While the decision-making process in allocating SBA funds to student orgs is largely a subjective process in which elected representatives make informed financial decisions based on their own understanding, opinions and perspectives, the following considerations provide the main justification for the suggested budget presented by the SBA President and Treasurer:

- The number of students the event reaches
  - Historic attendance
  - Predicted attendance (reasonability)
  - “Exclusiveness” (publicity to students, membership requirements for attendance, etc.)
- Efficiency in use of allocated funds
  - Previous semester allocation
  - Amount actually used
  - Reasonableness of expenditures
- Substantive value of the event
  - Contribution to students’ law school experience/learning
  - Value of the event to the law school community
- Informational meetings will not be allocated any funds (suggested)
- Co-sponsored/org/school events viewed favorably
- $3-4/attendant for lunch-time event
- Fundraising
  - Funds issued as a “loan”
  - SBA to recover first returns prior to org’s receipt of profit
- History of overdrawing account (suggested: 3X amount overdrawn deducted)
- Timeliness of budget submission (suggested: $50 deduction for late budgets)
- Attendance at Org Leader Training (suggested: $50 deduction for absence)