

MAYOR OF LONDON

Young Londoners Fund: You Said – We Did

We sought feedback about round 1 of the Young Londoners Fund from successful and unsuccessful applicants, community groups, youth networks, local authorities, funders and young people and officers who scored applications. We have responded to your comments by making some changes.

1. You asked for opportunities to collaborate with other youth organisations and share best practice across boroughs

We are investing £1.1m over three years to support eleven Young Londoners Fund (YLF) Local Networks and the John Lyon's Charity's Young People's Foundations. These cover all 32 London boroughs and the City of London. The YLF Local Networks will bring together organisations supporting young people. They will work across two or more boroughs to:

- Provide a network for organisations supporting young people to work collaboratively
- Share best practice between organisations
- Ensure that young people are engaged in developing proposals and delivering activities
- Help generate proposals for round 2 of the fund and support potential bidders
- Promote Young Londoners Fund activities to young people in their locality

You can find out which organisations are running the Young Londoners Fund local networks here: <https://www.london.gov.uk/yjf-networks>

2. You asked for more information sessions about the Young Londoners Fund and for these to be based locally

We held 7 information sessions during the round 1 application period and published a video recording of one of the events online.

For round 2, over 30 information sessions will take place in community settings across London during April – June 2019. The sessions will be delivered by the Young Londoners Fund Local Networks. You can find out when and where the information sessions are being held and book your place at www.london.gov.uk/apply-young-londoners-fund

The GLA will lead on the delivery of a further 7 information sessions across London, with support from the YLF Local Networks. One of these will be held at City Hall. We will be streaming the City Hall session live on our website at <https://www.london.gov.uk/media-centre/mayoral?page=2>

3. You asked for the application form to be shortened, particularly for small and medium sized grants

We have developed two application forms for round 2 of the Young Londoners Fund, one for small and medium sized grants and one for large grants. These have been informed by detailed feedback from round 1 applicants, local authorities, scorers, and other London funders. We have also reduced the number of questions in each application form:

	Total number of questions	Number of scored questions
Round 1 (2018) - All grants	67 (31 gateway)	25
Round 2 (2019) - Small / medium grants	51 (24 gateway)	16
Round 2 (2019) - Large grants	57 (26 gateway)	20

4. You asked for more support to develop project ideas and complete the application form

In February 2019 we held a series of Project Development Workshops for applicants who were not awarded funding in round 1. The GLA and other London youth funders shared good practice in project development and applying for funding. Over 100 organisations attended. Resources, including exemplar answers from funded projects and worksheets to support project planning are available online at www.london.gov.uk/yjf-resources

Ten organisations that scored highly in key sections of their applications but need help to further develop their proposals have received development grants of up to £5,000 to enable them to do so.

The YLF Local Networks and the John Lyon's Charity's Young People's Foundations will offer support and locally-tailored guidance to any organisation interested in applying for round 2 of the Fund. All YLF Local Networks will deliver information sessions and many will also be providing application 'surgeries' and other support.

If applicants have any questions around the application process they can contact our dedicated grants phone number or email address.

Frequently asked questions (FAQs) will be added to the Young Londoners Fund Round 2 FAQ document and published with answers on the grants portal <https://gla.flexigrant.com> and on www.london.gov.uk/apply-young-londoners-fund

5. You asked us to make sure that projects support the young people and communities who are most in need

We have made changes to the application form so that we can better understand who the young people are that the project will support, where applicants are proposing to deliver and the activities that they will provide.

We will now ask applicants to:

- Specify the percentage of young people that they expect to support who are at risk of exclusion or criminal activity and the percentage who are involved in criminal activity
- State the percentage of young people they plan to support from each borough.

We have added a new section 'Where is the need?' to our prospectus. This explains that we will pay particular attention to proposals that will deliver to young people facing the biggest challenges including those from areas with high levels of deprivation and high incidents of serious youth violence. The prospectus includes a map that shows where young people are being supported through round 1 and links to data sources that will support applicants to evidence the need for their project.

We have also published a Data Resource Pack which brings together publicly available data, indicators and maps to highlight potential areas of need.

The prospectus and Data Resource Pack are available at www.london.gov.uk/apply-young-londoners-fund

6. You asked for clarity on which questions young people will be scoring

Young people will be scoring two questions in round 2. These are:

- How will you include young people's feedback and suggestions into the ongoing delivery of your projects? (Question 15 on the small and medium grants application form and 16 on the large grants form.)
- Please detail examples of projects where you have worked with young people from your chosen cohort (s) and you have engaged young people in the design and delivery of these projects. (Question 22 on the small and medium grants application form and 23 on the large grants form.)

The application guidance clearly states which questions are marked by young people and is available at www.london.gov.uk/apply-young-londoners-fund

Young people will also be provided with a short summary of the project they are scoring.