

Full Review Scoring Rubric

Criteria	Weight	Description
Background	15%	The background outlines the project's purpose clearly and explains the need for the proposed positive action.
Methodology	20%	The submission effectively explains the proposed project's positive action approach, including any strategies and frameworks.
Project Activities	15%	The submission describes project activities and roles assignments clearly and in detail.
Peer Engagement Plan	20%	The peer engagement plan adequately outlines how it will recruit peers and support peer leadership.
Evaluation Plan	20%	The proposed positive action's evaluation plan is appropriate and feasible.
Budget and Timeline	10%	The positive action is demonstrated as feasible given the proposed budget and timelines.

Review Process for Evaluating your Proposal

Submissions will first undergo a **relevance review** followed by a **full review**.

The **Relevance Review** process evaluates how well an application aligns with the goals of the Positive Actions initiative. The objectives of this review are to:

- Assess the alignment of an application with initiative goals (refer to funding overview document).
- Ensure that only relevant applications proceed to full review.
- Guarantee that REACH Nexus fund applications that are directly relevant to HIV stigma reduction.

The following criteria will be used in conducting the relevance review:

1. Proposals must demonstrate a primary focus on HIV stigma and specifically the development of a positive action to address and reduce HIV-related stigma. Other types of stigmas may be addressed, but HIV-related stigma must remain as a primary outcome of interest.
2. Applications must demonstrate that people living with HIV will be centered in leadership roles.

The **Full Review** process evaluates submissions according to the defined criteria in the submission scoring rubric. This review is completed by a group of 5-7 review committee members whose combined professional, academic, and lived experience contribute to the decision-making process.

Key decision dates:

- Results of the **relevance review** will be made known to applicants by Friday January 30th, 2026.
- Results of the **full review** will be made known to applicants by Friday February 27th, 2026.