

Funding guidelines 2008: summary of changes with justifications

- 1) Infopack and Forms and Guidelines foreshadow the possibility of one funding round only, as decided by the RMC. (*With over 360 Members we may experience increased interest in FABLS funding and it is best to satisfy as much people as we can as quickly as we can. This will also positively influence our 2009 ARC report*)
- 2) Changed timeline so that the first funding round closes well after the FABLS workshop. *To enable Members to plan submissions at the workshop..*
- 3) Infopack p 7 project maintenance support changed to project support.
- 4) Guidelines page 2 1.2.2 re pooling of funds removed: *no one in practice pools the funds.*
- 5) Membership of CIs/PIs: Earlier 1.2.4, now renumbered 1.2.3 becomes

1.2.3. The Project may have any number of participants who may or may not be Network Members. FABLS actively encourages that project participants become FABLS Members. (*in line with our practice*)

6. Removed the following text re project registrations:

“1.2.5. Project registration is valid for one year. Projects subject to Network funding will be automatically extended up to the Project Reporting Date (specified with the funding offer).

1.2.6. The Members may suggest the year of project registration, especially for registrations lodged late in the calendar year.”

This was obscure and not used

- 7) Point 2.2.1. to point to documents on the FABLS website not on Forum, to read

“Applicants are reminded that FABLS funding is principally designed to support networking type activities as prescribed by the ARC Networks Contract and by the FABLS proposal to the ARC. Both are accessible on the FABLS Website.”

FABLS admin to make sure these documents are on the website.

8. Point 2.4 last phrase removed “In the future, funding from additional sources may need to be distributed.”

9. Point 2.8 removed (*in light of the possibility of a single round and the fact that FABLS needs to spend its allocation and give maximum satisfaction to Members*)

10. Point 3.1.2 becomes “Each application must be assessed by **at least three** RMC Members”. Before it was “all RMC Members”. (*More practical, as RMC is very large*).

11. Point 4.2.3 and 4.2.4. from 2007 removed - appeals do not need a form.

12. 4.5.3. Carryover request does not need to be on the form.