

GRANT PROPOSAL PYRAMID

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The Grant Proposal Pyramid

- Each component of a grant proposal must be connected to the other components
- One way to develop your proposal is to start at the bottom of the pyramid, address all the items on each level, and then work your way upwards
- Building your proposal “from the bottom up” will help ensure that everything in the proposal ties together properly and tells the funder a consistent story about your project

Resources available to help develop your grant proposal – contact the Grants Coordinator  to request materials

I.	Documented need for project (supported by data)	-Data sources spreadsheet
II.	Alignment with YC Strategic Priorities and Mission	YC Strategic Plan, YC Mission, Vision, and Values
III.	Alignment with funder's interest and priorities	-Handout on types of info used to review alignment (RFPs, Federal Register, FAQs, webinars) <i>(coming soon)</i>
IV.	Background information about applicant and current projects	-Sample text about YC and YCF
V.	Capacity of organization to implement and successfully complete they project	-Sample text about the capacity of YC - NSF Biosketch template
VI.	Goals and objectives of the project	-Goals and objectives compression planning template, G.O.T.D. sample -Sample timelines, Project Timeline with Milestones and Activities -Logic Model resources
VII.	Work Plan	-Developing a work plan
VIII.	Budget	-Budget templates (federal, basic income and expense budget, etc.) -Fringe benefits and indirect costs handout
IX.	Partnerships	-Sample letters of commitment
X.	Evaluation	-Evaluation resources
XI.	Reporting	
XII.	Stewardship	-Funder recognition checklist
XIII.	Sustainability	-Ideas for sustainability plan <i>(coming soon)</i>