget expenses

Areas of Special Consideration

- The project ties into other existing or funded projects +1 point
- There is potential to leverage additional funding sources +2 points
- The project benefits a geographic sector of grounds that has not had a GIF project in the past 2 years +1 point