**State of Vermont – Hazard Mitigation Grant Application Review Form
FY2022**

Name of Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Project Name (Town/Type): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Requested funding amount: $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date of Review: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Threshold Criteria**

* Is this a mitigation project (i.e. project does not simply address the deferred or future maintenance, restoration or replacement of existing structures, facilities, or infrastructure)? (*Not fundable if NO*)
* Does the proposal conform to No Adverse Impact Standards in the State Flood Hazard Area & River Corridor Rule and the State Stream Alteration Rule, where relevant? (*Not fundable if NO*)
* Does the community have a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan in place, or a commitment to write one if the application is for town/public infrastructure? (*Not fundable if NO*)
* Does the community have a Local Emergency Operations Plan in place? (*Not fundable if NO*)
* Is the community in good standing\* with the National Flood Insurance Program? (*Not fundable if NO*)
* Was funding under FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) grant programs, or other relevant grant programs, considered first? (*Not fundable if NO*)

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\**Good standing* means that the community does not have unresolved NFIP compliance and enforcement issues documented in the FEMA Community Information System. If a community has documented compliance issues, but has made reasonable commitments and progress toward resolution, the committee may still consider the application for funding.

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| **Topic** | **Question - Yes +5, No +0 (unless otherwise noted)** | **Point Value\*** |
| **P** | **R** |
| **I** | **Effectiveness** | 1 | Is the project supported by technical information demonstrating feasibility? (Yes:0/NO: ineligible)  |   |  |
| 2 | Will the project likely be effective at achieving the project objective? (Yes: 0/NO: ineligible) |   |  |
| 3 | Is the requested funding sufficient? (YES: +5/NO: send for revisions) |   |  |
| 4 | Is the project designed with climate adaptation in mind (e.g. to withstand anticipated future events)? (YES: +5/NO: ineligible) |   |  |
| 5 | What mitigation approach is most applicable to this project? (choose one)• Reduce Vulnerability/Harden (+5)• Avoidance/Move (+15) | --- |  |
| **II** | **Impact** | 6 | Does the project address a site with multiple past damages related to it? | --- |  |
| 7 | Is the mitigation action a State priority that will result in a significant increase in safety or reduction in risk to a high cost/critical/high impact problem? |  |  |
| 8 | Will the project increase available river corridor/floodplain acreage/storage and/or storage/headwater forests? (up to +5) | --- |  |
| 9 | Will the project enhance natural habitat? (Yes +5, Neutral +0, Degrade -5) | --- |  |
| 10 | Will the project protect important cultural historic features? (Yes +5, Neutral +0, Degrade -5) | --- |  |
|  |  | 11 | Does the project directly benefit economically disadvantaged communities/homeowner(s) or a historically under-served community/population? (Yes up to +10) |  |  |
| **III** | **Proactivity** | 12 | Is the project identified in the state or local mitigation plan? | --- |  |
| 13 | Has the community: (Both +10, One +5)• Limited new encroachments in Flood Hazard Areas? • Limited new encroachments in River Corridors?  |  |  |
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| 14 | Has the community taken previous mitigation actions to remedy, study or alleviate the problem? | --- |  |
| **IV** | **Unique Qualities** | 15 | How beneficial is this project at meeting the stated objectives or reducing flooding and improving water quality? (up to +5) | --- |  |
| 16 | Does the project have special qualities in terms of importance to the community, a compelling narrative, or other circumstance that is not reflected in other questions? (up to +5) |  |  |
| 17 | Does the project create significant benefits above the minimum (e.g. highly visible example, meets other state/community priorities in addition to mitigation, community involvement in the Community Rating System, etc.)? (up to +10) |   |  |
| **TOTAL**  |  |  |

\* The ”**P**” column is used when scoring planning (7%) and 5% initiative projects. The maximum score is **50**.

\* The ”**R**” column is used when scoring regular projects. The maximum score is **100**.