



Future Lookin' Good Funding Programme

Frequently Asked Questions

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We hope you find the following information useful.

These frequently asked questions apply to Future Lookin' Good funding opportunity, which is open for applications until 12pm noon GMT on Friday 7th February 2020.

To improve your chances of having a successful proposal, please also read the following:

- The criteria for Future Lookin' Good can be found [here](#)
- More detail about our eligibility criteria: <https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/eligibility-criteria>
- How our application process works: <https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/application-process>

If you have any other questions, please send them to grantsinfo@comicrelief.com.

Eligibility

What is the minimum annual income organisations need to apply for this funding?

£250,000

What ages will you consider as young people in this funding call?

This funding is targeted at work benefitting young people between the ages of 11 and 25 years.

We work with young people between the ages of 11-25 but also some who are younger/older, are we still eligible to apply?

Yes, however if you are successful in your application, we would expect that funding gained from the Future Lookin' Good funding programme focused on young people 11 – 25. Of course, funds gained from other sources can be used for age groups outside of this range.

We work with young people aged 16-25, are we still eligible or do we need to work with young people aged 11-25?

Yes, you are still eligible. The young people you work with must be within this range but not all ages within this range need to be covered.

Which groups of young people are the target beneficiaries for this funding call?

- Young people experiencing homelessness or insecure housing
- Young offenders, ex-offenders and those at risk of offending
- Care leavers -The broad definition of a care leaver (as described by the Care Leavers Association) is “Any adult who spent time in care as a child (i.e. under the age of 18). Such care could be in foster care, residential care (mainly children's homes), or other arrangements outside the immediate or extended family.
- Young carers -The official definition of a young carer is ‘...a person under 18 who provides or intends to provide care for another person (of any age, except where that care is provided for payment, pursuant to a contract or as voluntary work).’ Children and Families Act 2014 Section 96.
- Young parents –defined as young women and men who became or will become parents at 21 years old or younger

Which countries does this funding apply to?

The funding is for organisation's working in the UK only.

Can we send more than one proposal?

To give as many organisations as fair a chance as possible, you can only submit one proposal to the Future Lookin’ Good funding programme (though you can be named as a partner on any number of applications). Please be aware that we will never read more than one proposal per organisation.

What activities will you not fund within this funding call?

- sports-centred programmes (*whilst we recognise the value in sport for change approaches, we will not be prioritising such an approach in this funding call.*)
- interventions without any long-term impact or support
- social action projects such as youth voice work (e.g. youth parliament)
- projects focussed on a ‘one-off’ event such as a residential
- generic youth work activities (not tailored to our priority groups)

Can local authorities apply?

As our eligibility states that organisations must have an annual income between £250,000 and £10 million to apply and that Comic Relief will not fund activities which are normally government's responsibility, this rules out local authorities from applying to our funding.

Funding

How much funding can we apply for?

We will fund investments from £100,000 to £200,000.

How long will the funding last?

Funding is available for a minimum of 18 months to a maximum of 36 months

Do you fund capital costs?

Comic Relief will not support capital costs over 25% of the total funding request. However, whilst the limit for permitted capital costs is 25%, we would need to see a strong justification for the need for the proposed capital costs in the application. Please note that you are required to demonstrate how this requested capital cost will enhance the delivery of the project you are proposing.

What will Comic Relief not support with this funding?

- General infrastructure support
- Work that primarily benefits one individual
- Repayment of debt
- Redundancy costs
- Contribution to reserves

Video Application

We don't have professional video equipment to record our application video, can we still apply?

Yes, you can use any device to record your video, even a phone. We don't expect professional video quality. The most important thing is content.

What if no one in our organisation wants to be filmed?

It is up to you how you present your video, you can use graphics, animation, a slide deck with a voiceover, just be sure to get permission from everyone involved in the video, as videos will be in the public domain.

Where should I upload my video?

You should not attach the actual video file, but a link to a video sharing service such as YouTube or Vimeo where your video can be accessed. Please do not password protect the video or use a link that will expire. We reserve the right to not accept proposals where the video has been password protected or the link has expired.

Do we have to fill in the additional information on the application form such as financial and safeguarding information?

Yes, these are required as they help us to determine your eligibility and understand your funding request. Please fill out the answers to all questions outlined in the application guidance.

[Proposal](#)

What will our application be assessed on?

We assess applications based on context, approach and fit to initiative.

What is the deadline for applications to Future Lookin' Good?

12pm noon GMT on Friday 7th February 2020. Please note that application submitted after this time will not be considered.

I have finished my application but section 4 says it is only 97% complete, what am I missing?

On our application form, section 4 (your organisation), will only ever reach 97% complete, this is because the system always wants you to add an additional board member. Therefore, please submit your application with section 4 on 97% as long as all other sections are on 100%.

Do we need to complete the application form as well as the 250 words and video?

Yes, the application form covers your budget request amongst other factors, so it is essential you complete this. It is much shorter than our usual application form.

Project start date

Can you please clarify what the latest start date for a project could be if a successful with an application?

We cannot give an exact date, however funding will be awarded in July so we would expect all project to start before the end of September.

If we are successful, when will the funding start?

Anytime from the end of July.

Other

Do you prefer to fund new work or existing projects?

We like tried and tested **and** new work –just tell us why you think it will work.

Will Future Lookin' Good open again later this year?

No, we intend to allocate all funding through this opportunity.

Who should I contact if I have questions about applying to Future Lookin' Good?

If you have any questions please contact grantsinfo@comicrelief.com

Thank you for your interest, and good luck in your proposal development!

The Comic Relief Team