ACOG AIR QUALITY GRANT PROGRAM
FY 2026 SCORING WORKSHEET
PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA

Applicant Entity			
Project Name			
Project Type & Subtype	Active Transportation	☐ Signage and wayfinding	☐ Sidewalks
		☐ Shared micromobility	☐ Multi-use trails
		☐ Bicycle racks, lockers, or repair stations	☐ Bicycle lanes, and pavement markings
	Congestion Reduction	☐ Traveler information systems	☐ Traffic signalization and synchronization systems
		☐ Traffic management/control devices	
		☐ Intelligent transportation systems	☐ Traffic calming measures
	Transit Improvements	☐ Transit lines	☐ Transitway creation, conversion, or enhancement
		☐ Transit stops	
		☐ Transit stations	☐ Transit signal and communication equipment
		☐ Transit terminals	
		☐ Transit transfer facilities	☐ Transit management systems
Does this project include the construction of new facilities or improvements to existing facilities?			☐ Yes ☐ No

A committee consisting of representatives from the Association of Central Oklahoma Governments, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, and/or other partner non-profits may be employed to evaluate and score all project applications.

Committee members will review each application and score based on a 100-point system.

CATEGORY	MAXIMUM POINTS
1. Project Narrative	15
2. Pollutant Reduction	10
3. Cost Effectiveness	10
4. Transportation Impact	15
5. Consistent Planning	10
6. Underserved Communities	10
7. Funding	15
8. Project Readiness	15
TOTAL POINTS AVAILABLE	**100**

Please fill out the following pages by selecting the appropriate answer choice, filling in each subscore, and verifying the final score. The completed Scoring Worksheet should be submitted as part of the project application. ACOG will adjust scores as necessary.

Space has been provided after each criteria question to allow for additional comments and justification to be included. Any and all additional comments and justification **must be included on this scoresheet document only**. Supplemental documentation will not be accepted or taken into consideration with regards to scoring.

1. PROJECT NARRATIVE

Provide a descriptive overview of the project, including a name, classification, a description of project tasks and activities, and a general timeline to completion. The application must also be able to clearly articulate a purpose for the project, including goals, expected outcomes, and specific needs within the community that the project will address.

Does the application describe the characteristics and activities of the project, as well as articulate community needs that justify the project? *(15 points maximum)*	
Application clearly describes the characteristics and activities of the project, and identifies particular needs within underserved subsets of the community that the interventions being proposed in the project will directly address *(15pts)*	
Application clearly describes the characteristics and activities of the project, and articulates general needs across the community that the interventions being proposed in the project will address. *(10pts)*	
Application describes the baseline characteristics and activities of the project, but does not sufficiently illustrate the project's purpose, goals, expected outcomes, or communities the project seeks to benefit *(5pts)*	
Application does not provide a sufficient baseline description of the project, tasks and activities to implementation, goals, or community needs to be addressed *(0pts)*	

1. SUBSCORE 0

2. POLLUTANT REDUCTION

Project must demonstrate the potential to reduce ozone-forming pollutants. Primary pollutants of concern include Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC). Please provide a detailed description of how the proposed project is expected to play a role in reducing ozone-forming pollutants.

Due to requirements under the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), all projects must demonstrate the ability to reduce carbon dioxide emissions. ACOG staff will evaluate all project applications using the available tools in the CMAQ Emissions Calculator Toolkit.

How will the project contribute to a reduction in ozone-forming emissions? Please provide your response in the space allotted only. *(10 points maximum)*

2. SUBSCORE

3. COST EFFECTIVENESS

Cost effectiveness is a measure of the project's ability to reduce emissions per dollar invested. Funds can be used on a variety of project types. Certain project types are expected to be more cost effective and will therefore be more competitive.

How cost effective in terms of pollutant removal is the proposed project? *(10 points maximum)*	
Transit lines, stops, stations, terminals, and transfer facilities; transit signal and communication equipment; transit management systems *(10pts)*	
Transitways; traveler information systems; traffic signalization and synchronization systems; traffic management/control devices; intelligent transportation systems; active transportation signage and wayfinding; bicycle racks, lockers, and repair stations; multi-use trails, bicycle lanes, and pavement markings *(7pts)*	
Sidewalks; traffic calming measures; all other eligible projects not currently addressed in the program guidebook *(5pts)*	

Explanation:

Note: If the project falls in two or more of the categories listed above, the points must be averaged together to get a final score.

3. SUBSCORE 0

4. TRANSPORTATION IMPACT

Will the project improve the transportation system?

a. Projects that aim to reduce single-occupancy vehicle trips by encouraging travel by other modes – walking, bicycling, or public transit – will be most competitive.

Will the project promote multimodal options? *(5 points maximum)*	
Project promotes multimodal options and aims to reduce single occupancy vehicle trips *(5pts)*	
Project does not promote multimodal options *(0pts)*	

Explanation:

Note: Only answer one of the 4.b. questions based on project type.

b. Enhanced connectivity improves the ability to get from place to place. For example, projects that extend a current bike path or projects that improve access to public transit will be more competitive.

Will the project enhance connectivity by addressing a network limitation? *(5 points for active transportation and transit projects)*	
Project addresses a gap in the existing bicycle, pedestrian, or transit facilities network by creating a new connection from one existing network to another *(5pts)*	
Project contributes to the eventual desired network by connecting an existing segment to a proposed segment *(4pts)*	
Project expands an existing network in a new direction where no segment is existing and none is currently proposed *(3pts)*	
Project does not connect to an existing segment but connects two segments proposed in a published plan at any level *(2pts)*	
Project connects a proposed segment in a new direction where none is existing and none is currently proposed *(0pts)*	

OR

b. Projects should focus on easing regional congestion and/or decreasing single-occupancy vehicle (SOV) trips, therefore reducing transportation-related emissions and improving air quality. More points will be awarded if the project addresses a corridor that experiences moderate to severe a.m. or p.m. peak hour congestion.

Will the project improve reduce congestion? *(5 points for congestion reduction projects)*	
Project will reduce congestion, reduce volume, and/or improve travel time in a congested corridor *(5pts)*	
Project will reduce congestion, reduce volume, and/or improve travel time in general *(3pts)*	
Project is not expected to reduce congestion *(0pts)*	

Explanation:

c. Projects that address an identified safety issue will be more competitive. Applicant must be able to demonstrate how the community will benefit from this project be it through increased safety, reduced congestion and travel time, and/or greater connectivity.

Will the project improve vehicular, pedestrian, or bicycle safety? *(5 points maximum)*	
Project improves safety *(5pts)*	
Project does not improve safety *(0pts)*	

Explanation:

4. SUBSCORE 0

5. CONSISTENT PLANNING

Projects that have been identified through a previous planning effort will be more competitive. The project should address an issue identified in one of the following types of plans:

Regional Plans (produced by ACOG):

- Regional Active Transportation Plan
- Congestion Management Process (CMP)
- Central Oklahoma Regional Safety Action Plan

Local Plans:

- Comprehensive plans
- Bicycle/pedestrian plans
- ITS plans
- Comprehensive safety action plans

Note: Projects must be included in or be consistent with ACOG's long-range transportation plan, Encompass 2045, to receive funding.

Is the project consistent with regional and/or local comprehensive land use and transportation plans? *(10 points maximum)*	
Project is consistent with a published regional transportation plan *(10pts)*	
Project is consistent with a published local transportation or trails plan *(8pts)*	
Project is consistent with a published local comprehensive plan *(5pts)*	
Project is consistent with unpublished general ideas of the community's future direction *(3pts)*	
Not addressed *(0pts)*	

Please indicate which regional and/or local plan this project is consistent with:

5. SUBSCORE 0

6. UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES

Underserved communities, such as low income, minority, elderly, disabled, limited English-speaking, and households without vehicle access are particularly susceptible to the effects of ozone pollution.

Use STBG-UZA Project Scoring Criteria Dashboard item C4 – *Does this project increase access in an area of underserved populations?* – to identify potential air quality related underserved populations.

Does the project address the air quality in areas of significance, and/or does the application identify underserved communities served by the project? *(10 points maximum)*	
Project is wholly or partially within a significant area and identifies specific underserved communities that would be directly served by the project. *(10pts)*	
Project is wholly or partially within a moderate area or is able to sufficiently articulate broad underserved communities that would be served by the project. *(5pts)*	
Project is not wholly or partially within a significant or moderate area and does not sufficiently articulate underserved communities that would be served by the project. *(0pts)*	

Explanation:

6. SUBSCORE 0

7. FUNDING

Funds are based on reimbursement and require a minimum 20 percent match of local funds. How well is the applicant financially prepared to secure local matching funds and implement the project?

a. Project applications that include a detailed and realistic cost estimate will prove project readiness and be more competitive.

Does the project plan include a detailed and realistic cost estimate? *(5 points maximum)*	
Application includes a detailed, itemized cost estimate, showing a good faith effort to consider all elements of the project *(5pts)*	
Application includes a summary estimate with no details *(3pts)*	
Application does not include a cost estimate *(0pts)*	

Explanation:

b. Projects must include a maintenance plan that demonstrates applicant ownership and sustainable long-term care.

Does the project include a clear plan for future maintenance costs? *(5 points maximum)*	
Application includes details on existing maintenance standards and illustrates a plan to fund future maintenance, including branding maintenance. *(10pts)*	
Application seems to discount level of maintenance necessary and/or does not include a plan for branding maintenance *(5pts)*	
No maintenance plan is included *(0pts)*	

Explanation:

7. SUBSCORE 0

8. PROJECT READINESS

All projects and programs have two years upon execution of a grant award contract to be completed in full. The applicant must include a detailed timeline and clear work plan for implementation of the project.

a. Projects have two years upon execution of a grant award to be completed in full. A detailed and realistic timeline is essential to the success of the project.

Is the project schedule detailed and realistic? *(5 points maximum)*	
Project schedule is detailed and realistic *(5pts)*	
Project schedule is detailed but ambitious *(3pts)*	
Project schedule lacks sufficient detail and underestimates how long infrastructure projects take *(0pts)*	

Explanation:

b. ACOG is required to collect data metrics to evaluate how successful the project was after implementation. The applicant is expected to gather data for evaluation such as daily usage figures and estimated vehicle trips removed.

Does the applicant include a plan for gathering meaningful evaluation metrics for the project? *(10 points maximum)*	
Applicant includes detailed plans for gathering evaluation metrics *(10pts)*	
Applicant includes generalized plan for gathering evaluation metrics *(5pts)*	
No plan for gathering evaluation metrics included *(0pts)*	

Explanation:

8. SUBSCORE 0

FINAL SCORE **0**