



Grant Ready:

Planning, Positioning,
and Preparing
for Success





ARE YOU READY TO APPLY?

- 🎯 Do you have a well-defined project?
- ★ Is it a priority for your organization and funders?
- ⚙️ Are you going to be able to manage it?
- 🔄 Are you going to be able to maintain it?



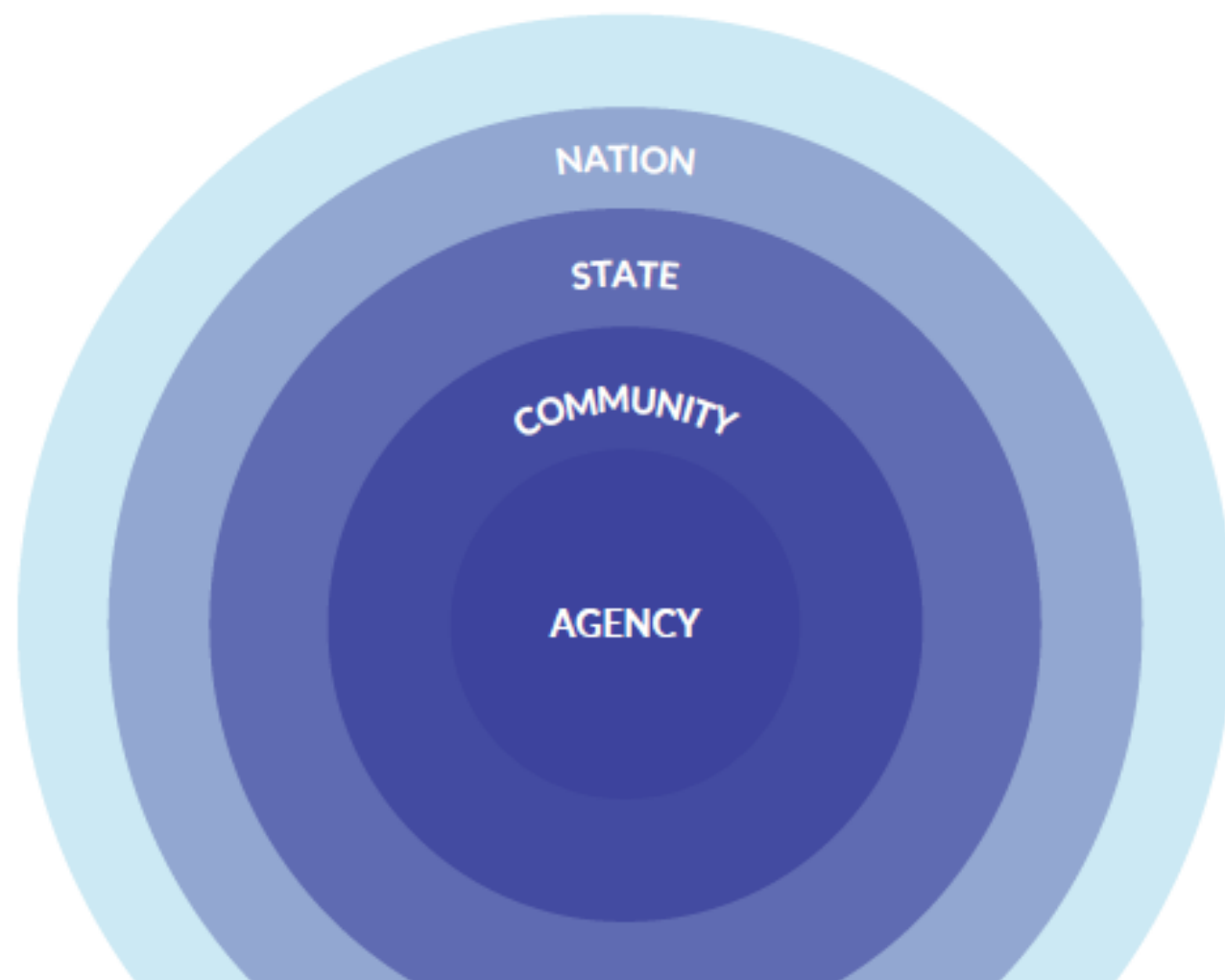
BOOST YOUR COMPETITIVENESS BEFORE YOU START WRITING

- Know the funding landscape
- Have a well-planned project that is shovel-ready
- Collaborate-strengthen partnerships and community buy-in
- Have the data and figures at your fingertips



STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Does your project align?



BUY-IN & COMMUNICATION

CLEAR ROLES

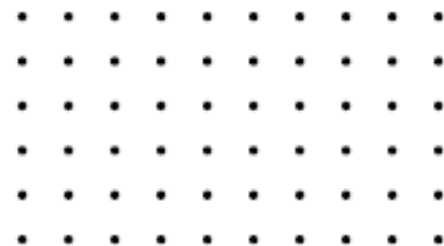
Are roles clearly defined
and agreed upon?

LEADERSHIP & FINANCE SUPPORT

Do leadership and Finance
support this?

COMMUNITY ALIGNMENT

Are community benefits
aligned?



FINANCIAL SYSTEMS & COMPLIANCE REALITY CHECK

- Audit-ready financial and reporting systems
- Documented process for match and in-kind tracking
- Centralized grant tracking and coordination
- Grant-specific cost tracking by funding source



ADMINISTRATIVE BURDEN & CAPACITY PLANNING

Plan for the whole Grant Project lifecycle:

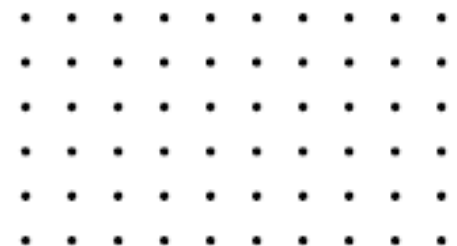
APPLICATION

IMPLEMENTATION

REPORTING

CLOSEOUT

MAINTENANCE



THE TOP 5 “WE’RE GOING TO APPLY!” MISTAKES

1. Chasing funding over mission
2. Engaging Finance too late
3. Overpromising agency capacity
4. Underestimating time, cost, and staffing
5. Assuming compliance later



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