

TRANSFORMING FUTURES

Transforming Futures Collaborations

Financial Contribution Request Guidance

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Introduction

The TRANSforming Futures Partnership are a group of trans equality focused organisations working together on a ground-breaking five-year project, funded and supported by the National Lottery Community Fund, which aims to create lasting change for trans communities in the healthcare and criminal justice systems.

The project came from a need to create space for, and make a record of, trans communities' ideas, experiences, and voices. This is qualitative research led by, and focused on, a diverse range of trans people in England.

Research reports have now been published into:

- [Criminal Justice Report](#)
- [Healthcare Report](#)
- [Under 18s Health and Justice Report](#)

Each of the reports provide recommendations, collaboration ideas and suggestions for action made by trans people and trans communities that seek to create positive change across healthcare and criminal justice environments.

The Partnership is now in a position where it can begin to support community action aligned to these reports.

Available Support

The Partnership has £230,000 of financial resource that can be allocated to supporting projects, collaborations, training and resource, creating positive community action in line with the research reports.

Financial Contribution

Financial support will be available via the application form for proposals up to £25,000. We will look to make a broad range of contributions and will expect these to be in line with the capabilities and track-record of organisations. If you'd like to apply for financial support of more than £25,000, please email tf@consortium.lgbt to arrange a meeting to see how we can help.

Financial resource allocations will be split across the application rounds. Therefore, the Partnership will look to award £100,000 in round 1 and £100,000 in round two. The additional funds will be ringfenced to support potential of scaling up of idea testing, and to provide wraparound support for the non-financial contributions.

Round One opens on 21st September 2022 and closes on 21st November 2022. Partnership awards for this round will be distributed in January 2023. Round Two will open in January 2023 and close in March 2023. Partnership awards for this round will be distributed in May 2023. Any financial contributions must be spent by June 2024.

Training or Resources

The Partnership recognises that financial contributions are welcome, but sometimes what is needed is additional support, for example through training or through access to specific resources or professional expertise. We are interested to hear from organisations what else can be supported to achieve real change.

Applying for Support

How do we apply for a financial contribution?

You can apply through the TRANSforming Futures Partnership website, which will link you through to our application portal. We have designed an application form that is simple to use and only gathers information needed to make an assessment on the idea.

We recognise that using online forms can be a barrier for some. To support those organisations, we are also able to receive video applications, or can provide an assisted proposal where a member of the Partnership can work with your organisation 1:1 to submit a proposal.

How do apply for a non-financial contribution?

You can use the same online portal to request non-financial contributions. These will be reviewed by one of the team and we will follow up to learn more and see how we might be able to support your organisation.

Who can apply?

TRANSforming Futures is about power being in the hands of communities. With this in mind, we are keen to support as much trans-led activity as possible.

The Partnership will prioritise community-led, grassroots communities that are led-by and run-for trans people. We will also consider supporting broader LGBT+ organisations working on trans-specific activity, providing it is trans-led.

Can I apply as an individual?

Yes, but with some parameters. For example, we encourage applications from individuals who would like to upskill to better support trans communities, or those who would like to do deeper research on some of the areas highlighted in the reports. We would be less likely to support an individual to run (for example) a youth project on their own, largely for safeguarding reasons.

Do all proposals have to be targeted?

Yes. All work supported through this resource must focus on trans people, and across the two topics of healthcare and criminal justice. We have provided a list of ideas that came out of the three research reports that will give you an idea of what we are looking to fund. This can be found at the end of this guidance.

When do we need to apply by?

We will have two awarding rounds for the financial contributions, with £100,000 available for each of the rounds. These will open and close on the following dates:

- Wednesday 21st September 2022: Round One Opens
- Monday 21st November: Round One closes
- January 2023: Round One partnership awards distributed, Round Two opens
- March 2023, Round Two closes
- May 2023, Round Two partnership awards distributed

Decision-Making Process

Who makes the decisions?

All applications will initially be reviewed by the new TRANSforming Futures Collaborations Coordinator based at Consortium. They will ensure all relevant information to decide has been provided before submitting the proposal to the TRANSforming Futures Collaborations Panel.

The Panel will be made up from across the Partnership, which will include trans community members and trans experts. They will meet to discuss all proposals and allocate resource and support that aims to target ideas that have the potential for high impact or scaling up, and ensure we have good geographical and thematic coverage.

The Panel will aim to ensure that all three report areas are covered equally by successful projects. There will also be continuous monitoring to ensure that resources are being equitably distributed among minoritized trans people.

When will we know if we have been successful?

We aim to let all applicants know the outcome of their proposal within 12 weeks. If there is any delay with this, we will let organisations know and keep them in the loop. This may occur where we need to obtain additional information from an organisation and require specific documents.

If we are unsuccessful in round one, can we re-apply?

Yes, but we would encourage you to consider the feedback provided.

We would actively encourage you to speak to someone within the TRANSforming Partnership before re-submitting a proposal.

Application Support

Can we speak to someone about our idea?

Absolutely! Consortium, one of the TRANSforming Futures partners is facilitating the application processes and have dedicated resource to support organisations. Please reach to them on tf@consortium.lgbt. You can also speak to the Partnership lead at Stonewall on trans@stonewall.org.uk

Reporting

When do financial contributions have to be used by?

All financial support must be spent by June 2024.

Will we have to do any reporting?

Yes. We will provide all organisations in receipt of financial, or non-financial support, a reporting form. This will enable the TRANSforming Partnership to identify the difference being made and allow the Partnership to explore longer term opportunities for creating systemic change for trans people and communities.

Proposal Ideas and Suggestions

There are three areas of research that the project focuses on: healthcare, criminal justice, and under 18's (in relation to health and justice). The following is a list of ideas of the types of projects we are looking to collaborate on. Projects can seek to improve existing outcomes, make changes to current systems, or pursue different kinds of systems altogether. These are some suggestions to start with, but this is not an exhaustive list:

Healthcare collaborations could be about:

- Improving outcomes in the current healthcare system
 - Training trans health advocates
 - Creating resources for both GPs and patients
 - Creating support systems for those on waiting lists
- Making changes to the current healthcare system
 - Mandatory trans training for health care providers
 - Support to overcome barriers that some identities are more likely to face
 - Moving to an informed consent model
 - Introducing trans district nurses
 - Improving how gender markers are recorded on NHS records

Criminal Justice collaborations could be about:

- Improving outcomes in the current criminal justice system
 - Skill sharing/survival education for trans communities
 - Resources for incarcerated trans people
 - Training trans criminal justice advocates
 - Supporting trans people through hate crime reporting
- Changing the criminal justice system
 - Formal training to improve interactions with police
 - Training trans liaison officers
 - Making it easier to report violence/hate crime/abuse
- Pursuing alternatives to the criminal justice system
 - Creating non-punitive pathways for hate crime offenders, e.g., Education, mediation, accountability
 - Decriminalizing sex work

- Prison reform

Under 18's collaborations could be about:

- Healthcare
 - Mapping the medical transition process
 - Creating welcoming spaces
 - Equipping trans youth healthcare advocates
 - Improving access to GIDS
 - Providing mental health support
 - Educating GPs and other health providers
- Justice
 - Establishing trans specific spaces and peer support networks
 - Equipping trans youth justice advocates
 - Providing trans representation and access to history and culture
 - Establishing safer spaces and trans groups in schools
 - Teaching about trans experience

Data Protection

We use the personal data you provide, such as contact details for individuals at your organisation, to allow you to apply and for us to assess your application. Consortium is the data controller for this purpose but will need to share some of the information within your proposal with other TRANSforming.

If your proposal is successful, Consortium we will use this data to check that the grant is being managed appropriately and maintain contact with you.

We are working in Partnership with the National Lottery Community Fund for the LGBT+ Futures: Equity Fund. We will share limited details of successful applicants from the Fund in line with our Grants Data Privacy Notice. More information can be found on the Equity Fund pages on our website.