

## 2022 Connecting Communities Scoring Criteria

| <b>1. NEED FOR PROJECT</b>   | Max. Points Avail. | Points Awarded |
|--|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>A. <u>RATIONALE</u></b>   |                    |                |
| i. Project will provide important links to three (3) or more points of interest*.  | 82                 |                |
| ii. Project primarily connects two (2) points of interest*.  | 49                 |                |
| iii. Project is primarily a trail within a park.   | 9                  |                |
| <b>A. RATIONALE POINTS (i or ii or iii) =</b>  | <b>82</b>          |                |
| <i>*Points of interest: neighborhoods, schools, downtown areas/CBD, and recreation facilities, civic buildings, libraries, etc.</i>                        |                    |                |
| <b>B. <u>USE</u></b>   |                    |                |
| i. Project will provide a wide range of functions, including recreation, transportation, education/interpretation, conservation, and economic development. | 78                 |                |
| ii. Project will be used primarily for recreation.   | 31                 |                |
| <b>B. USE (i or ii) =</b>  | <b>78</b>          |                |
| <b>C. <u>PLANNED NETWORK</u> (as demonstrated in an approved plan)</b>   |                    |                |
| i. Project is part of a planned regional, county-wide, or multijurisdictional network.   | 100                |                |
| ii. Project is part of a planned local network (township, city, or village)  | 58                 |                |
| iii. Project is not part of a planned network.   | 0                  |                |
| <b>C. PLANNED NETWORK (i or ii or iii) =</b>   | <b>100</b>         |                |
| <b>D. <u>PARTNERSHIPS</u></b>  |                    |                |
| i. Project is a collaboration between two or more different communities or agencies.   | 44                 |                |
| ii. Project is not a collaboration between two or more different communities or agencies.  | 11                 |                |
| <b>D. Partnership (i or ii) =</b>  | <b>44</b>          |                |
| <b>1. Maximum Possible Points A + B + C + D =</b>  | <b>304</b>         |                |

| <b>2. QUALITY OF PROJECT</b> ( <i>Construction &amp; Design/Engineering Projects Only</i> )   | Max. Points Avail. | Points Awarded |
|---|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>A. <u>SITE</u></b>   |                    |                |
| i. Project contains two or more criteria <sup>†</sup> .   | 71                 |                |
| ii. Project contains one criterion <sup>†</sup> .   | 30                 |                |
| iii. Project does not contain any criteria <sup>†</sup> .   | 0                  |                |
| A. SITE (i or ii or iii) =  | 71                 |                |
| <sup>†</sup> <i>Project is in high-priority location or provides critical access:</i>   |                    |                |
| - <i>Provides highway, river, railroad, and other barrier crossings (i.e., grade separation structures)</i>   |                    |                |
| - <i>Located within an abandoned railroad corridor</i>  |                    |                |
| - <i>Directly adjacent to a waterway or significant natural resource</i>  |                    |                |
| <b>B. <u>TRAIL DESIGN</u></b> ( <i>All projects must comply with ADA, where applicable</i> )  |                    |                |
| i. Trail is primarily designed to be 10 feet or wider and mainly consists of a hard pavement surface, such as asphalt or boardwalk or a protected bicycle facility (buffered bike lane or cycle track).   | 60                 |                |
| ii. Trail is primarily designed to be between 6-10 feet wide and mainly consists a hard pavement surface, such as asphalt or boardwalk or is a conventional bike lane.  | 39                 |                |
| iii. Trail is primarily designed to be between 6-10 feet wide and consists mainly of limestone/gravel or on road shoulder improvements intended for bicycles. ( <i>Projects primarily considered a “nature trail” or natural surface trail will not be considered.</i> )                                  | 25                 |                |
| B. TRAIL DESIGN POINTS (i or ii or iii) =   | 60                 |                |
| <b>C. <u>SUSTAINABLE DESIGN</u></b><br>( <i>All projects must comply with applicable laws and regulations.</i> )  |                    |                |
| i. Two (2) or more mitigation strategies demonstrated <sup>‡</sup> .  | 46                 |                |
| ii. One (1) mitigation strategy demonstrated <sup>‡</sup> .   | 20                 |                |
| iii. Does not demonstrate mitigation strategy <sup>‡</sup> .  | 0                  |                |
| C. SUSTAINABLE DESIGN (i or ii or iii) =  | 46                 |                |
| <sup>‡</sup> <i>Project demonstrates, above and beyond minimum compliance/regulations, how construction will minimize or mitigate environmental impacts, such as trail location alternatives analysis, site restoration techniques, stormwater mitigation strategies, use of recycled materials, etc.</i> |                    |                |
| <b>2. Maximum Possible Points A + B + C =</b>   | 177                |                |

| <b>3. APPLICANT</b>  |                |                |             | Max. Points Avail. | Points Awarded |
|--|----------------|----------------|-------------|--------------------|----------------|
| <b>A. <u>PAST GRANT ASSISTANCE</u></b>   |                |                |             |                    |                |
| i. Applicant has never received a Connecting Communities grant.                            |                |                |             | 44                 |                |
| ii. Applicant has not received a Connecting Communities grant in the last three (3) years. |                |                |             | 25                 |                |
| iii. Applicant has an open grant Connecting Communities grant project.                     |                |                |             | 0                  |                |
| <b>A. PAST GRANT ASSISTANCE POINTS (i or ii or iii) =</b>                                  |                |                |             | <b>44</b>          |                |
| <b>B. <u>FINANCIAL NEED OF APPLICANT</u> (most recent 5 Year ACS/2020 Census)</b>          |                |                |             |                    |                |
| i. Bottom 1/3 Median Household Income (MHI) (*Washtenaw County)                            |                |                |             | 49                 |                |
| ii. Middle 1/3 MHI*  |                |                |             | 29                 |                |
| iii. Upper 1/3 and higher MHI*   |                |                |             | 6                  |                |
| <b>B. FINANCIAL NEED POINTS (i or ii or iii) =</b>   |                |                |             | <b>49</b>          |                |
| <b>C. <u>APPLICANT MATCH</u></b>   |                |                |             |                    |                |
| Local Match Percentage   | Bottom 1/3 MHI | Middle 1/3 MHI | Top 1/3 MHI |                    |                |
| 5-25%  | 16             | 8              | 0           |                    |                |
| 26-49%   | 23             | 14             | 7           |                    |                |
| 50%+   | 39             | 31             | 18          |                    |                |
| Less than 5% Match (All Communities)   |                |                |             | 0                  |                |
| <b>C. LOCAL MATCH POINTS</b>   |                |                |             | <b>39</b>          |                |
| <b>3. Maximum Possible Points A + B + C =</b>  |                |                |             | <b>132</b>         |                |
| <b>4. COMMISSION PRIORITY</b>  |                |                |             |                    |                |
| <b><u>PRIORITY PROJECT NEED</u></b>  |                |                |             |                    |                |
| At Commission discretion, project fulfills priority needs such as:                         |                |                |             | 50                 |                |
| - Connects to facilities in the county park system   |                |                |             |                    |                |
| - Is locally cost prohibitive but of regional or county-wide significance                  |                |                |             |                    |                |
| <b>4. Maximum Possible Points =</b>  |                |                |             | <b>50</b>          |                |
| <b>TOTAL POINTS: 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 =</b>   |                |                |             | <b>663</b>         |                |
| <b>TOTAL POINTS (Studies Only): 1 + 3 + 4 =</b>  |                |                |             | <b>486</b>         |                |