

CRITERIA

LONDON LUTON AIRPORT LTD LUTON YOUTH FUND

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BEDFORDSHIRE AND LUTON **COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

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IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LUTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

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If you've answered 'NO' to any of the questions above your organisation or proposed project is not eligible for this fund. You may want to get in touch with us to see whether we can support you further, including offering advice or signpost you towards funds that you may be eligible for.

INTRODUCTION

London Luton Airport Ltd (LLAL) and Luton Borough Council (LBC) are working in partnership to improve the quality of life of the people of Luton and ensuring that the focus of the Luton Investment Framework (LIF) to raise aspirations and drive improvements to health and well-being creates opportunities for all residents. The fund is divided into 4 streams and grants up to £1,500, £10,000, £20,000, and £50,000 are available for organisations based or working in the Luton area. Decision panels are held 4 times a year and application review dates are confirmed shortly after you apply.

Knife crime, serious violence and the wide spread exploitation of vulnerable children and young people is increasing nationally. Whilst it is difficult to say how much of this serious youth violence and exploitation is gang-related, we know that involvement means that young people are more likely to carry knives and be at risk of other forms of exploitation. We also know that some of the pernicious impacts of this activity are harder to spot in the statistics. For example, gang activity is known to be linked to peer-on-peer exploitation and abuse. The 'county lines' phenomenon, a national issue involving the use of mobile phone 'lines' by criminals to expand their drug-dealing businesses into new areas, is perhaps the clearest example of this. This sees vulnerable children exploited and coerced into selling drugs in rural or coastal towns. Gang association can also have devastating consequences for girls and young women, including serious sexual abuse.

Young people susceptible to being exploited can have limited critical thinking skills, inadequate education, additional educational and mental health needs, food poverty, lack of capable guardians and a negative perception of gaining legitimate employment opportunities. Given the levels of early intervention funding that has been systematically withdrawn since 2010, the opportunities to work with these vulnerable children to increase their resilience to exploitation have been and are still being missed.

Therefore, the aim of this refocused fund is to ensure that we are delivering effective programmes and services to vulnerable children and young people involved in activities as a result of exploitation and ensuring we are taking all the opportunities available to minimise the risk of exploitation in the first instance.

Throughout 2016/17, many of the young people involved in serious youth violence or gang associated behaviours both as perpetrators and/ or victims of offences were not known significantly to statutory services such as the Police, Social Care or the Youth Offending Service. Equally, there Children's Social Care have seen more and more young people coming into care at a later age through vulnerabilities such as sexual exploitation without similar input from statutory agencies. As a response, the Luton Youth Fund was targeted around a number of key priority areas in 2016/17.

However, despite this targeting, the trend of children and young people involved in gang associated behaviour or other forms of exploitation with little or no statutory footprint has continued. Amongst other things, it may be the case that programmes being funded currently are not having the much-needed impact on the groups of children and young people most susceptible to exploitation. This demonstrates that the programmes being funded within the community are not having the necessary impact on the children and young people most susceptible to being exploited and as a consequence, the Youth Services Fund has been refocused to ensure that we are achieving the right outcomes for the hardest to reach children and young people in Luton who are vulnerable to forms of exploitation which could lead to them into risky behaviours, becoming involved in criminality or coming into the care system.

AIMS

The fund is targeted to maintain programmes for tackling the following:

- 1. Exploitation of children and young people such as gang associated behaviour**
- 2. Serious youth violence or sexual exploitation, which encompass a multi-agency approach.**

This could also include outcome-focused interventions around learning, life skills, employment and also prevention including teaching, supporting, mentoring and inspiring children and young people or parents within structured programmes of awareness to avoid any form of exploitation.

You will need to give a minimum of three intended outcomes that your project / service / activity will achieve and how these will be measured. The outcomes you choose must demonstrate the changes your project is seeking to achieve in the lives of the children and young people.

In all cases, such projects should be additional to the work being carried out by Luton Borough Council and not a duplication of existing provision.

FUNDING STREAMS

Please call the fund manager to discuss which stream would be most suitable on 01525 306690.
The fund is divided into 4 streams as follows:

1. Funding up to £1,500.

Grants of £1,500 are available to help small organisations working on specific issues under the above criteria. This element is aimed at building the confidence of small groups so that they can expand their work and join with others in addressing the issues facing young people.

2. Funding up to £10,000.

This second stream allows for grants of up to £10,000 to be made to more established groups working on the issues under the above criteria.

3. Funding up to £20,000.

This third stream allows for grants of up to £20,000 made to substantial projects that are able to deliver significant predicted outcomes and demonstrate multi-agency partnership working whilst delivering effective programmes and services to vulnerable children and young people.

4. Funding up to £50,000

The fourth stream is a larger project fund offering awards up to £50,000. Only a few awards per year are likely to be made from this stream each year and so bids must be able to show real understanding of the key issues facing children and young people in Luton and how they might be resolved.

To qualify for a larger award of this kind, a project would have to demonstrate a track record of achieving outcomes for children and young people involved in activities as a result of exploitation. Projects would need to demonstrate multi-agency partnership working and deliver effective programmes that can show demonstrable change in the lives of vulnerable children and young people either involved in gang associated behaviour or on the edge of care.

ELIGIBILITY

We are only able to consider applications from not-for-profit constituted groups that have clear charitable aims. Applications from the following types of organisations/groups will be considered:

- Registered UK charities, including charitable incorporated organisations
- Constituted Community groups and non-registered charities
- Companies Limited by Guarantee with clear charitable aims and without share capital
- Community Interest Companies Limited by Guarantee without share capital, social enterprises and community benefit societies ((please review our guidance around CIC's and Social Enterprises before applying)

If you are applying in partnership or as part of a consortium the organisation that submits the bid will be known as the lead organisation and must be an eligible entity from the list above, this organisation will manage the funds and the outcome monitoring if successful. The lead organisation should have a signed partnership agreement with all the other organisations in the consortium. Please speak to a member of the Grants team in the first instance if you are looking to apply as a consortium/partnership

Applicants must be able to demonstrate that they:

- Will be able to evaluate their work and assess the outcomes achieved either using the Outcomes Star method or through a suitable alternative. All outcomes and evaluations will be subject to monitoring from the LBC Relationship Manager for the fund.
- Are properly constituted and effectively governed and managed with, wherever appropriate, user involvement or participation in the planning, development and management of the organisation and its activities.
- Will have a commitment and aspiration to work in partnership with statutory agencies including the Police and other voluntary organisations.
- That they have the capacity, knowledge, skills and resources to deliver its activities effectively.
- That they are properly financially managed, in good financial health and not holding an amount of unrestricted funds that are disproportionately high in relation to annual expenditure.
- That it is committed to the promotion of equality, cohesion and inclusion, both within its client group and across the community as a whole and that this is demonstrated through the way it plans and delivers its activities.
- That it has a track record of seeking funds from different sources, has made efforts to become sustainable, and has a clear exit strategy for dealing with a situation where funding stops.

INELIGIBILITY

This fund is not open for applications from:

- Organisations in receipt of funding from another London Luton Airport Funding stream unless additional funding requested was for a different activity and clearly demonstrated as such.
- Statutory bodies or obligations of statutory bodies., except where an application is made by either a charitable arm of such a body.
- Individuals
- National charities or their affiliates that are not providing clear local benefits
- Community Interest Companies limited by Shares
- Organisations or activities that promote political parties or the propagation of religion or conduct of worship. (Religious organisations may apply for funding for non-denominational activities that demonstrate wider public benefit.)
- Organisations or activities which are inconsistent with public policy, for example, the promotion of terrorism or of sectarian interests.

WORK THAT CANNOT BE SUPPORTED

- Projects/initiatives not benefitting the community of Luton
- General appeals or sponsorship
- Paid for marketing and advertising
- Fees for professional fundraisers
- Interest payments (including service charge payments for finance leases)
- Statutory fines, criminal fines, or penalties
- Work normally funded from statutory sources or undertaken by or on behalf of statutory bodies
- Work undertaken by/ on behalf of schools, colleges or universities as part of their statutory curricular activities
- Work for the advancement of religion
- Work where the main beneficiaries are animals
- Overseas holidays/trips or fundraising events
- Retrospective grants i.e. for items already purchased or activity that has already started

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

The following supporting documents must be uploaded with your application alongside a **copy of the full budget breakdown for the project/activity**:



You will also need to provide an **up-to-date Complaints procedure**.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

Successful organisations will be required to complete interim progress reports as well as a monitoring report at the end of the project. We will be asking how the grant was spent, outcomes achieved or not, as well as the difference the project has made, any key issues and lessons learnt. Funded organisations should so be willing to discuss the progress of the project over the phone as and when necessary and to host visits that will assist with learning and best practice.

Before beginning the project, we suggest you consider:

- Who will write the interim progress reports and end of grant monitoring form report
- What your aims and objectives are and how will you track progress against these

- What information you will collect:
 - Quantitative data (numbers) – how many people are taking part or using the service, achieved goals (e.g. employment, improved health)
 - Qualitative data (stories/case studies) – feedback from users and volunteers, observed increase in skills, confidence etc.
 - Learning – feedback from project participants, what went well, what would you do differently etc.
 - Feedback from partner organisations

ADDITIONAL INFO

All applications will be reviewed and are subject to a thorough assessment and relevant due diligence checks by BLCF. [Find out more here](#). Applications will be checked against the fund's criteria and only those that clearly meet those criteria will be presented to a panel made up of local individuals. We reserve the right to decline or accept any application according to the decision of the grants panel.

We would encourage all applicants to investigate other sources of funding and where possible see match funding, this could be through their own fundraising efforts or via Grants from other charitable trusts and organisations. Your local CVS will be able to provide advice and guidance around alternative funding available, for Bedfordshire based organisations please visit www.cvsbeds.org.uk

Only requests for funding made via the official online application form will be considered. The form can be accessed via our website under the appropriate grants tab: www.blc.org.uk

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

We are committed to promoting equal opportunities and to valuing diversity regardless of age, sex, race, ethnic origin, nationality, religion/belief, culture, language, disability, learning difficulty, sexual orientation, marital status, economic status, health status, or any other discriminatory grounds.

Should you have any queries about this criteria or applying to this fund please contact a member of the BLCF team who will be able to help either by phone: 01525 306690 or email administrator@blcf.org.uk.