WNTI Small Grants Program: Application Review/Ranking Criteria

Eligibility Screening
Project is for outreach, design, or monitoring (Y/N)
The project supports at least one of WNTI’s goals (Y/N)
Project *primarily* addresses a WNTI species (Y/N)

Impacts/Deliverables Outreach (5 points possible)
The project benefits a previous WNTI project.
Project has great potential to foster/generate a community conservation ethic through citizen/youth involvement.
The project provides awareness about work being done by WNTI or our partners.
The project reaches an audience that is broader than anglers with overarching messages about conservation.
Project provides short term or long term value to the public.

OR

Impacts/Deliverables Design or Planning/Monitoring (3 points possible)
The project benefits a previous WNTI project.
Project directly benefits multiple native species, assemblages/communities, and non-fish stream- and riparian-dependent species and still primarily benefits a WNTI species.
The applicant has the capacity to get the project completed/implemented (they have track record or capacity to attract partners, attract dollars, have experience in project design or implementation).
Technical Merit (3 points possible)

Project objectives are realistic, and achievable.
Methods are clearly defined and appropriate to meet stated objectives.
Project objectives are measurable, quantifiable and allow WNTI to assess if we have moved the needle on our specific objectives.

Partnership Involvement (3 points possible)

The appropriate/relevant partners are involved (i.e. other state or federal agencies, or nonprofit partners) and contributing to budget (in kind or cash).
Budget items and partnership contributions are clearly defined and considered reasonable.
WNTI’s investment catalyzes or sparks other partners or future or ongoing efforts.

Application Quality (1 point possible)

Proposal is well-written, complete, and clearly conveys sufficient information to evaluate project.