



Right to Thrive Innovation Fund Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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1.	Can I apply for more than one project?	Yes, applicants can apply for more than one project. Please ensure that you complete one Expression Of Interest (EOI) per project.
2.	Can we apply for funding for a project that is already ongoing?	Yes, applicants can apply for an existing project, provided it meets the aims and objectives of the Right to Thrive Innovation Fund. Please include any details of any other funding or support as part of the application.
3.	I am already working with another local organisation, not a formal partnership. Do I need to specify that?	Yes, whether it is an informal or formal partnership with other organisation/s, we encourage you to specify who and in what capacity you are working with each other.
4.	What happens once the EOI is submitted?	We will send an acknowledgement of receipt. All EOIs will be scored against the criteria and shortlisted. We will then invite shortlisted EOIs for a follow-up call.
5.	Am I allowed to apply for the Fund with my Limited company?	Yes, providing that the proposed project is operating on a not-for-profit basis and there is no charge for beneficiaries/ participants to take part, where applicable. The fund is open to individuals, non-constituted informal groups, and constituted groups. Individuals or non-constituted informal group applicants are required by The Greater London Authority (who is processing the small grants) to have a guarantor/financial sponsor (Section A of EOI).
6.	Will funding be available to support children from the local community?	The funding is aimed at adults or children. There are no age restrictions, providing you have the necessary safeguarding policies and procedures in place by the time you deliver your project. We will consider a broad range of applications; however we are keen to support projects which support the following communities in London: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf and disabled Londoners • LGBTQ+ communities



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7.	<p>I'm not sure whether my project would be eligible. Can you offer advice?</p>	<p>Please first read the Right to Thrive Innovation Fund Prospectus. We will consider a broad range of applications; however we are keen to support projects which support the following communities in London:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf and disabled Londoners • LGBTQ+ communities • Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers • Racialised and minoritised communities • Single parents • Those living with HIV • Those with intersectional identities <p>We are keen to support projects which aim to address one of the recommendations set out in the Pandemic Stories report, which looked at the experiences of communities disproportionately affected by Covid</p> <p>We encourage applications to consider recommendations from the Pandemic Stories report – one of those have to be met. The target groups we are interested can be found on the Prospectus page 2.</p> <p>If you have further queries, questions or require support then contact the Thrive LDN team via email at righttothrive@thrivedn.co.uk or via telephone on 020 8148 5093.</p>
8.	<p>What type of projects have you previously funded? And how can we find out about them?</p>	<p>Thrive LDN has awarded more than £170,000 in grants through the Right to Thrive Initiative to support 22 community and grassroots projects across London to help support the mental health and wellbeing of those who are experiencing higher levels of unfair treatment and discrimination. All Right to Thrive projects aim to improve the well-being of people from racialised and/ or minoritised communities in London.</p> <p>Projects range from supporting the mental health of migrants, refugees and asylum seekers, to providing a safe space for racialised and minoritised women, as well as establishing a community choir, creative activities, community rugby for young black men, and</p>



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		expanding spaces for LGBT Southeast Asians.
9.	<p>What are the eligibility criteria? What are you specifically looking for in a project that will make it stand out?</p>	<p>The eligibility criteria are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The project must be delivered in London 2. We will consider a broad range of applications; however we are keen to support projects which support the following communities in London: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf and disabled Londoners • LGBTQ+ communities • Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers • Racialised and minoritised communities • Single parents • Those living with HIV • Those with intersectional identities • Women <p>We are keen to support projects which aim to address one of the recommendations set out in the Pandemic Stories report, which looked at the experiences of communities disproportionately affected by Covid.</p>
10.	<p>What is the assessment process, criteria, and potential collaboration opportunity in the wider community?</p>	<p>The Thrive LDN team will send an acknowledgement of receipt, all EOIs will be scored against the criteria and shortlisted.</p> <p>We will then invite shortlisted EOIs for a follow-up call.</p> <p>We welcome partnerships, so if you have a collaboration partner then please mention it in the EOI.</p>
11.	<p>Are applications open to both individuals and organisations? What type of organisations are you hoping to fund? And what outcomes are you most interested in?</p>	<p>Yes, this fund is open to individuals and organisations.</p> <p>We are keen to support projects which aim to address one of the recommendations set out in the Pandemic Stories report, which looked at the experiences of communities disproportionately affected by Covid.</p>
12.	<p>How long should projects last?</p>	<p>Funding is for three-months. All the funding will be awarded by March 2022, but we are keen for projects to be sustainable and have a life beyond the project end date.</p>
13.	<p>What status does the group need to qualify for the fund?</p>	<p>The fund is open to individuals, non-constituted informal groups, and constituted groups.</p> <p>Individuals or non-constituted informal group applicants are required by The Greater London Authority (who is processing the small grants) to have a guarantor/financial sponsor (Section A of EOI).</p>



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14.	Could I receive funding to work with the at-risk groups in both public and private sector organisations e.g. refugees, migrants, ethnic minorities, LGBTQ+ using stories/storytelling/facilitation etc?	<p>We encourage applications to consider recommendations from the Pandemic Stories report – one of those have to be met.</p> <p>The target groups we are interested in can be found on the Prospectus page 2.</p>
15.	How will the funding will be accessed?	<p>Once all due diligence and contracts have been signed, 50% of the project budget will be paid on initiation of project, and 50% at the end of the project.</p>
16.	Are there only 5 grants of up to 20k available?	<p>No. The budget for the grants scheme is £100,000. The maximum you can apply for is £20,000. The grant distribution is determined by how much you ask for based on what you need to deliver the project and the project's eligibility. Please complete the budget section, Section C of the EOI.</p>
17.	Do the funds have to be used for specific things (e.g. materials, staffing)?	<p>The grants are to help fund your project, so how you spend it depends on what you need to deliver the project.</p> <p>Please complete the budget Section C of the EOI which asks for the project's top three costs. A breakdown of the budget will be required for the grant agreement.</p> <p>The grant must be used exclusively for the Right to Thrive Innovation Fund project and you must keep an itemised record of your spending, with receipts, to show how your grant has been spent.</p>
18.	How do we apply for the grant? How do you decide how to distribute the grants?	<p>Please see the How to apply section on Thrive LDN's website. Please first read the Right to Thrive Innovation Fund Prospectus.</p> <p>Then to apply, you need to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form. If your EOI is successful, you will be invited to have a follow-up conversation with a member of the Thrive LDN team to talk about your project idea in more detail. If you require any assistance or support completing the EOI, then please contact the Thrive LDN team via email at righttothrive@thrivedn.co.uk or via telephone on 020 8148 5093.</p> <p>The grant distribution is determined by how much you ask for based on what you need to deliver the project and the project's eligibility. The maximum you can apply for is £20,000.</p>
19.	What reasonable adjustments are available for applicants?	<p>If you have any support needs whilst making your application, then please get in touch and we can assist you.</p>



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20.	<p>Can people with disabilities apply for the grant?</p>	<p>Yes, let us know what additional support is needed and how we can help, should you need it.</p> <p>Please contact the Thrive LDN team via email at righttothrive@thrivedn.co.uk or via telephone on 020 8148 5093.</p>
21.	<p>Does the fund expect to prioritise supporting organisations with a mental health specialism?</p>	<p>No, we will consider a broad range of applications. We encourage applications to consider recommendations from the Pandemic Stories report – one of those have to be met.</p> <p>The target groups we are interested in can be found on the Prospectus page 2.</p>
22.	<p>Is the fund limited to organisations of a certain size, big or small?</p>	<p>No. There is no size limit for organisations, but the fund is particularly designed to support those who typically find it difficult to access other forms of grant funding.</p>
23.	<p>As the funding will be awarded by March 2022, can Thrive LDN suggest alternative funding streams?</p>	<p>We often share with our mailing list any funding opportunity that we are aware of. We recommend signing up for our newsletter here. Likewise, London Plus offer a more comprehensive funding opportunities rund up and we'd recommend signiung up to their mailing list also.</p>
24.	<p>How long is funding for?</p>	<p>Funding is for a three-month project. All the funding will be awarded by March 2022, but we are keen for projects to be sustainable and have a life beyond the project end date.</p>
25.	<p>Do the project and funds have to be used by the end of March?</p>	<p>Yes, this is funding for a three-month project. All the funding will be awarded by March 2022, but we are keen for projects to be sustainable and have a life beyond the project end date.</p>
26.	<p>Will priority be given to groups that have not previously been funded?</p>	<p>The fund is particularly designed to support those who typically find it difficult to access other forms of grant funding.</p> <p>We will consider a broad range of applications; however we are keen to support projects which support the following communities in London:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf and disabled Londoners • LGBTQ+ communities



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27.	Is there any restriction on the income level of the applicant?	There is no income limit for organisations, but the fund is particularly designed to support those who typically find it difficult to access other forms of grant funding.
28.	Will the funding be eligible to support children and families in improving their mental health?	<p>Yes, we will consider a broad range of applications; however we are keen to support projects which support the following communities in London:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deaf and disabled Londoners • LGBTQ+ communities • Migrants, refugees and asylum seekers • Racialised and minoritised communities • Single parents • Those living with HIV • Those with intersectional identities <p>We are keen to support projects which aim to address one of the recommendations set out in the Pandemic Stories report.</p>
29.	Do you prefer existing projects/ activities that are already running, or new projects/ideas?	As long as the project is in line with the criteria and timescale, then we will consider a broad range of applications.
30.	Can funds be used for a basic start-up, eg DBS, insurance, rent, or training etc?	<p>As long as the project is in line with the criteria and timescale, then we will consider a broad range of applications. You will need to provide a rationale for the funding. A breakdown of the budget will be required for the grant agreement.</p> <p>We are happy to have a phone call to talk through this in more detail if that would be helpful. This offer is open to everyone looking to apply.</p>
31.	Is there a priority given to constitutional over non-constituted groups?	No. As long as the project is in line with the criteria and timescale, then we will consider a broad range of applications.
32.	Is there an income limit for the organisation itself, ie organisations or charitable institutions above a	There is no income limit for organisations, but the fund is particularly designed to support those who typically find it difficult to access other forms of grant funding.



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	certain income level cannot apply?	
33.	For individual or non-constituted informal group applicants, who is an appropriate organisation to vouch for you? Do you have to have a partner to receive funding on your behalf if you are successful? Will a funding officer assigned to you?	<p>If you apply as an individual or non-constituted (informal) group, you will need a constituted organisation in your area to vouch for you and your work. More details on constituted groups can be found here.</p> <p>You will be asked to enter their details in Section A of the EOI, and if you are successful the organisation vouching for you will be asked to provide a letter of support and receive the funding on your behalf.</p>
34.	We currently receive funding for a project from [another] fund. Could we still apply to the Right to Thrive innovation fund?	<p>Yes, please include any additional funding and added value as part of the application.</p>
35.	Can the budget section of the expression of interest form be updated after submission?	<p>Yes, the budget section of the EOI includes the top three costs. If you are successful, a breakdown of the budget will be required for the grant agreement.</p>
36.	Do unconstituted or individual applicants need to partner with a constituted group in order to apply?	<p>If you apply as an individual or non-constituted (informal) group, you will need a constituted organisation in your area to vouch for you and your work. You will be asked to enter their details in Section A of the EOI, and if you are successful the organisation vouching for you will be asked to provide a letter of support and receive the funding on your behalf.</p> <p>More details on constituted groups can be found here.</p>
37.	If the funds are used by March but the project is still running is that ok?	<p>The funding is for a three-month project. All the funding will be awarded by March 2022, but we are keen for projects to be sustainable and have a life beyond the project end date.</p>
38.	Are there any reporting requirements for successful applicants?	<p>Monitoring and evaluation of your project and activities is a requirement of receiving a grant from us. We want to understand your project learning and achievements – what went well and why, and lessons learnt that are useful both to you and to others. All successful applicants will need to complete a form at the end of project to share learning and report on the project funded.</p> <p>At a minimum you will need to gather reporting information at the beginning and end of your project, but you might collect information during the project too, depending on what you want to measure and find out. End of project reporting is due two weeks after your project end date.</p> <p>More details on reporting requirements can be found on page 9 of the Right to Thrive Innovation Fund</p>



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39.	Can we have a definition of formal groups?	More details on constituted groups can be found here .
40.	Can the budget be reallocated if something doesn't go to plan and if a change is needed?	If a change is needed, please contact us to discuss as soon as you can.
41.	On reading the Pandemic Stories report I know our project could fall into a number of the categories. Do we have to pick one that we feel strongly about or all of these areas?	We are keen to support projects which aim to address one of the recommendations set out in the Pandemic Stories report . If you feel that your project meets more than one of the recommendations then please include that in your EOI.
42.	Is any weighting being applied to the scoring criteria?	Yes. The weighting is 90% on About your project (Section B) and 10% on Budget (Section C).
43.	Should we demonstrate potential future funding we may receive next year beyond March 2022?	Yes. In section C of the EOI we ask if you will bring any additional funding or added value to this project? If yes, what is it and what is the estimated value of it?
44.	Should we demonstrate in the EOI: 1. Where our project is aligned with the Pandemic Stories report? 2. Should we demonstrate potential future funding we may receive next year beyond March 2022? 3. Clearly show how our project benefits the target groups and what is the end result on these groups to improve their lives in whatever capacity?	Yes. For more detail on what needs to be included, please see the EOI form available here .
45.	Does the fund support online projects or do projects need to be face to face?	The fund is able to support projects taking place both online and in-person and we are open to projects that use both. If the project delivery is to take place in person, we request that the latest government guidelines and restrictions for COVID-19 are followed
46.	If we're not working directly with end users but working with employers and service providers which directly impact the end user, can we still apply?	Yes. As long as the project is in line with the criteria and timescale, then we will consider a broad range of applications.
47.	If unsuccessful, will we be contacted by Thrive LDN?	Yes, we understand how much time is often put into funding applications and we are grateful to everyone who makes a considered application for this initiative.



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		As such, we we will be proving high-level feedback to all unsuccessful applications. We plan to do this by the 23 December 2021.
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48.	<p>In the Expression of Interest (EOI) form it asked for the group or organisation name to be completed only ‘if you are an informal group’. Where can I add my organisation’s details if I’m not an informal group?</p>	<p>Apologies for the confusion. We have updated the EOI form (16/11) and removed this line, so that everyone can now include their group/ organisation name.</p> <p>If you have previously submitted an EOI without this information, please note that this is not a problem and we’ll be in touch to get this information if and when required.</p>
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49.	<p>Does our supporting information need to be sent with the EOI or when we are contacted for a follow up conversation?</p>	<p>If you would like to include supporting information at the same time that you submit the EOI, then that’s fine.</p> <p>If your EOI is successful, you will be invited to have a follow-up conversation with a member of the Thrive LDN team to talk about your project idea in more detail.</p>
50.	<p>Is there an application form to complete once we have submitted the EOI?</p>	<p>To keep the application process simple, we will ask you to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form. If your EOI is successful, you will be invited to have a follow-up conversation with a member of the Thrive LDN team to talk about your project idea in more detail.</p> <p>Please read the Right to Thrive Innovation Fund Prospectus and the How to apply section on Thrive LDN’s website for full guidance.</p>
51.	<p>Is there a minimum amount I can apply for?</p>	<p>The grant distribution is determined by how much you ask for, based on what you need to deliver the project and the project’s eligibility. The maximum you can apply for is £20,000 and there is no lower limit.</p>
52.	<p>Where in the EOI do we answer the question <i>How does your project address one of the recommendations set out in the Pandemic Stories report?</i></p> <p>Is there a separate section, or should we weave this into our answers throughout Section B?</p>	<p>Yes, your application should show how you address the recommendation throughout Section B.</p>