

## The Baring Foundation

### Strengthening the Voluntary Sector programme

#### Webinar Q&A 16 November 2016

This is a summary of the questions asked by participants in a webinar that provided further details on the Strengthening the Voluntary Sector programme Funding Round 2016 on 16 November 2016. Answers from the Foundation are *italicised*.

- Can projects be led by universities?

*Universities that are registered charities are eligible to apply. The project will – of course – need to demonstrate how it will engage with the broader voluntary sector.*

- Can you elaborate on the details of hiring staff for the TECB stream? Would you consider an application for a new post which focused on development and strengthening of the project to include better use of human rights approach?

*We will consider an application that includes a new post. However, the Training, Education and Capacity Building fund only offers grants of £30,000 for six months to two years – you should carefully consider if this is sufficient to create and sustain a new post in your organisation.*

- What is the attitude to matched funding and joint funding

*We welcome applications for matched or joint funding, but if an application is made on this basis a condition of the grant will be that evidence of the matched/joint funding is provided prior to the grant award.*

- Would like clarification re different funds purposes...seem considerable overlap

*There is likely to be an overlap between the types of work undertaken by projects from the different funds. Our focus is slightly different for each fund – the Training, Education and Capacity Building fund is process focused and the Applied Projects fund is outcomes focused. However, the key difference is our expectation for the scale and ambition of the projects. We will also look closely at the expertise of organisations applying for an Applied Project grant - if your organisation is currently developing its use of the law and human rights based approaches, you may want to focus on the Training, Education and Capacity Building fund.*

- Our project would be for the maximum amount for an applied project as we are working in a large local partnership - would this disadvantage our application.

*No. We accept applications up to the maximum amount and consider each application on its merits.*

- Would an application that was submitted last year be accepted in this round?

*If you make an application again, you should flag this at the front of your application. You should also explain how, if at all, your project has been adapted for the Funding Round 2016. We receive a very high volume of applications and fewer than 10% were successful in 2015. We expect similar interest in 2016.*

- Concerned re capacity in terms of funding for IT innovation re training...not sure £30k is sufficient for real new technology innovation

*Projects using IT do not need to be overly ambitious, given the level of funding. We will, of course, consider applications that involve the development of new platforms, but we welcome applications to scale current projects or to build resources into existing websites.*

- Do you support full cost recovery?

*Yes.*

- We are a voluntary sector infrastructure organisation finding out more about this funding so that we can engage with relevant organisations. Is it possible for us to submit an application, say, to develop a training package for other VCS organisations?

*Yes.*

- Most organisations in the first round were small. Can larger organisations apply?

*We do not have eligibility criteria for the size of charity that can apply.*

- If an application has been made to one of the funding streams but actually fits in better to the other one, would you seek to move it over?

*Due to the volume of applications we are likely to receive, we will assess each application against the criteria for the fund it is submitted to only.*

- Can you provide further advice/guidance on joint applications ie. organisations applying working in partnership?

*If you are applying in a formal partnership, the application should be made by one of the partner organisations. However, you can and should provide details of partner organisations and the partnership structure in the application. We will also accept applications that use a looser, collaborative model of working. Both approaches can develop and adapt during the course of the project.*

- We work in schools in deprived areas. We are looking to develop a Peer Mediation Programme. What comments do you have about this in the context of your funding?

*We will accept an application in relation to peer mediation.*

- Will you accept applications for both streams from the same organisation?

*Yes.*