

# 2022 INVEST IN WHAT WORKS FEDERAL STANDARD OF EXCELLENCE

## CRITERIA



### TOTAL SCORE (100 points possible)



**1. Leadership:** Did the agency have senior staff members with the authority, staff, and budget to build and use evidence to inform the agency's major policy and program decisions in FY22? (9 points possible)

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**2. Evaluation and Research:** Did the agency have an evaluation policy, evaluation plan, and learning agenda, and did it publicly release the findings of all completed program evaluations in FY22? (10 points possible)

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**3. Resources:** Did the agency invest at least 1% of program funds in evaluations in FY22? (10 points possible)

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**4. Performance Management/Continuous Improvement:** Did the agency implement a performance management system, and did it frequently use data and evidence to improve outcomes in FY22? (10 points possible)

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**5. Data:** Did the agency collect, analyze, share, and use high-quality data – consistent with strong privacy protections – to improve outcomes, cost-effectiveness, and/or the performance of its programs and grantees in FY22? (10 points possible)

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**6. Common Evidence Standards/What Works Designations:** Did the agency use a common evidence framework to inform its research and funding decisions; prioritize rigorous research and evaluation methods; and promote evidence-based interventions in FY22? (10 points possible)

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**7. Innovation:** Did the agency have staff, policies, and processes to foster innovation that improved impact of its programs in FY22? (7 points possible)

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**8. Use of Evidence in Competitive Grant Programs:** Did the agency use evidence of effectiveness when allocating funds from its competitive grant programs in FY22? (15 points possible)

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**9. Use of Evidence in Non-Competitive Grant Programs:** Did the agency use evidence of effectiveness when allocating funds from its non-competitive grant programs in FY22? (10 points possible)

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**10. Repurpose for Results:** In FY22, did the agency shift funds away from or within any practice, policy, interventions, or program that consistently failed to achieve desired outcomes? (8 points possible)

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Therefore, for both agencies, Results for America applied scored criteria #9 by applying their relevant score from criteria #8.

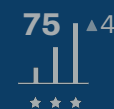


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