

SAR NIF Scoring System

The following document presents the various scoring for the SAR NIF proposals. It is made up of five (5) parts which will be completed by respective individuals/organizations involved in the SAR NIF Scoring and Evaluation process. The parts and related responsibilities are as follows:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part 1 – National SAR Program and Priorities	NSS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part 2 – Cost Sharing	NSS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part 3 – Need/Benefit	Merit Board
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part 4 – Risk	Merit Board
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Part 5 – Overall Evaluation	NSS

The scoring system for evaluating proposed projects is consistent throughout the various sections of the evaluation form, namely:

Not at all.....	0
Low.....	1
Low to medium.....	2
Medium.....	3
Medium to high.....	4
High.....	5

Part 1 – National SAR Program Priorities (to be completed by NSS)

This section assesses how well the project reflects the SAR program priorities (refer to current year’s Program Plan). **The proposal must score 2 or higher to pass.**

1) How well does the proposal meet SAR priorities? Please specify.	|	0 ... 1 ... 2 ... 3 ... 4 ... 5

Part 2 – Cost Sharing (to be completed by NSS)

This refers to the percentage of the non-NIF funding that goes into the project and is calculated using the total estimated cost of the project. Cost-sharing for non-SAR use does not count toward to total. Proposals with less than 5% cost-sharing are not eligible for SAR NIF funding. **The proposal must score 1 or higher to pass.**

1) Adequacy of cost sharing.	|	0 ... 1 ... 2 ... 3 ... 4 ... 5
Scale values are as follows 1= 5-10%; 2 = 11-20%; 3 = 21-45%; 4 = 46-60%; 5 = 61-99%		

Part 3 – Need (to be completed by Merit Board)

This section assesses the need for the project and the quality of information to substantiate the need and that the need will be met.

1) Clearly defines the need for the project.	0 ... 1 ... 2 ... 3 ... 4 ... 5
2) Substantiation of the need for the project.	0 ... 1 ... 2 ... 3 ... 4 ... 5
3) Ability to meet the need of the project.	0 ... 1 ... 2 ... 3 ... 4 ... 5
Total Score	.....

Part 4 – Benefit (to be completed by Merit Board)

The section focuses on scoring the impact of the proposed project on NSS outcomes. It examines the difference the project will have on the immediate outcomes as well as the long term outcomes (e.g. impact on actual or potential incidents/accidents).

The section is divided in two parts: Response or Prevention. This reflects the overall objectives of the NIF projects. Only one section is to be completed. The project is therefore examined as a Response project or a Prevention project.

Part 4a - Response Projects

Factors	Immediate Outcomes	Long-Term Outcomes	Total Score
1) Create a new or enhanced response capability within the area of jurisdiction that is submitting the application.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5	0 ... 1 ... 2 ... 3 .. 4... 5	.....
2) Improves the effectiveness of detecting and/or alerting.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5	0 ... 1 ... 2 ... 3 .. 4... 5	.....
3) Improves the effectiveness of response following alert.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5	0 ... 1 ... 2 ... 3 .. 4... 5	.....
4) Increases victim survival time.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5	0 ... 1 ... 2 ... 3 .. 4... 5	.....
5) Reduces/eliminates risk to SAR personnel.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5	0 ... 1 ... 2 ... 3 .. 4... 5	.....
Total Score			.....

Part 4b - Prevention Projects

Factors	Immediate Outcomes	Long-term Outcomes	Total Score
1) Improves awareness of safety regulations/ procedures.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5	0 ...1 ...2 ...3 .. 4... 5	.....
2) Strengthens the capacity of the prevention community.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5	0 ...1 ...2 ...3 .. 4... 5	.....
3) Motivates people to acquire and use the knowledge, skill and equipment necessary to save lives and avoid injury.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5	0 ...1 ...2 ...3 .. 4... 5	.....
4) Improves reach.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5	0 ...1 ...2 ...3 .. 4... 5	.....
5) Improves compliance to safety regulations/ procedures.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5	0 ...1 ...2 .. 3... 4... 5	.....
Total Score			.....

Part 5 – Risk (to be completed by Merit Board)

This section assesses the likelihood of the project not achieving the stated impacts or objectives.

1) Likelihood of the proposal achieving its intended outcomes.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5
2) Likelihood the proposal will be completed on time and within budget.	0... 1... 2... 3... 4... 5
Total Score	

Part 6 – Overall Evaluation (to be completed by NSS)

All scores from each part of the scoring assessment tool are summarized below.

Section	Score
1. National SAR Priorities	/5
2. Cost-Sharing	/5
3. Need	/15
4. Benefit - Response or Prevention Project	/50
5. Risk	/10
Overall Score	/75