

	Merit of proposed idea	Presentation of need in the proposal	Qualifications of proponent(s)	Budget justification	Organization of proposal
5	Idea is innovative, well thought out and has high potential to have significant impact on the US polar science community		Proponent demonstrates a solid understanding of issues facing a historically excluded or marginalized group and has an established working relationship with the community they seek to engage in polar science		
4	Idea is well thought out and is likely to be impactful on the US polar science community	Proposal indicates a very clear understanding of the current needs of a specific community and/or identifies specific ways in which the grant-funded work will advance BAJEDI initiatives and support marginalized communities in polar science	Proponent demonstrates a solid understanding of issues facing a historically excluded or marginalized group and has a new working relationship with community they seek to engage in polar science		
3	Idea is not new but implementation has potential to be impactful on the US polar science community	Proposal indicates a general understanding of the current needs of a specific community and/or identifies general ways in which the grant-funded work will advance BAJEDI initiatives and support marginalized communities in polar science	Proponent demonstrates a solid understanding of issues facing a historically excluded or marginalized group and is trying to establish a relationship with community they seek to engage in polar science	Budget items and cost are clearly defined and are consistent with needs presented in the proposal. Most costs are reasonable.	Proposal is logically organized, and meaning and intentions were clearly conveyed. Sections/paragraphs contain similar ideas.
2	Idea is not new, impact on the US polar science community uncertain	Proposal indicates a general understanding of the current needs of a specific community and/or provides no/few examples about how the grant will advance BAJEDI initiatives and support marginalized communities in polar science	Proponent demonstrates a solid understanding of issues facing a historically excluded or marginalized group and has no established relationship with community they seek to engage in polar science	Some costs may be inconsistent with needs presented in the proposal. Some costs may be unreasonable.	Proposal is somewhat organized, with some expression of meaning and intention understood by reviewers. Sections/paragraphs may contain some dissimilar ideas.
1	Idea is not well thought out and/or unlikely to meet goals	Proposal indicates a limited understanding of the current needs of a specific community and/or provides no examples about how the grant will advance BAJEDI initiatives and support marginalized communities in polar science	Proponent does not demonstrate an understanding of issues facing a historically excluded or marginalized group in polar sciences and does not have an established relationship with community they seek to engage in polar science	Costs are inconsistent with needs presented in the proposal. Most costs are unreasonable.	Proposal is disorganized, meaning and intention of the proposal is unclear. The structure is not logical, or sections/paragraphs contain many dissimilar ideas.