



National Voluntary Youth Work Organisations Support Fund Guidance for Applicants 2022/23

Overview:

The purpose of this Scottish Government fund is to support workforce development within the voluntary youth work sector in order that that the sector can continuously improve and offer high quality youth opportunities that meet the needs of all young people in Scotland. The fund also aims to support the implementation of the new National Youth Work Strategy for Scotland (in development).

Previous rounds of the fund were open only to national voluntary sector youth work organisations. In 2022/23 the fund will also be open to specialist equalities focused voluntary youth work organisations to support them to build on and develop their reach and offer to young people with protected characteristics.

As in previous rounds, a pot of **£500,000** is available to eligible **national** voluntary sector **youth work** organisations. Awards are capped at £35,000 per organisation

In addition to this, an additional pot of **£100,000** is available to specialist **equalities** focused voluntary **youth work** organisations (can be regional or local). Awards are capped at £10,000 for regional organisations and £5,000 for local organisations

Organisations applying for more than one project/distinct piece of work must submit a separate application for each piece of work

Please note that the fund supports workforce development not direct delivery to young people.

Timeline:

20th of June 2022 - the fund opens for applications

22nd of July 2022 – deadline for submission of applications

31st March 2023 – deadline for completing delivery of funded activity

28th of April 2023 – submission of end of project reports

*(Please note that there will be no second round in order to ensure that all delivery can take place before the end of March 2023. No extensions will be available beyond this date).

Eligible Organisations:

1. To be eligible to apply to the fund your organisation must be:

a) A national voluntary sector youth work organisation

Or

b) A specialist equality focused voluntary youth work organisation

*(or both)

Definitions:

National voluntary sector youth work organisations - to meet this eligibility criteria you must be delivering youth work services or providing support to youth work organisations in at least eight local authority areas in Scotland and be able to describe your national remit.

Specialist equalities focused voluntary youth work organisations – to meet this eligibility criteria you must be delivering youth work or supporting youth work organisations (at a national, regional or local level) that specifically support young people with protected characteristics.

*(please note while youth work as an approach and youth provision should be underpinned by the principles of equality of opportunity, inclusivity and recognising, respecting and valuing diversity, this fund is not open to local/regional youth work organisations other than those with a specialist equalities focus (as above).

Youth work organisations – to meet this eligibility criteria you must deliver youth work (or in the case of intermediary/membership organisations – support organisations delivering youth work). While many organisations work with and offer valuable opportunities to young people, youth work is a distinct, deliberate, professional and specific form of informal education. YouthLink Scotland’s “Statement on the Nature and Purpose of Youth Work” can be found [here](#). This and the "[National Youth Work Outcomes](#)" inform assessment against this eligibility criteria.

Eligible Activity:

The fund supports workforce development. To be eligible, proposed activity must support one or more of the following workforce development outcomes:

**(Previous applicants should note changes to the fund outcomes)*

- a) Improved recruitment/engagement and support of volunteers
- b) Increased access to essential workforce development opportunities for paid staff and/or volunteers
- c) Increased access to leadership development opportunities for senior managers and/or senior volunteers
- d) Enhanced capacity of youth work organisations, staff and volunteers to reach and support young people with protected characteristics

Core internal work that does not directly link to one of the fund outcomes cannot be funded (e.g. ongoing governance work).

The link between proposed activity and the fund outcomes is key to eligibility and to the assessment process.

Work with young people - the fund supports workforce development not direct delivery to young people.

Where the beneficiaries of your proposed activity are young people it must be clear that the proposed activity supports them in the role of youth work volunteers or in the governance of your organisation (e.g. as board/shadow board members).

The following areas of work with young people are considered direct delivery and are **not** eligible for funding:

- Leadership courses/qualifications for young people (unless those are directly related to the role of a young person in direct delivery of youth work to other young people or in the governance of an organisation, as above)
- Consultation with young people as users of your service

Requests to fund a post - where an application meets the fund criteria, costs related to a post will be considered but only on a pilot basis (for one year). Further applications for the continuation of a post will not be considered.

Eligible Costs:

This fund supports the costs of training and development. Core costs cannot be supported.

Applicants may request some management costs but these must be directly related to the proposed activity and not make up more than 7-10% of the total amount requested.

Where a daily rate is provided you must confirm that this rate does not include an element of core cost (overheads) recovery or management fees that exceed 7-10% of the total amount requested.

An applicant may request venue costs. Where the venue used belongs to the applicant organisation full cost recovery is permitted.

Please note that applications will be assessed in relation to both "fit" with the fund criteria and value for money.

Assessment Criteria:

Applications to the fund will be assessed against the following criteria:

1. Applicant organisations must have a national remit and reach or a specialist equalities focus and remit (or both) (as defined above)
2. Applicant organisations must deliver or support youth work activity (as defined above)
3. Applications must demonstrate that the proposed activity will lead to one or more of the following workforce development outcomes.
 - a) Improved recruitment/engagement and support of volunteers
 - b) Increased access to essential workforce development opportunities for paid staff and/or volunteers
 - c) Increased access to leadership development opportunities for senior managers and/or senior volunteers
 - d) Enhanced capacity of youth work organisations, staff and volunteers to reach and support young people with protected characteristics
4. Applications must demonstrate value for money

Conditions of Grant:

UNCRC Incorporation:

As a condition of the grant, you must take steps to promote, respect, protect and fulfil the rights of children and young people and increase awareness of the UNCRC amongst our staff and stakeholders. You should also promote the UNCRC throughout the creation and development of your programmes, projects, plans, policies and procedures in relation to this funding.

All organisations receiving funding must agree to undertake and evidence the following actions by 31st March 2023:

- Provide relevant links to UNCRC information materials on their website.
- Report on the impact of the funding in relation to the UNCRC and the young people they work with.

Development and Implementation of the National Youth Work Strategy:

Recipients of NVYOSF grants are expected to engage in the collaborative process required to develop and implement youth work policy including The National Youth Work Strategy youth work strategy.

Recognition of Funding Source:

Scottish Government funding must be acknowledged in any publications at any events and in any publicity connected to the funded projects.

Further information:

If you require further information or would like to discuss any aspect of your application, please contact:

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