



## Bridging the Gaps: Strengthening Mental Health Support for Children and Young People

### Frequently Asked Questions

We hope you find the following information useful.

These frequently asked questions apply to the Bridging the Gaps: Strengthening Mental Health Support for Children and Young People funding opportunity, which is open for applications until 12 noon BST on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

To improve your chances of having a successful proposal, please also read the following:

- The criteria for Bridging the Gaps: <https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/current-opportunities/bridging-gaps-strengthening-mental-health-support-children-and-young-people>
- More detail about our eligibility criteria: <https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/eligibility-criteria>
- How our application process works: <https://www.comicrelief.com/funding/application-process>
- Information about the 40% rule and how to calculate it: <https://www.comicrelief.com/news/blog-its-new-year-and-we-have-some-changes-our-funding-criteria-sue-wicks-head-investments>

If you have any other questions, please send them to [grantsinfo@comicrelief.com](mailto:grantsinfo@comicrelief.com).

### Frequently asked questions from applicants

#### Can I have unnamed partners?

There are a number of reasons we expect partners to have a budget allocation, including the shared commitment to collaboration and the value placed on the partnership. Without named partners it is unclear exactly how you will partner, with whom and who will be responsible for the activities you state in the application form.

If you have a number of partners and, for various reasons, do not feel you can list them on the form please be clear about why this is. It may be that your work is strategic in nature, in which case we need to have a good understanding when we read your proposal on how these partners are involved in your work and how you are collaborating with them going forward. It will be good to also understand if any budget allocation will be set aside for these partners.



Can we partner with government organisations?

You can list a government partner as a key partner in your proposal, however they should not receive any part of the grant funding.

Will partnering with government organisations be considered the same as partnering with an organisation which will receive part of the funding?

Government partners will hold equal weight as non-governmental organisations. Local authorities, schools and CCGs all count as government organisations. They would not be entitled to any share of the Comic Relief funding.

Our work fits with the criteria for this fund, but our partnership approach still needs further development and ensuring we have the right partners by the deadline will be difficult. What should we do?

Even if your partnerships are not fully formed but you have an idea of who you will be partnering with and the purpose of the collaboration I would encourage you to apply now. You should aim to have your partnerships developed for the assessment meeting, which will take place in September/October time.

In the section of the document about the programme called 'The Gaps We Want to Address', one of the gaps is: "Many of the services that exist focus on short term interventions, with less focus on early intervention, building resilience and longer-term support'. I would like to ask if you would consider funding work in the programme that meets many different needs of young people including supporting in education, employment and/or training to build resilience in mental health. Would this be considered under this funding call?

We recognise that there are a number of issues and factors that impact on people's mental health and that a holistic approach is needed to successfully help people to get to a better place. Your approach appears to speak to this.

Do people taking part in activities need to be formally diagnosed or could this be done by a wellbeing evaluation?

If the mental health problems are self-determined (e.g. by someone that is visually impaired, through a wellbeing evaluation) then that fits.



Can we apply for this opportunity as continued funding for a project that is coming to an end?

This is fine, and it would be useful if you mention any relevant learning/good practice from the currently funded project in your application for Bridging the Gaps.

As Comic Relief funds would be used to increase access and reduce stigmatization across a programme that is funded by other donors, how would you expect to see beneficiary numbers attributed in a co-funded project?

If Comic Relief would be part-funding your project, you could show the number of CYP benefitting from the specific elements of the project that Comic Relief would be funding. Sometimes, this is very difficult to break down or doesn't provide an accurate reflection of the project. In which case, it is fine to just include a proportion of total CYP (equivalent to the proportion of the total budget that Comic Relief would be covering). I suggest that you include a sentence or two elsewhere in your application to explain your calculation and why you have done it.

We are applying for project costs as well as core costs. How should we make it clear in the proposal what is a new activity and what are core costs, without using up too much of the character count?

If the majority of the funding you are requesting is for core costs then you should talk more broadly about your organisation, its aims and activities. However, if it's the case that you are applying for a small amount of core costs, but the majority of the funding will go towards project costs please just talk about your project at this stage. At the stage 2 process you will be given an opportunity to expand on your work.

Is it acceptable to have an approach that includes both Tech for Good and Sport for Change?

It is fine to include both approaches as long as there is a good justification for this in your proposal.

We are registered in Kenya. We want to work here, and also with a partner in Zambia. Can we apply for a project where work will take place across Kenya and Zambia? It is possible to apply in partnership for a project across both Kenya and Zambia.

Please note, we will still consider the location of the applicant organisation as follows:

We will always prioritise applications from organisations that are registered in the country where the work will take place. Applicants are welcome to include partners not registered in



the country, but must be able to clearly demonstrate the added value of all partners included in the proposal.

If we are based in the UK, can we apply for funding for a project we will run in Tanzania?

The Bridging the Gaps funding call is open for proposals to work in Bangladesh, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia and the UK. Unfortunately, in this funding round we will not consider proposals for work in Tanzania.

We are registered in Nigeria, but we are also part of an international organisation. Can we still apply for funding?

We accept applications from organisations that are officially linked to another organisation, but they have to be independent and self-governed. This means they need to have their own constitution, board and financial accounts. They would also need to meet Comic Relief's general eligibility requirements and the priorities for the Bridging the Gaps programme.

Will the opportunity to apply to this fund be available next year?

We are currently in process of reviewing our priorities for next year and we do not have any definite plans on what the funding opportunity for mental health will look like at this stage. When we have more information, we will update the website.

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If you have any further questions, please feel free to email [grantsinfo@comicrelief.com](mailto:grantsinfo@comicrelief.com).

Thank you for your interest and good luck in your proposal development!