### AEC Pro Bono Fund: Guidelines for Allocating Funds

For any proposals received, please rank its applicability to the assessment categories using the following scale:

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| Applicability to AEC’s areas of expertise     | Does the proposed project fall within AEC’s wheelhouse of services? (Energy economics, climate and environmental impacts, equity analysis) | 1 = does not relate to AEC expertise  
2 = slightly relates to AEC expertise  
3 = relates to several areas of AEC expertise  
4 = comprehensively relates to areas of AEC expertise |             |
| Role in community and relationship with EJ Communities | Is the applicant a community-based organization? To what extent do they interact with Environmental Justice Communities? How will the proposed project benefit EJ communities? | 1 = does not include or serve EJ communities  
2 = somewhat includes and benefits EJ communities  
3 = includes, benefits, and collaborates with EJ communities  
4 = provides tangible benefits for, includes, and collaborates with EJ communities |             |
| Access to other resources                     | Has the applicant received other sources of funding, such as grants or awards, for this type of work? | 1 = applicant is able to provide funding to other organizations or individuals  
2 = applicant has adequate funding from grants, donors, or other sources  
3 = applicant has some funding from grants or other sources  
4 = applicant has never received grant funding |             |
| Outcome/purpose                               | How will AEC’s work be put to use? How will the project’s result benefit EJ communities? | 1 = does not put AEC’s expertise to abstract or concrete use  
2 = puts AEC’s expertise to abstract use  
3 = puts AEC’s expertise to concrete use (or abstract use in EJ communities)  
4 = puts AEC’s expertise to concrete use in EJ communities |             |
| Other (Tie-breaker)                           | Is the applicant based locally? | |             |
| TOTAL SCORE                                   | | | 20           |