

PRIORITIES AND CRITERIA FOR LONG TERM FUNDING

The Council's Overall Priorities for funding are:-

- Investment in capacity building towards strengthening and ensuring future independence of organisations.
- Support to second tier-organisations working to improve the infrastructure and capacity of the front line voluntary and community sector
- Provision of support to organisations addressing the needs of the most disadvantaged communities in Slough.
- Creating safe, environmentally friendly and sustainable neighbourhoods

The Criteria for funding:-

1. Grants will NOT be used to fund delivery of services, or activities, that are the direct responsibility of Council directorates.
2. Funding applied for must not create long term financial dependency on the Council.
3. The Council funding must be part of a package of funding supporting the organisation, and not be the sole or major contribution.
4. Applicants must be able to demonstrate how funding will add value to statutory services.
5. Organisations must be working within an equalities and quality assurance framework.
6. Organisations must be financially sound with a long term fundraising strategy.
7. Organisations must be working to three year business plans
8. Organisations must have clear management and governance policies and procedures.
9. A demonstrable commitment and involvement in strategic networking and partnership work.
10. A commitment and involvement with the Compact and ChangeUp programme.
11. Evidenced need for services/activities and a track record for successful delivery.
12. Clear monitoring and evaluation systems must be in place.

Your bid for funding should include:-

- A completed and signed contact sheet attached to the front of your bid.
- A copy of any new or revised policies since the last monitoring visit.
- A brief report on work carried out by your organisation, and the impact of this work on Slough through the last funding agreement. This should be no more than 2 sides of A4.
- Your proposal for funding over the next three years – your proposed targets, outputs and outcomes for each year. Your proposal should relate to your business plan and show how it meets one or more of the stated priorities for funding.
- Your 3 year projected budget for the organisation as a whole, indicating the amount being applied for in this proposal, and all other sources of funding to be applied for and/or secured.
- Your income and expenditure budget for the current year
- Your bid must address the 12 Criteria points listed above.

The bid as a whole should be no more than 10 pages of A4, not including the contact sheet. As we will be consulting with Council departments on proposals it would be helpful if you could complete the Partnerships/networking table on the contact sheet.

