

## Youth Endowment Fund COVID-19 Grant Round

**The Youth Endowment Fund launches new £6.5m COVID-19 grant round to support vulnerable children at risk of youth violence.**

Social distancing and stay-at-home measures have seen access to schools restricted and the provision of youth services dramatically reduced. The result is that some of our most vulnerable children have both lost the support they relied on and become increasingly invisible.

Many organisations who are passionate about young people are working hard to find creative ways to address this at a time when their own financial security hangs in the balance. Whilst some continue with their face-to-face work, an increasing number of organisations are adapting services using digital and virtual activities to deliver their support.

With little evidence existing on the effectiveness of digital and virtual support activities in reaching vulnerable children and preventing youth crime, we urgently need to learn more about the best ways to reach and support vulnerable young people.

The dual aims of this grant round are to help reach and support vulnerable children at risk of youth violence, and to learn the best ways to provide support under the current social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines.

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### Summary

#### **What is the fund?**

The Youth Endowment Fund's new £6.5m COVID-19 grant round will fund and evaluate work which supports vulnerable young people in at risk of youth violence, and that can be delivered whilst adhering to UK government social distancing and stay-at-home guidelines.

#### **How much funding can organisations apply for?**

The average grant is expected to be around £50,000. The minimum grant that organisations can apply for is £25,000. There is no maximum, however grants awarded will be proportionate to the turnover of the organisation(s) applying.

Because of the financial pressure they are under, 50% of the total funding available will be reserved for charities and social enterprises.

### **What activities and work will it fund?**

This grant round will focus on funding and evaluating two key areas of work:

**1. Digital/virtual delivery of programmes, specifically:**

- Remote/digital/virtual delivery of programmes delivered on a one-to-one basis
- Remote/digital/virtual delivery of group-based programmes
- Remote/digital/virtual delivery of guided self-help or interactive content

**2. Face-to-face activity that can be delivered whilst adhering to social distancing/stay at home guidelines, specifically:**

- Face-to-face activity delivered within schools, including activities to help vulnerable young people return to school
- Face-to-face delivery of detached youth work

### **Who can apply?**

An application can be made by any legally constituted organisation delivering in **England and Wales**. This could include:

- Charities and social enterprises
- For-profit companies
- Public sector agencies, such as councils, schools, health or police forces

### **Timeline**

- Applications open: **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020**
- Applications close: **12pm Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020**

### **How to apply**

For more information and to apply, please visit **[www.youthendowmentfund.org.uk](http://www.youthendowmentfund.org.uk)**