

## **Strengthening the Voluntary Sector**

*Supporting effective use of the law and human rights based approaches*

Funding Round 2016

### **Frequently Asked Questions**



**The Baring Foundation**

**1. Does my organisation need to be a charity to apply?**

Yes. Either a registered charity or one exempted or excepted from registration.

**2. My organisation made an application in the first round of funding but was rejected – can we apply again?**

Yes, but please be aware that competition is likely to be considerable. In the first round of funding, which ran along very similar lines, only 7.1% of applications were successful. Eighteen grants were awarded to the total value of £1.33 million. So do think carefully as to whether you meet our criteria and read all the material you are directed to in the guidance notes. You may also want to look at a summary of the projects that were awarded grants in the last round of funding, which is accessible [here](#).

**3. My organisation was successful in gaining a grant in the first round of funding under the STVS programme on supporting effective use of the law and human rights based approaches, can we apply again in this round?**

That depends. If you were awarded an applied projects grant the answer is no. If you were awarded a training, education or capacity building grant the answer is yes.

**4. In the last funding round I noticed there was a two stage written application process for applied projects. Is this the case this time?**

There is only one written application required for both funds. For the applied projects fund a number of shortlisted applicants will then be approached by us for a telephone interview. This interview will be part of the assessment process. You will be contacted on 21 March 2017 by email to tell you whether or not your application is being taken forward to this interview stage.

**5. What does collaboration with The Legal Education Foundation and The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation mean?**

The STVS programme is a Baring Foundation programme. However, both these organisations have contributed funding by way of a grant to us to increase the grant funding available for this programme. Both are also engaged in strategic thinking, ongoing development and other support relevant to the programme.

**6. If I apply to the STVS programme, can I also apply for other funding from The Legal Education Foundation or The Esmée Fairbairn Foundation?**

Yes. Applying to this programme does not preclude your direct engagement with these two foundations according to their own funding programmes and criteria.

**7. Can I talk my idea or application through with someone at The Baring Foundation?**

Rather than providing telephone support to potential applicants, we will run two webinar sessions where those considering applying to us can ask questions in relation to either fund.

The dates of these are 16 November 2016 and 13 December 2016 and details of how to join these will be available on our website from 3 November 2016. We feel this is a more fair and open way of assisting potential applicants than one to one telephone support. If you need technical support only with the online applications process please contact us at [Baring.Foundation@uk.ing.com](mailto:Baring.Foundation@uk.ing.com) or 020 7767 1348.

**8. When will I be told if my application has been successful?**

Applied projects applicants – you will be notified by 21 March 2017 as to whether or not you are proceeding to the second telephone interview stage. The final decisions will be notified to applicants on 22 May 2017.

Training, education and capacity building applicants – final decisions will be notified to applicants on 22 May 2017.

**9. If I am not successful, can I get some feedback on my organisation's application?**

Due to our own capacity constraints, feedback will only be provided to those who get through to the interview stage of the applied projects fund and are then not successful (where requested).

**10. Is the deadline for hard copy documents the same as that for the online process?**

Yes. The deadline is 5pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 for receipt by us of (i) hard copy documents and (ii) your online application.

**11. How much funding is available in total under this programme?**

£1 million of funding is available in total for this round of grantmaking.

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