

Vermont Foodbank Competitive Capacity Fund Scoring Rubric, 2024

Applicant name: _____

Scoring Criteria:

4- Excellent

3- Good

- 2- Approaching
- 1- Lacking

Excellent, Good, **Scoring Criteria** Approaching or Lacking **Resilient Solutions to Addressing Hunger** Proposes specific systems-level or root cause strategies to address hunger or poverty in their community. **Increasing Organizational Capacity** Organization has defined how this funding will increase organizational capacity (whether through systems, programs or staffing) and they have clear metrics to demonstrate increased capacity. **Deepening Organizational Equity and Engagement** Organization has outlined steps to enhance fair participation and equitable distribution and has explained how these steps will positively impact the experience for everyone engaging with the organization. **Fostering Meaningful Relationships** Applicant explains how initiative will foster or deepen relationships with peer organizations and/or community members. **Collaborative Approach** How does this initiative align with existing community programming and/or address unmet needs to improve the local charitable food system? **Prioritizing Community-Driven Solutions** This initiative will involve and empower individuals with firsthand experience of the issue. The organization explains the systems in place to ensure their involvement and influence in decision-making. **Repairing Systemic Harm** Organization has explained specific actions this initiative is taking to address and/or repair systemic harm and oppression. **Ensuring Equitable Food Access for All** The organization ensures representation of diverse voices, particularly from communities who identify as Black, Indigenous, and People of Color. These individuals are empowered in decision-making. Final score: