

Youth Futures Fund FAQs

Why has The London Community Foundation (LCF) launched the Youth Futures Fund?	It is vital we support young people now to limit the long-term impact of this challenging year. We can't do it alone. It is going to take a powerful, collective effort from all of us if we are going to give young people the support they need. We launched the Fund to encourage donors to join forces and help community organisations to provide vital services to young people.
Which organisations will get the funds?	We are aiming to launch the Fund in September. We are aiming to support a cohort of 5 community organisations in their first year of the fund, each with a multi-year grant of £20k for 3 years.
Why will the fund be distributing core grants instead of project grants?	Our research such as 'Overcoming barriers to funding: a strategic partnership report' and 'Voices from the frontline' report, as well as monitoring feedback, conversations with grantees, amongst other civil society sources, highlight the vital role core and multi-year grants play in strengthening the sector. Echoed by the Institute for Voluntary Action Research's recent report which lists several reasons why funding core costs ultimately increases the impact of your donation. It builds strong organisations, facilitates organisational development, enables flexibility and responsiveness, and enhances existing investments. Ultimately it supports organisations in the best possible position to deliver impactful services for young Londoners.
How will I hear about what the Fund is supporting?	If you donate to the Fund, we will provide you with updates about the impact of your contribution. We also intend to publish updates on what is happening on our website (www.londoncf.org.uk) and follow us on Twitter at @London_cf.
Will my donation directly support individuals?	This Fund will not support individuals directly. In the first year this fund will support grassroots community organisations who provide services to support young people's mental health. By contributing to the Fund, you will be supporting these organisations to sustain themselves after the pandemic so they can help many more young people in the future.
How can I donate to the Fund?	You can donate via the online donations page here: https://giving.londoncf.org.uk/cf/youth-futures-fund You can also discuss contributing to the Fund with Laura Perkins by emailing her at laura.perkins@londoncf.org.uk You can also donate shares. If you would like a conversation about how we can facilitate this, please email frank.page@londoncf.org.uk and speak to us before you start the process. We always recommend a donor takes independent financial advice beforehand.
How does LCF cover its costs in relation to the Fund?	LCF is a charity. To enable us to do our work we have to raise funds to cover our costs. For the Youth Futures Fund, 10% of every donation will go towards the management of the fund and our costs. This includes advertising the Fund, supporting community organisations to apply, assessing the applicants, and conducting due diligence, awarding the grants, supporting successful community organisations with their projects, and helping them to monitor and track their progress. This also includes communicating to our donors the impact of their donation.
My charity or grassroots organisation is looking for funding, what should I do?	Please visit the Available Grants page on our website at https://londoncf.org.uk/apply/available-grants to see a list of all the funds that are currently open for applications. Please also sign up to our newsletter to get updates about when this fund is open. Please also keep an eye on Twitter at @London_cf and on LinkedIn at The London Community Foundation.
I can't find the answer to my question here	Please contact our Director of Development and Communications at laura.perkins@londoncf.org.uk