

SAMPLE PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

<i>Factors (& score ranges)</i>	Perceived Need	Associated Costs	Timing of Results	Easy to implement	Indirect Impacts	Total points
<i>Sample Issues</i>	low = 1 high = 10	low = 10 high = 1	short-term=10 long-term=1	easy = 10 difficult = 1	positive =10 negative =1	min = 9 max = 60
Health and Safety						
Finance (retiring debt)						
Housing						
Capital						
Employment						
Education						
Land Claims						
Community Healing (additional)						

Score each of the above factors as you see is appropriate in your community. Those with the highest total scores should be considered priorities. Keep in mind, your community will likely have specific issues (as opposed to the general issues listed above) that need to be prioritized.

The point of this exercise is to force decision-makers to think about the potential consequences of their decisions. This is not scientific or exact; USE YOUR JUDGEMENT and make decisions based on what you know about your own community. You may even want to change the weighting of various issues and/or factors to better reflect your community.

To determine the total ratings, consider the following:

Perceived Need: How great is the need in your community? Will focusing on this issue benefit just a few people or many? Is there evidence to support the need?

Associated Costs: Includes fixed costs (dollar amounts). What are the costs of NOT funding this program/service?

Timing: Will results be seen in the short-term (this year), or long-term (5-10 years)?

Ease of Implementation: How easy will it be to put this into place? Is there capacity in the current organization to do it, or will you have to hire others or outside experts? Will the people accept it and help the process, or will there be initial antagonism towards the program/service?

Indirect Impacts: How will this affect other programs and services? Will it help the community reach its goals and vision (positive impact), or does it work against the long-term goals for short term gain (negative impact)?