Summary of Criteria for Scoring 2020 Flood Reduction Grant Applications

The highest potential score is 100, broken down as follows:

Question 1: Project Elements, Objectives, Outputs and Outcomes/Benefits – 25 points
- The activities and objectives of the project are clear and specific and the proposed actions are congruent with the objectives.
- The flooding problem that is addressed is significant or potentially significant. There is currently or there is the potential for significant failure affecting property or infrastructure.
- The problem constrains access and/or has current or future economic impacts that may result in the loss of business, loss of property or high maintenance costs.
- The near-term outcomes correct a flooding problem or reduce flooding risk in a measurable or demonstrable way.
- The long-term outcomes ensue from the near-term outcomes over time in a logical and credible way even if the outcomes are less tangible to demonstrate.
- The applicants adequately describe how the project could contribute to improving functions at the larger landscape level beyond the boundaries of the project site.
- The project objectives and activities meet King County’s equity and social justice goals of increasing fairness and opportunity for all people, particularly for people of color, low-income communities and people with limited English proficiency.

Question 2: Implementation/Scope of Work – 15 points
- Description of tasks, deliverables and timeline are detailed and reflect the project objectives.

Question 3: Project Team – 15 points
- Project team is competent and experienced in carrying out all the tasks in the scope of work.

Question 4: Stakeholders and Collaboration – 10 points
- Stakeholder participation is broad and involves stakeholders through several phases of the project. The score must reflect a level of participation commensurate with what would be a reasonable level of partner and stakeholder involvement for the kind of project proposed. This could include leveraging other programs such as volunteer stewardship programs or partners’ in-kind contributions.
- The stakeholder and collaboration aspects or processes planned for the project meet King County’s equity and social justice goals of increasing fairness and opportunity for all people, particularly for people of color, low-income communities and people with limited English proficiency.

Question 5: Sustainability – 10 points
- Demonstrates that this project will meet its stated objectives in a lasting way. If it is part of a larger project (or of interdependent projects), a roadmap for future phases demonstrably shows how the Flood Reduction Grant will serve as seed money for the larger project or projects.

Question 6: Budget – 15 points
- Budget is cost effective and consistent with and appropriate for the project scope.
- Budget breakdown is detailed and cost basis documentation is thorough.

Question 7 – Readiness to Proceed – 10 points
- The project team has the necessary capacity in place to proceed as soon as funded.
- Most of the necessary steps are completed in relation to acquisition, easements, landowner permissions, and initial scoping. For projects proposing to fund construction phase with the grant, permits and project design are close to completion.

Subsequent to Scoring: The geographic distribution of projects will be considered as an un-scored factor in developing the final grant award list.