

## Go/No Go Grant Quiz

So, you think you've found a great opportunity or simply have a great idea for a grant project? This quiz is a tool to make critical go/no-go decisions based on some rational process rather than "Wow, what a neat idea, "let's do it!"

*Twenty Questions to ask before writing a proposal:*

1. Are you familiar with the Grant Review and Approval Process?  Yes  No  
(If no, stop and read "Cleveland State's Grant Review and Approval Process" section before proceeding with the quiz.)
2. Does this project fit with the college mission and priorities?  Yes  No  
(If yes, proceed with quiz. **If no, stop. Project cannot be approved.**)
3. Is there adequate time to write, compile, get authorization for, and submit the proposal to the college 5 days before the submission deadline?  Yes  No  
(If yes, proceed with quiz. **If no, speak to your Vice President before proceeding.**)
4. Is the project an important value-add for the college?  Yes  No
5. Have you identified a source of funding?  Yes  No
6. Have you talked to your Department/Division Chair about this opportunity?  Yes  No
7. Have you talked with your Vice President about this opportunity?  Yes  No
8. Does the college have a history/relationship/rapproport with this funding agency?  Yes  No
9. Are you familiar with the grant guidelines?  Yes  No
10. Does your project fall within the interests of the funding agency?  Yes  No
11. Do you have a well-designed plan?  Yes  No
12. Does the grant administrator have adequate training to administer the grant?  Yes  No
13. Have you identified who will develop/write/package the proposal?  Yes  No
14. Have you identified grant partners?  Yes  No
15. Have you discussed this opportunity with those partners?  Yes  No
16. Does the college have the resources (space, personnel) to administer this grant?  Yes  No
17. If the project requires institutional match, have you identified the source of match?  Yes  No
18. Does the grant offer indirect to the college?  Yes  No
19. Does the college have the resources to sustain this project after grant funding?  Yes  No
20. Does this project have future financial potential (a good return on investment)?  Yes  No

Final Score: \_\_\_\_\_

### *Scoring:*

Give yourself one point for each yes answer.

17 – 20 points = Congratulations! Call the grants coordinator immediately!

14 – 17 points = You've certainly done your homework. Looks like a go.

10 – 14 points = Looks like you still have some homework to do.

5 – 10 points = Are you sure you really want to apply for a grant?

0 – 5 points = Unequivocally, no.

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