

AANP Communities Pilot Survey Program



2026 Grading Rubric

Item and Description	0 – Does not describe	1 – Does not meet criteria	2 – Partially meets criteria	3 – Fully meets criteria	4 – Exceeds criteria
Significance: Demonstration of a real NP need or problem, grounded in existing research.	Missing.	Need or problem is unclear.	Briefly mentions the need or problem but does not provide detail or enough citations.	Clearly defines the need or problem with citations.	Persuasively articulates a need or problem and grounds the issue in the literature.
Specific Aims: The intended study outcomes are clear, achievable, and measurable.	Missing.	Outcomes are unclear, not achievable, and/or unmeasurable.	Briefly mentions intended outcomes but description is not clear or complete, or it's not clear if they are achievable/measurable.	Clearly describes one or more achievable, measurable outcomes that make sense given study design.	Persuasively articulates one or more achievable, measurable outcomes and/or discusses possible limitations and strategies for overcoming them.
Approach/Methodology: The data collection tool is sound and capable of producing intended measures.	Missing.	Data collection tool is of poor quality.	Data collection tool has flaws that could be improved but shows potential.	Data collection tool has clear questions and a reasonable length.	Data collection tool is thoughtful and reflects best practices in survey design.
Approach/Methodology: The planned sample is realistic, including any supplemental sampling plans, and sufficient for the project aims.	Missing.	Desired sample is unrealistic or insufficient for project aims.	Desired sample is reasonable but potential limitations OR supplemental plans are not described in detail.	Desired sample is reasonable and there is a clear understanding of potential limitations OR plans for supplemental data collection.	Desired sample is reasonable and there is a clear understanding of potential limitations AND plan for supplemental data collection.
Approach/Methodology: Analysis methods are appropriate and rigorous.	Missing.	Analysis methods are weak or description is very cursory or unclear.	Briefly mentions analysis methods that are likely appropriate but does not go into detail.	Analysis methods are clear, suitable and reasonably rigorous.	Convincingly articulates suitable and rigorous analysis methods; mentions experience with such methods.

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<p>Potential Impact: Results from the study have the potential to positively impact the NP profession.</p>	<p>Missing.</p>	<p>The results from the study will have little to no impact on the NP profession.</p>	<p>Briefly mentions how the study will have a positive impact on the NP profession but does not go into detail.</p>	<p>Clearly discusses how the results of the study may positively impact the NP profession.</p>	<p>Persuasively discusses how the study could positively impact the NP profession and mentions dissemination or other ways to connect results to broader fields of NP research or practice.</p>
<p>Overall Quality:</p>	<p>--</p>	<p>Poor sentence structure, spelling/grammar errors, or writing style is distracting.</p>	<p>Writing could be clearer, but ideas are generally discussed as prompted.</p>	<p>Generally well written, ideas are clear, application is cohesive and internally consistent.</p>	<p>Extremely well written with a strong and clear personal voice; writing quality suggests research products will be equally strong.</p>