

Network Innovation Grants - Grant Review Criteria
September 2016

Criteria	Explanation	Strong	Moderate	Weak	notes
Outreach to Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fellow has vetted idea with listserv and/or blog and reaches out to other fellows - Project incorporates feedback from Fellow outreach 				
Fosters collaboration among Fellows in different sectors or with different expertise areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project involves 2 or more Fellows with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise - Fellows provide expert skills and/or leadership - creates a team of Fellows to undertake a project collaboration - provides a solid ability to address the problem 				
Advances a current critical issue or challenge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project addresses/advances a critical issue - Possible advances include policy paper, convening, training or dissemination effort - Project will have tangible, near-term results 				
Proposes an innovative approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tests a new idea - Addresses a problem in a new way - Will advance new solutions to an ongoing problem 				
Leverages the Switzer Network and Fellows' organizational resources to advance progress on the issue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project can establish or strengthen a Fellows' affinity group on an environmental topic - Fellows' organizations are in a position to play a role in the issue (have a track record of success and organizations are known entities with regard to the issue at hand) - Fellows' organizations demonstrate support for the project, including Fellow's time working on it, matching funds or other resources 				
Program Strategy (for larger projects)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project goals are tangible and clear - Proposed actions are realistic and strategic, even if risky - Clear connection between the issue and the methods, - Project utilizes the strengths of each Fellow and corresponding 				

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	organization to the highest level - Realistic, well thought-out work plan submitted, with timeline - Project shows a high level of planning and organization. - Project scale and scope is commensurate with methods proposed				
Project Outcomes	- Project has potential for specific impact on an issue. Has immediate policy or practical relevance and can be put into action quickly. - Measures of success are noted for outcomes. - Project outcomes are tangible and/or quantifiable.				
Matching Funds	- Matching funds included in proposal, including in-kind contributions				
Post-grant plans	- Fellows and organizations will benefit from collaboration and are in position to follow through after grant period				
Strategic Role of Switzer Money	- Project not likely to occur without our support - Project needs Switzer funding for launch				