

Lead the Change FAQs

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Q: I have a member of staff in a post that is part funded already. Can I apply for funding for the other unfunded part of the post, so that they can work on my eligible project?

A: Yes – you will need to provide evidence to support this with your application.

Q: My organisation delivers work in one of the places but isn't based there, can I apply?

A: We expect most organisations we fund in this programme to be small community organisations which both work in and are based in the places we are targeting. We will prioritise organisations that meet both of these aims. In places where there are lots of youth organisations that are based in the place directly, an application from an organisation outside of that place is unlikely to be successful.

However, if your organisation delivers in one of the target places with less youth provision overall (or no relevant youth provision located directly in the place), is locally rooted and connecting with your community, and is located close to but not directly in the place your application will still be considered. We recognise that there are some areas with less youth provision overall, or where organisations are spread over a larger distance due to their rural nature. You will need to be able to show a strong connection and track record in that place. If you think this might apply to your organisation, contact the local community foundation to check if you are eligible.

Q: My organisation is not eligible to apply because we are not registered, can we apply via a host?

A: Applications from host organisations will be accepted where this is the most impactful way to meet the aims of the programme, and where there is a demonstrated need for this way of working (for example, a smaller organisation is the only one trusted by a particular community). The host must be co-delivering the work (not simply passing the funds on), take the lead on delivery, and takes full responsibility for adhering to the terms and conditions of the grant including the finance, governance and safeguarding, for the lifetime of the project.

Q: My organisation wants to work in partnership with others, can we apply together?

A: All applications must be made by one organisation. One organisation can apply as a “host” to work with up to two other organisations, where they can demonstrate that this approach is the most impactful way to meet the aims of the programme. The host must be co-delivering the work (not simply passing the funds on) and takes full responsibility for adhering to the terms and conditions of the grant including the finance, governance and safeguarding, for the lifetime of the project.