

Annex D

NRF Strategic Gaps

Criteria adopted at 15th March meeting for use by Sub-Group in assessing Category B and C submissions (see Schedule)

No.	Criteria	Explanation/Guidance
1	This is not a replacement for other funding	Where other special programme funding has run out and the activity not been mainstreamed, or mainstream been reduced, or where is a core/statutory duty that should be mainstreamed anyway.
2	If the application is not a priority for the specific partnership, it should not be a priority for the Alliance at this time	Partnerships/consortium need to put their submissions in priority order where this has not already been done
3.	Are we convinced that the application cannot seek funding elsewhere	Does it fall within/outside the funding criteria for other programmes (e.g. SRB, EAZ, etc) Has it been turned down for other funding – if so what grounds was this?
4.	Are there duplicate applications elsewhere	Now all the NRF submissions have come in, is there potential for merging/reconfiguring across themes/activities?
5.	If there was significant under-spend last year (2002/3), we should not fund this year.	None of the submissions for top-up or expansion of existing activity are actually under-spending in 2003/4. It may be that the purposes for which Rollover has been allocated has not yet been identified for 2003/4
6.	Is this a realistic proposal for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 month one-off project • A project with realistic prospect of generating mainstreaming by the end of the year 	Mainstreaming can mean: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costs of a new/expanded service are picked up as part of the core budget of a mainstream service where the Activity proves it is an effective/better way to deliver services – the mainstream agency most closely associated with the Activity will need to be clear how this will be achieved or have given an in principle agreement to consider this seriously • A one-off Activity will have impacted on the way a mainstream funded service will operate in future or provide a foundation on which mainstream changes can be delivered. Note: where the Activity includes both Rollover and S

		Gaps, then mainstreaming for 2004 may need to cover both elements.
7.	Is this an application that should be picked up by the priority neighbourhood funding?	Officers have already identified a number of submissions that may meet the Neighbourhood Priorities.
8.	The proposal needs to offer good value for money, and offer high impact for low investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Element of NRF will lever in other money/matched funding (i.e. more for the investment) • May build on existing investment/feasibility so get greatest benefit from initial development costs • May be an opportunity to reduce costs/reconfigure proposal/amend outputs • Need to assess likely impact after 12 months against scale of resource input – i.e. the opportunities created to improve services through small level of investment, contribution to NR floor targets, etc.