

# London Youth Development Grant 2018

March 2018



## Application Guidance Notes

### About the Development Grant

London Youth is a network of 300 community youth organisations right across the capital. We exist to support young people to be the best they can be.

As London changes, so do the challenges and opportunities that our members, and the young people that they work with, face. We want to support our members to be well equipped to respond to this, and to develop and share good practice for the benefit of all young Londoners.

The development grant will enable up to six organisations to access support to develop their work in the area of **wellbeing and mental health**. This topic has been identified time and again by our members as an area of increased need for young Londoners.

**We are looking to support work that will not only benefit individual organisations, but that can also be shared with youth organisations across London.**

### ***What you will get:***

- Up to £2,500 of financial support
- Project development and evaluation support
- Opportunities to showcase your work

### ***What we ask for in return:***

- Willingness and commitment to sharing learning with London Youth and our network. We are as interested in what hasn't worked as well as what has.
- Attendance at Wellbeing & Mental Health Network meetings on the following dates:
  - **Thursday 26th April, 2pm-4pm** (This will act as the project kick off meeting for the Development Grant)
  - **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 10:30am-12:30pm**
  - **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 10am-12pm**
  - **Friday 7th December, Time TBC** (but will be in the morning)
- Capacity to be able to undertake the project in the specified time period (May 2018 to September 2018).

## How to apply

Applications will open on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018 and you can apply online through our website [here](#).

(Please note: Applications will open on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> March and close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 5pm. This link will not work before or after these dates.)

We have tried to make the application process as simple as possible by limiting the amount of information that you need to provide. **Please use the guidance notes below to ensure that you provide the most relevant information in your application.**

## Assessment criteria

Your application will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Evidence of need
- The strength of the proposed model/approach
- The potential for sharing and applying learning elsewhere in the youth sector
- Suitability of the project for this funding opportunity
- Alignment with London Youth's values of supporting high quality youth work in the community

## Completing the application

The application is broken down into three sections:

- About you
- About your project
- Financial support

Please complete all questions and sections of the application form.

### ***About you***

In this section, you will be asked to provide a small amount of information about your organisation and the lead individual for the project. Please complete this as accurately as possible, including details of your London Youth quality mark if you have one.

If you are applying together with another organisation, please provide names of both organisations, making it clear which organisation is the lead organisation.

Please note that the lead organisation **must** be a member of London Youth and that preference will be given to organisations that hold an up-to-date bronze quality mark or higher.

## **About your project**

There are two questions within this section, together with some prompts for you to consider in your answer.

**1) Tell us about the wellbeing and mental health needs of the young people in your organisation or in your local area (up to 300 words)**

*Questions to consider:*

- *What is the specific need or issue relating to wellbeing and mental health that you are trying to address?*
- *What work have you done on this need to date?*

In this section, please tell us the specific issue that you are trying to address in relation to young people's wellbeing and/or mental health. Please also tell us about any work you have already done on this to date (this could include research or consultation, as well as any piloting)

The second question in this section focuses on how you will be building on this work or addressing this need:

**What work are you planning to do that could address this need? (up to 300 words)**

*Questions to consider:*

- *How would you best use the Development Grant money and support?*
- *What are you hoping to achieve through this piece of work?*

Thinking back to the need detailed in the first question, please tell us what work you are planning on doing to address this. Please be as specific as possible about the work you would do in the time period May to September 2018 and what you hope to achieve by the end of this period. We recognise that this is a short period of time so please try to be realistic with your plans.

## **Financial support**

You will be asked to indicate how much money you are applying for (up to a maximum of £2,500) and provide an overview of what this will cover.

The grant can be spent on any costs or expenditure associated with the project. This can include staff time, direct project costs, as well as a reasonable contribution to overheads.

## **Further information**

For further information on the development grant, please see our overview and FAQ sheet.

If you have any questions that not covered in this or these guidance notes, please contact: Laura Fisher ([laura.fisher@londonyouth.org](mailto:laura.fisher@londonyouth.org) or on 0207 549 8842).