

Policy Options for Allocation Formula

1. Population based formula:
 - a. options under this formula
 - i. based on number of neighborhoods represented by organization
 - ii. based on population of neighborhoods represented by organization
 - iii. based on number of households in neighborhood
 - iv. some other demographics (non-english speaking, diversity index, etc)
 - v. Mixture of i through iv above.
 - b. Issues
 - i. What about capacity of organization?
 - ii. Should funds be geared to neighborhoods with greater needs?
 - iii. Other concerns? CoW should brainstorm.
2. Needs based formula
 - a. Options under this formula
 - i. Level of families in poverty
 - ii. Level of use of social services
 - iii. Condition of housing stock (based on inspections reports)
 - iv. Income levels.
 - v. Others?
 - vi. Mix of above?
 - b. Issues
 - i. Directs funding to neighborhoods most in need
 - ii. Doesn't accommodate past funding history of organizations, capacity issues.
 - iii. CoW should brainstorm.
3. Performance based
 - a. Options under this formula
 - i. Plan for stakeholder involvement
 - ii. Demonstration of stakeholder involvement
 - iii. Open bylaws
 - iv. Transparency and reporting (e.g. key documents online)
 - v. Clear budgeting and planning process
 - vi. Participate in approved training program
 - vii. Open and welcoming meetings
 - viii. Inclusion of Statutory neighborhood association provisions in 317A (annual meetings open to residents, organizations, property owners, etc, notification, etc).
 - ix. Mix of above
 - b. Issues
 - i. NCR should provide guidance and technical support (e.g. guidance with budgeting)
 - ii. Require certification level?
 - iii. Put in place training program (stakeholder outreach, diversity training, leadership training, financial management training, etc)

- iv. Other support mechanisms (financial management support)
 - v. Higher level of monitoring required.
 - vi. Higher degree of accountability
4. Project based
- a. Options under this formula
 - i. No real options: neighborhoods apply for funds for specific projects.
 - ii. Need to determine guidelines for funding of projects (what kind of projects, process for application, etc)
 - b. Issues
 - i. Doesn't accommodate need for administrative funding of neighborhood organizations.
 - ii. May not provide needed flexibility.
 - iii. Foundation or other funding may be available for some specific projects.
5. Some mix of population, needs, performance and project
- a. Options
 - i. Make funds entirely discretionary.
 - ii. Provide base funding for different types of activity (planning, admin, outreach, projects)
 - iii. Provide separate application for admin, projects, etc (already reflected in Framework for Future structure of CPP, CIF and NIF)
 - b. Issues
 - i. May be more complicated to administer.
 - ii. May better take into account varying neighborhood needs.
 - iii. Other issues?
6. Other options
- a. Provide funding to organizations other than neighborhood associations
 - i. Fund some form of District Councils (e.g. based on NCEC Commissioner districts?)
 - ii. Some other collaborative or partnership structure?
 - b. Other community organizations?