Youth Engagement Pre-Scoring Meeting Agenda
October 5th, 2026
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM MST
Virtual Meeting
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Agenda

- **Welcome and Introductions**

- **Review of Committee Duties**
    - The Youth Engagement Subcommittee will review, discuss, and vote on the project applications that seek funding from the grant programs.
    - UORIAC will make final decision

- **Overview of this year's grant opportunities**
    - UCORE
    - UCORE Educator
    - Nature-Based Learning Infrastructure

    - Application Stats and Request Total
        - 124 applications received, 119 applications qualified for review
        - $1,536,186.02

All the projects that have made it to this point are eligible; however, you will find that some are stronger than others. This year, we've seen a LOT of solid options - some clearly not as well thought out, some exemplary, but a lot of just awesome solid programs. This will be your job to decide! Pay attention to this as you go through - we don't have set guidelines on number of kids, or number of hours outside that a program must have in order to fund - but we do have our overall guiding principles, and the legislation that created these programs, which can provide guidance.

- **Goals of the program**
    - Refer to legislation for guidance
    - Legislation can be found in evaluator handbook

- **Scoring and Evaluation Process**
    - Refer to the evaluator handbook for detailed information on how to score your assigned grants.
- **Salesforce Portal Tutorial**
    - Add a 1 for the score section for evaluator
    - The section scores are not marked as required, just make sure you write 1-5
- **Spreadsheet & folders in Drive**
    - Might opt to save comments in a different documents - can copy from spreadsheet
    - Once submitted, can't edit submission - contact Caroline Weiler

- Tips and Tricks

    - Strategic Thinking
        - Larger project budgets
        - First time applicants
        - Repeat customers
        - Quality over quantity or vice versa
    - New things to watch for this year
        - EKO (Karen)

- **Please complete evaluations by October 23rd, 2026.**

- **Scoring meeting to take place in person on November 5th from 9:00am - 4:30pm MST at the Whitmore Library Branch (2197 Fort Union Blvd, Cottonwood Heights, UT 84121**)
    - If we review each application, we'll be able to talk about each for about 2.5 min - please arrive on time!
    - Note evaluator 1 - pay extra attention to these ones, as you will be asked to give a brief overview of these applications during the scoring meeting
    - Follow Robert's rules, Chair Beitsch, time for public comment
    - Note that all proceedings during this meeting are part of public record and are subject to GRAMA requests
    - Breakfast and lunch provided

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- After today, Rebekah will be out of town and unavailable until October 20th. Caroline has agreed to be your point of contact during this period. Reach out to her for any questions, issues with the evaluator portal, or to update already submitted evaluations, at cweiler@utah.gov.

- Questions?