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<td><strong>Community Connection</strong></td>
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<td>Organization is Black-Led and regularly engages with the Black community to inform and lead the work.</td>
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<td>Demonstrated commitment to power-building, positive storytelling and/or leadership development in alignment with the mission and values of the BJF.</td>
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<td>The organization is Black-led and engages with Black communities that inform, participate in, and lead the work. Strong focus on power-building in the community.</td>
<td>The organization can demonstrate strong community proximity and the organization reflects their community. The organization has a deep history of listening to the community.</td>
<td>The organization has an excellent approach to power-building, positive storytelling, and/or leadership development and measuring success and impact. Clearly stated organizational mission, strong alignment with the mission of the Boston BJF, and articulated clear &quot;why&quot; for applying to the Boston BJF.</td>
<td>Strong history of collaboration with one or more partners to sustain power-building, positive storytelling, and/or leadership development. With BJF Funding, organization will create pathways to increase collaboration and improve infrastructure to support power-building, storytelling, and/or leadership development.</td>
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<td>The organization can demonstrate community proximity and the organization reflects their community. The organization has some history of listening to the community.</td>
<td>The organization is likely to have a positive impact on power-building, positive storytelling, and/or leadership development in the Black community through the proposed work. The proposed work responds to some aspects of the community needs.</td>
<td>The organization has good approach to power-building, positive storytelling, and/or leadership development and measuring success and impact. Stated organizational mission is good alignment with the mission of the Boston BJF, and articulated clear &quot;why&quot; for applying to the Boston BJF.</td>
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<td>The organization is in the process of gaining community proximity and the organization is in the process of reflecting their community. The organization has a limited history of listening to the community.</td>
<td>The organization is likely to have a slight positive impact on power-building, positive storytelling, and/or leadership development in the Black community through the proposed work. The proposed work responds to a few aspects of community needs.</td>
<td>The organization has some approach to power-building, positive storytelling, and/or leadership development and measuring success and impact. Weak statement of organizational mission, weak alignment with the mission of the Boston BJF, does not have a clear &quot;why&quot; for applying to the Boston BJF.</td>
<td>Some/limited history of collaboration with one or more partners to sustain power-building, positive storytelling, and/or leadership development. With BJF Funding, organization will create limited pathways to increase collaboration and improve infrastructure to support power-building, storytelling, and/or leadership development.</td>
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