

MAYOR OF LONDON

Young Londoners Fund Round 2 Applicant Feedback: Frequently Asked Questions

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1. I've not heard whether my Round 2 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 (pending due diligence checks) by 13th September 2019. Medium and large grant applicants will hear by 18th October 2019.

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 round 1 of the Young Londoners Fund can be found on www.london.gov.uk/young-londoners-fund. 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/. Information on projects funded by Round 2 of the Young Londoners Fund will be available once scoring and due diligence checks have been completed.

You can also contact your YLF Local Network to find out about projects funded in your local area. To find out who your local network is please visit www.london.gov.uk/ylf-networks

3. How many applications did you have for small grants in Round 2 of the Young Londoners Fund?

The Young Londoners Fund remains a hugely popular fund which has generated a considerable number of applications. As a result, there was strong competition for a limited budget. In total over 550 applications were received requesting funding of over £97m.

We received 123 eligible applications for Young Londoners Fund small grants for a total value of £7.7m.

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

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

- How will you include young people's feedback and suggestions into the ongoing design and delivery of your project?
- Please detail examples of where you have worked with young people from your chosen cohort(s) including how 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 applicants:

- Clearly showed how they would access and then recruit young people
- Used statistics to show a high rate of young people using their services or there was a high demand
- Showed their projects were well informed by the young people they are targeting and clearly implement this into their service
- Projects were very youth led
- Detailed how they listened to young people to help improve their service
- Kept the answer very relevant to the question

Young people said that common areas for development were:

- Not enough evidence to suggest the target group would be interested in the proposed ideas.
- There was an absence of next steps, specifically how young people would be supported once their time on the project is finished.
- Feedback from young people was obtained, however there was little to no evidence regarding how this would be used in the ongoing design and delivery
- More creative methods for feedback (from young people) were needed.
- Insufficient information on how they will recruit the young people they said they were targeting.
- Answers (which should've been treated as standalone for young people) used lots of complicated vocabulary and too many acronyms.

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 characteristics of a high scoring application are outlined below:

- Clear on the specific group of young people they were supporting – this could have been that they were living in a specific ward or estate or that they had very specific characteristic or needs.
- Clearly linked the proposed activity to the specific needs of the young people that they were targeting and showed how the activity would help young people.

- Identified the demand from young people and their families for the activity.
- Linked local statistics and knowledge to demonstrate the need for their project rather than London wide or borough wide data.
- Were consistent in who they said that they would support. For example, some applicants said that they would support 'at risk' or 'excluded' in section 5 of the application (Project Need) but then didn't refer to the needs of these young people later in the application.
- Included bespoke outputs and set realistic but challenging outcomes that linked clearly to project activity.
- Had clear detailed budgets.
- Gave examples of relevant previous experience of working with the target group of young people, local delivery and previous outputs and outcomes.
- Clearly set out how the project would be managed, staffing structures, and the experience of staff members.

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

We are funding YLF Local Networks across London that can help signpost you to other funding opportunities. To find out who your YLF Local Network is please visit www.london.gov.uk/ylf-networks

If you are not already signed up please register for updates on the Young Londoners Fund [here](#)

Information on City Hall funds can be found on our website www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/funding.