

# MAYOR OF LONDON

## Young Londoners Fund Applicant Feedback: Frequently Asked Questions

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### **1. I've not heard whether my Young Londoners Fund application was successful or not. What's happened?**

If you applied for a small grant of between £10,000 and £30,000 per year you should have heard if your application was successful in August 2018. Medium and large grant applicants were informed in October 2018.

### **2. How can I find out about projects which are being funded by the Young Londoners Fund?**

Information on projects that have been funded by the Young Londoners Fund can be found on [www.london.gov.uk/young-londoners-fund](http://www.london.gov.uk/young-londoners-fund). This includes information on Young Londoners Fund and Sport Unites grants. You can also find out more about activities for young people in the capital by using our digital map [www.london.gov.uk/our-london/](http://www.london.gov.uk/our-london/)

### **3. How many applications did you have in Round 1 of the Young Londoners Fund?**

We had £15.5m of grant funding available in Round 1 of the Young Londoners Fund.

This has been a hugely popular fund which has generated a considerable number of applications. As a result, there was strong competition for a limited budget.

We received 132 applications for Young Londoners Fund small grants and Sport Unites small grants for a total value of £7.4m. We received 212 applications for Young Londoners Fund medium grants totalling £28.7m and 109 for large grants totalling £85m.

### **4. What did young people feedback about the applications for Young Londoners Fund grants?**

Young people scored three of the questions in the application form which related to young people the most:

- How have you involved young people and your local community in your project planning so far? Can you evidence a clear demand for your project?
- How will you include young people's feedback and suggestions into the ongoing delivery of your project?
- 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

Young people said that the characteristics of a good application were that:

- Young people were involved in project planning and delivery
- A clear focus on those who have less opportunities
- Showing clearly that they have good networks to support young people
- Stating the need to include the thoughts of parents and wider community
- Clearly outlining the demand for their services and organisation, based on feedback from users
- Showing a clear passion for what they would like to do as an organisation and how they would like to impact the lives of young Londoners.

Young people said that common areas for development were:

- Young people aren't involved in the process as much as they should be
- Not enough detail about what the programme is offering
- Target age isn't detailed
- Question wasn't answered properly
- Clear project aims but poorly explained
- The answer didn't make sense or irrelevant information is provided.

## **5. What other feedback was there about the applications to the Young Londoners Fund?**

Due to the huge number of applications unfortunately we are unable to offer individual feedback for organisations that were not successful in applying for the fund. However, some common areas for development identified during the assessment process were:

- A lack of clarity in how the proposed project would tackle the primary aims of the fund
- Unclear on the young people the project was aimed at, their needs and how the organisation would engage them in the project design and delivery
- Not enough information on activities the proposed project would provide and what difference these activities would make to young people
- Did not demonstrate how the proposed project would engage with existing local services to provide wraparound support for young people.
- A lack of detail of the multi-agency approach of projects
- Unclear on the roles and responsibilities of delivery partners

## 6. How will I know when round 2 of the Young Londoners Fund is launched?

Please sign up to receive updates about the Young Londoners Fund on our website [www.london.gov.uk/young-londoners-fund](http://www.london.gov.uk/young-londoners-fund). We expect to launch the application process for round 2 in spring 2019.

## 7. If my application for round 1 of the Young Londoners Fund was unsuccessful can I apply in round 2?

Yes. Please consider the feedback on round 1 applications when developing your ideas and application for round 2.

## 8. What support is available to help me develop my application for round 2 of the Young Londoners Fund?

### Impact for Youth – Young Londoners Fund Local Networks

We will be providing funding to local networks of youth organisations through *Impact for Youth*. The *Impact for Youth* programme is being developed to support organisations applying for or delivering activity funded through the Young Londoners Fund.

YLF Local Networks will provide support to organisations:

- to help generate proposals to the fund and support potential bidders
- to help ensure that young people are effectively and appropriately engaged in developing proposals and delivering activities.

We will publish information on who your YLF Local Network is and how to contact them on [www.london.gov.uk/young-londoners-fund](http://www.london.gov.uk/young-londoners-fund) in January 2019.

### Development Grants

We have allocated budget for a small number of **development grants** of up to £5,000 for organisations who bid for the Young Londoners Fund in round 1 but need further help to develop their project proposal and get their application ready to re-apply to the fund in 2019. Applicants who score highly on the project need and project activity sections but who are not selected to deliver a round 1 Young Londoners Fund project will be considered for a development grant, subject to funding being available. We will inform organisations eligible for a development grant in November once we have completed our review of all round 1 Young Londoners Fund applications.

### Grant Funding & Community Information Sessions

We will be holding a small number of sessions in February 2019 at City Hall in partnership with other London funders to share good practice about applying for grant funding opportunities including lessons learnt from Round 1 of the Young Londoners Fund.

We will also be holding community Information Sessions as part of Round 2 of the Young Londoners Fund in Summer 2019.

### 9. How can I find out about other funds to apply for?

Information on City Hall funds can be found on our website [www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/funding](http://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/funding).

We will also be launching a new funding opportunity in January 2019.

**Active Londoners:** aims to provide more opportunities for Londoners to take part in sport and physical activity in their local area, and to fund initiatives catering specifically for inactive Londoners. Funded projects will need to focus on:

- providing affordable local participation opportunities in places in London where demand outstrips supply
- targeting Londoners who aren't sufficiently active
- supporting Londoners with mental health difficulties.