

Appendix B: Self-Assessment

The following self-assessment is intended to support applicants in analyzing where they currently are in local readiness to explore the feasibility of UNSS. Self-assessment scores will not be used to determine eligibility for funding or make final decisions about awards. These scores are intended to help applicants and reviewers understand the needed level of support to complete UNSS feasibility activities.

Download this PDF and mark each box below according to your current community activities. Upload your completed PDF with your responses in your RFP application submission.

Community Awareness of UNSS

Is exploring the feasibility of UNSS an existing organizational priority or is this something your community wants to be a priority? Are you completing the RFP because conversations have already been happening around UNSS or because there is a desire for conversations to be happening around UNSS?

Limited – 3 points	Moderate – 2 points	Extensive – 1 point
Community collaborations and/or intensive long-term home visiting programs may or may not be aware of interest in bringing UNSS to community. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 points	Community collaborative groups, social service organizations, or intensive home visiting programs are aware of interest in bringing UNSS to the community. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 points	Community collaborations and intensive home visiting programs have been actively engaged in the process of UNSS exploration and consideration. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 point
Applicant organization (or comparable) has no relationships with birthing hospitals/birthing facilities. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 points	Birthing hospital/birthing facilities administrators or labor and delivery leaders of one or more hospitals/facilities are aware of interest in bringing UNSS to the community. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 points	Local birthing hospital(s)/facilities have been actively engaged in the process of UNSS exploration and consideration. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 point
Total:		

Universal Newborn Support Systems (UNSS)

COMMUNITY FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT RFP

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Assessment and Capacity

What level of community assessment has already been undertaken? What analysis of community/organizational capacity has been considered?

Limited – 3 points	Moderate – 2 points	Extensive – 1 point
<p>Applicant organization (or applicable) has not yet done any analysis of the community's demographic profile, including number of births per year and where births occur.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 points</p>	<p>Applicant organization (or applicable) has done some analysis of the community's demographic profile, including number of births per year and where births occur.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 points</p>	<p>Applicant organization (or applicable) has done extensive analysis of the community's profile, has a full picture of number of births per year and where births occur.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 point</p>
<p>Applicant organization (or applicable) has not done any analysis of service gaps/greatest needs for birthing persons in the community and how UNSS could address those needs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 points</p>	<p>Applicant organization (or applicable) has some level of analysis of service gaps/greatest needs for birthing persons in the community and how UNSS could address those needs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 points</p>	<p>Applicant organization (or applicable) has done significant analysis of service gaps/greatest needs for birthing persons in the community and how UNSS could address those needs.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 point</p>
<p>Applicant organization (or applicable) has not yet assessed organizational capacity for UNSS. Planning partners and/or a lead implementing organization have not been identified.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 points</p>	<p>Applicant organization (or applicable) has done some level of assessing capacity for UNSS. Planning partners or a lead implementing organization have been identified.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 points</p>	<p>Applicant organization (or applicable) has done a significant amount of capacity assessment to date. Planning partners and a lead implementing organization have been identified.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 point</p>
<p>No UNSS activities are currently happening in the community.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 3 points</p>	<p>Some level of UNSS, including short-term post-partum home visits, may already be happening in the community through coordinated efforts of partner organizations and/or birthing hospitals.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 2 points</p>	<p>UNSS is already happening in the community through coordinated efforts of partner organizations and/or birthing hospitals.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 1 point</p>
Total:		

Family Voice

Are families and community members with lived experience engaged in community planning and decisions? Are community decisions driven by organizations or by community voice?

Limited – 3 points	Moderate – 2 points	Extensive – 1 point
Applicant organization (or applicable) does not currently have a mechanism for incorporating family voice into programmatic decision making. <input type="checkbox"/> 3 points	Applicant organization (or applicable) has some experience in and/or mechanism for incorporating family voice into programmatic decision making. <input type="checkbox"/> 2 points	Applicant organization (or applicable) has extensive experience in and routine mechanisms for incorporating family voice into programmatic decision making. <input type="checkbox"/> 1 point
		Total:

Self-Assessment Total Points

	Points
Community Awareness of UNSS	
Assessment Capacity	
Family Voice	
Total Score	

Grant Size Request Guidance

Self Assessment Total Score	General guidance on grant size request
7 – 11 points	\$15,000 – \$31,500
12 – 16 points	\$36,500 – \$54,000
17 – 21 points	\$58,500 – \$75,000