

HOME IMPROVEMENT AGENCIES - CRITERIA

Criteria for bids for funding to the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister (ODPM).  
Reference: ODPM Letter to Local Authorities, 29 August 2003: Appendix 1

"Bids will be considered for additional grant under the following criteria:"

1. The bid has been submitted by Supporting People Administering Authorities on behalf of the SP Commissioning Body.
2. The Bid is for expansion and/or restructuring of HIA services in 2004/05 and 2005/06.
3. All new and or restructured services must meet the minimum requirements described in Service Description for Commissioners (Note: refer to Appendix B to report CAB 750)
4. The bid does not include proposals for a new HIA covering a single District in two tier authorities except where the service is managed by a current service provider in that county as a part of reorganisation of existing HIA service provision in that county; provisions for a new HIA covering two or more Districts is acceptable.
5. There is committed funding in place which, which exceeds the level of funding support from additional grant.
6. The amount of any offer of grant will be subject to availability of resources. The additional grant offered will be paid at that level in 2004/05 and 2005/06 but with an inflationary uplift. The ODPM intends to maintain these additional grant contributions at their 2005/06 level beyond April 2006.
7. Where the bid is for contributions towards HIA services in a LA area where the ODPM have not previously funded HIA services, "new money committed from local funding sources" should contain a contribution by the local housing authority.
8. The use of the grant will be determined by the appropriate Supporting People Programme Grant conditions from 2005-2005.
9. Additional funding will be used to establish robust, well funded, efficient and well managed/restructured HIA services that have extended geographical coverage over Supporting People territories. That offer a wide range of services, remain client focussed, independent, contribute to partners agendas and offer value for money.
10.
  - a. does the bid propose that HIA services will be established in areas where they are not currently available;
  - b. does the bid include proposals for significant restructuring of existing HIA services.