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What was the assessment criteria that weighted certain types of projects, for example, sport, tourism, arts infrastructure?

There seemed to be few infrastructure projects approved, despite this type of funding being most badly needed in many communities. Why was this?

Answer:

There was no weighting applied to any of the selection criteria in Round One of the RDAF. All eligible applications were assessed on their individual and relative merits, against the criteria set out in section 4.8 of the RDAF Guidelines for Round One.

The RDAF Advisory Panel took the followings points (at section 5.1 of the RDAF Guidelines for Round One into consideration when assessing application):

- the outcomes that will be achieved;
- the project's viability;
- the applicant's viability;
- the project's sustainability;
- the project's value for money; and
- historical performance with regard to previous grant funding.