

Future Lookin' Good Funding Opportunity

Funding countries

United Kingdom only

FUNDING AVAILABLE

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

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

The opportunity

We are seeking proposals from organisations who share our vision of supporting young people to fulfil their potential and have security and safe shelter.

Please take the [eligibility quiz](#) to check your eligibility

Introduction

We are excited to be working in partnership with The KFC Foundation to advance work under our [Safe Place to Be Pillar](#), recognising that early-intervention is key to ensuring young people can create a positive future where they can live with dignity, accessing basic housing and being able to create a happy home in which they feel safe and secure.

We would like to fund proposals focussed on young people aged 11 – 25 years old from groups underserved by current services, because we believe that services should be inclusive and support those most in need. We will only fund proposals that clearly outline how they will support young people to succeed in adulthood. For example, by providing holistic support through mentoring or coaching, building life skills or improving young people's ability to gain sustainable employment.

Proposals must clearly demonstrate how they will help young people build a positive future; building the skills necessary to live with dignity and be able to access basic housing and create a happy home in which they feel safe and secure. Proposals must also be working with **one or more** of the following priority groups:

- 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

Research shows that those in the priority groups listed are much more likely not to be in education, employment or training (NEET), to be living in poverty and/or experiencing homelessness or insecure housing. We aim to help young people to create firm foundations, by addressing their needs through early intervention.

We are happy to fund both project delivery and core costs, but not solely core costs¹

Please note we will **not** fund:

- sports-based programmes
- 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)

Common factors for any call:

1. We are a learning led organisation
2. We think strong partnerships can make interventions stronger (partnership working is encouraged but not essential)
3. We like tried and tested **and** new work – just tell us why you think it will work
4. We care about positive risk taking
5. We value organisations that can demonstrate accountability to the people they seek to help

Process:

This is a three-stage process.

1. Expression of interest (your 2 - 3 minute video and 250 words)
2. Full application form
3. Assessment and decision-making

Stage 2, proposals will be reviewed, and a proportion of the best applications taken through for a full assessment (and we will provide shortlisted proposals with further details of what this means).

Stage 3, once assessments are completed, the funding decisions will be made by the Comic Relief Social Impact Committee by the end of **July 2020**.

¹ **What is a core cost?**

- Part-salaries of staff.
- Running costs e.g. premises, utilities, travel costs, insurance and other bills.
- Management and governance development, staff training and development.

What we won't fund?

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