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# **ARRA C06 and G20 Reviews**

**Web Seminar on G20 and C06 Request for Applications (RFAs)**

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# Scoring

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- Reviewers will use the new NIH scoring scale for all applications.
- This scale will apply to the overall impact/priority score and individual review criteria.
- The scoring range is **1 – 9**, not 1 – 5.
- Applications will be scored using whole numbers only, **no decimals**.

# 1 – 9 Scoring Scale

Impact	Score	Descriptor	Strengths/Weaknesses
High Impact	1	Exceptional	
	2	Outstanding	
	3	Excellent	
Moderate Impact	4	Very Good	
	5	Good	
	6	Satisfactory	
Low Impact	7	Fair	
	8	Marginal	
	9	Poor	

# Review Criteria: Scoring Individual Criteria

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The individual critiques **#1 – 5** receive numerical scores using the new 1 – 9 scoring scale:

1. Significance and Need
2. Project Management and Institutional Commitment
3. Design Considerations
  - Engineering Criteria
  - Architectural Criteria
  - Line Drawings
  - Timeline
4. Equipment
5. Environment

## Additional Review Criteria

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- **Biohazards** may be a factor in the determination of the overall impact score, but will not receive a separate, criterion score.

## Impact/Priority Score

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- Final score for the application
- Assessment for the project to exert a sustained, powerful influence on the institution
- Application score range will be **10 – 90**, calculated as an average of all reviewer scores multiplied by 10
- The impact/priority score is not an average of the individual criterion scores

# Face Page of Summary Statement: Terminology Change

## New Term: **IMPACT/PRIORITY SCORE**

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*Review Group:* ZRR1 CR-1 (01)  
National Center for Research Resources Special Emphasis Panel

*Meeting Date:* 07/25/2006  
*Council:* OCT 2006  
*Requested Start:* 09/01/2006

*RFA/PA:* RM06-001  
*PCC:* CRT35

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*Dual IC(s):* RM

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*Project Title:* ~~CTSA Planning Grant~~  
**SRG Action: Priority Score: 228**

*Human Subjects:* 30-Human subjects involved - Certified, no SRG concerns  
*Animal Subjects:* 10-No live vertebrate animals involved for competing appl.  
*Gender:* 1A-Both genders, scientifically acceptable  
*Minority:* 1A-Minorities and non-minorities, scientifically acceptable  
*Children:* 1A-Both Children and Adults, scientifically acceptable  
Clinical Research - not NIH-defined Phase III Trial

Project Year	Direct Costs Requested	Estimated Total Cost
1	150,000	232,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>232,500</b>

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ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET NOTE: The budget shown is the requested budget and has not been adjusted to reflect any recommendations made by reviewers. If an award is planned, the costs will be calculated by Institute grants management staff based on the recommendations outlined below in the

# More Information

## ■ ARRA RFA and FAQ URLs

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- RFA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RR-09-008.html>
- FAQs: [www.ncrr.nih.gov/C06\\_Q&A.asp](http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/C06_Q&A.asp)

- G20

- RFA: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RR-09-007.html>
- FAQs: [www.ncrr.nih.gov/G20\\_Q&A.asp](http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/G20_Q&A.asp)

## ■ NIH Enhancing Peer Review Web site

- <http://enhancing-peer-review.nih.gov/>

## ■ NCRR-specific questions

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