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Grant Proposal

A funder-ready grant proposal connecting need, outcomes, evidence, activities, delivery capability, evaluation, budget, risk, and sustainability.

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Evidence note: distinguish observed results, interpretation, limitations, and future validation throughout the document.

Executive request

State the applicant, amount and period requested, target population, location, intended outcomes, and why the opportunity is timely.

Evidence	Method	Interpretation	Limitation
Executive request	Structured analysis	Material pattern identified	Context-specific sample
Robustness check	Sensitivity review	Direction retained	Further validation recommended

Need and evidence

Describe the problem, affected population, baseline, inequalities, stakeholder insight, existing provision, and source quality. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.



Figure 1: Illustrative performance profile

Theory of change

Connect resources, activities, outputs, short- and long-term outcomes, assumptions, external factors, and intended contribution.

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Program design

Detail activities, participant journey, eligibility, safeguarding, partnerships, accessibility, timeline, and delivery standards. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.

Organization and team

Demonstrate mission fit, governance, track record, delivery capacity, lived experience, partners, and role accountability. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.

Measurement and learning

Define indicators, data collection, consent, comparison or contribution approach, analysis, reporting, feedback, and adaptation. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.

Budget and value

Provide costs by category and period with assumptions, co-funding, in-kind support, unit economics, procurement, and value rationale. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.

Risk and sustainability

Address delivery, financial, safeguarding, data, partnership, demand, and continuation risks with mitigation and exit planning. **Review record:** Assign the owner, evidence, dependencies, decision date, and next action.

Funder submission checklist

Use the final page as an accountable submission gate before the application is authorized and delivered to the funder.

Check	Status	Evidence or owner
Request, outcomes, activities, and budget reconcile	Pending	Mara Klein

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Eligibility and mandatory attachments are confirmed	Pending	Mara Klein
Safeguarding, data, partnership, and delivery risks are covered	Pending	Mara Klein
Evidence and claims have an identifiable source	Pending	Mara Klein
Executive and finance approvals are recorded	Pending	Mara Klein

> Record the decision, unresolved condition, and next review date before release.