10 Tips from reviewers on what things to consider when applying and what they look for in a successful submission:

1. Read what is on the DAISY website. There are all kinds of resources to help you. Read submission requirements carefully. If you don’t understand what is being asked for, work with a mentor. You can also look up terms in a research/EBP textbook.

2. Applicants often submit similar grant proposals to multiple funding bodies. If this pertains to your submission, make sure your DAISY submission is consistent with the DAISY guidelines.

3. If this is a resubmission, pay careful attention to the feedback given from the prior unsuccessful proposal. Reviewers want applicants to be successful this time around.

4. Make sure your literature review is complete, current, and relevant. Additionally, determine if the team composition meets the needs of the methodology. (i.e. Nurse Scientist, statistician, community or patient advisor, key stake holders in the organization and experts as needed, like nutrition, social work, psychology, pastoral care, Lab specialties).

5. Make sure your research/EBP question is logical. Does your methodology make sense with the question or aim you have proposed?

6. Check that your reasoning is clear and well-explained in your proposal.

7. What are the metrics for evaluation, and do they align with the study design, sample size and composition?

8. Assure the team has significant staff nurse involvement throughout the study.

9. If you already have IRB approval, note the expiration date. It could be that it is outdated, and you will need to re-apply once you have funding.

10. Allow yourself enough time to review, proofread, and give to a trusted colleague to critique. Sometimes it is helpful to also let a non-nursing family member or friend read it to see if it flows logically and is grammatically correct.