

	Below Expectations	Meets Expectations	Exceeds Expectations
Abstract	Do not accurately explain the purpose, relevance, or expected outcomes of the project. Not written in lay language.	Relevant to the project with minimal scientific jargon.	Informative, succinct, and relevant. Easy to understand.
Resubmission Response (if applicable)	Fails to address concerns expressed by previous reviewers. Changes not reflected in updated proposal.	Addresses concerns expressed by previous reviewers in general terms.	Addresses specific concerns and incorporates them into the updated proposal.
Project Narrative: Introduction	Does not adequately convey topic.	Provides context for research through literature review and related research activities.	Addresses long term goals and supporting objectives. Illustrates status of current related research and the need for the proposed project. Includes preliminary data.
Project Narrative: Rationale & Significance	Does not address significance of research. Does not demonstrate benefit or research to Ohio. Is not unique research by PI or team.	Shows effort to demonstrate significance of research to Ohio. Describes probable end products.	Describes innovative features or research and expertise of the investigators. Demonstrates significance to Ohio. Details probable end products and their significance.
Project Narrative: Approach	Fails to adequately address methods or methods are not feasible. Provides vague outcomes, analysis information, and application of results. Does not acknowledge pitfalls and limitations. Lacks description of roles and responsibilities of investigators.	Describes activities proposed, their sequence, and the roles of investigators. Methods appear feasible. Acknowledges pitfalls and limitations. Addresses plan to apply results.	Provides detailed description of activities proposed and their sequence. Details feasible methods, expected outcomes, limitations and pitfalls. Clearly explains a means of applying results or accomplishing technology transfer. Roles & responsibilities of investigators and key persons clearly defined.
Budget & Budget Narrative	Requested funds unallowable. Does not include separate budget for matching funds or multiple departments.	Budget is reasonable and clearly explained.	Budget is comprehensive, clearly explained, and appropriate for scope of work. Costs are justified, relevant, and essential.
Strategy for Acquiring Future Funding	Does not demonstrate awareness of opportunities or provides only vague details.	Details possible opportunities and a general plan for future applications.	Provides specific examples that demonstrate knowledge of opportunities and requirements.

Strengths:

Weaknesses:

Additional Comments: