

Deprived Area Fund Assessment Criterion 2014-2017

The Deprived Area Fund will be assessed on the four criterion below. A technical assessment comprising of the Organisational governance, experience, track record and capacity to deliver the project, other sources of funding will also be undertaken.

1. Assessment of Application

CRITERION	WEIGHTING	Max score
Criterion 1: Effective targeting - proposals must respond to identified community needs (primarily within the identified datazones) not including published statistics but evidenced community and client group engagement and consultation.	x 2	10 (2x5)
Assessment: Level of specific targeting identified including <u>how</u> the project is going to target these areas. A practical approach should however, be taken to ensure project proposals do not create artificial boundaries and that neighbouring datazones, as appropriate, are included. The identified needs of communities that the project is looking to address must evidenced through engagement and consultation, not just the reproduction of published statistics.		
Criterion 2: Identified employability aims – proposals must have identified and evidenced employability outputs and outcomes.	x 2	10 (2x5)
Assessment: Applications <u>must</u> demonstrate specific employability aims – even if early engagement activity: This might include hard outcomes of people entering work or college, or softer outcomes e.g. lifeskills/social skills, numeracy & literacy, employability skills, vocational skills, financial management, job seeking skills, community involvement/volunteering, work placements, enterprise skills and career related short courses. Applications must demonstrate plans to begin to move participants towards the outcome of employment.		
Criterion 3: Proposals must complement and add value to other related services and programmes tackling poverty and inequality.	X1	5 (1x5)
Assessment: The application should that the project will actually address the needs identified and		

compliments and provided an additional service rather than duplicating existing activity.		
Criterion 4: Proposals must engage with local communities and build community capacity and leadership.	X1	5 (1x5)
Assessment: Application should highlight how project will engage with local communities and assist in building community capacity – i.e. use of volunteers, developing project management skills		

Scoring of Application

0- Unacceptable	No information provided or justification provided shows applicant does not meet key criteria
1- Poor Justification	Limited attempt to provide key information
2-Lack of full justification	Modest attempt at providing key information with little justification on how key criteria will be met
3- Satisfactory justification	Reasonable effort at providing key information on all points and meeting criteria
4 – Strong Justification	Good response which covers all points requested and comprehensively provides information on how key criteria will be met
5 – Very Strong Justification	Excellent response which provides all key information requested and gives substantial additional information which clearly meets criteria

Maximum Score is 30 points.

2. Technical Assessment (pass or fail)

The purpose is to make a judgement on the applicant organisation's governance, experience, track record and capacity to deliver the project. This will be assessed by Council Officers and will include the following:

- History of Organisation;
- Record of previous funding being spent appropriately;
- Track record of delivering similar projects within or out with the Highland Council area;
- Capacity of Organisation to deliver the project;
- Application costs over good value for money – i.e. are judged as reasonable costs; and
- Alternative sources of funding, for example through existing or planned contracting of employability services at a local or national level.
- Appropriate governance arrangements are in place, including sound financial management.