

# The HIV Young Leaders Fund

## Request for Proposals Announcement

### Introduction

The HIV Young Leaders Fund is seeking grant proposals for its 2010 – 2011 cycle of funding from organizations working to address the needs of young people most-affected by HIV.

The goal of the HIV Young Leaders Fund small grants program is to enable new leadership in the HIV response among young people most-affected by HIV, including young people living with HIV.

Young leaders and youth networks drive the funding priorities and governance of the HIV Young Leaders Fund.

### Deadline

All proposals must be received by **May 1, 2010**. No applications will be considered after this date.

### Funding Priorities

The HIV Young Leaders Fund supports organizations and projects serving young people most-at-risk of HIV in their community and/or young people living with HIV. The Fund has two tracts – one for Core Funding and one for Project Funding.

Key activities supported by the Fund:

- **Local, national, regional or international HIV advocacy.**  
*For example:* Advocacy to make harm-reduction services for drug users available to young people 18 and under, working with health clinics to change their hours so more young women can use them, or asking the National AIDS Council to create prevention programs for young gay men.
- **Local peer-based HIV services.**  
*For example:* Starting or maintaining a support group for young people living with HIV, a project that helps street children get health care, or HIV treatment and prevention education for young sex workers.
- **Local community mobilization.**  
*For example:* Creating a coalition to address stigma in public schools towards young people living with HIV or organizing a group of young people into a treatment activism network.

## Our grant process and timeline

Nine regional Community Review Panels (CRPs) composed of young leaders with experience in youth HIV and AIDS issues will review grant applications from their region and make grant recommendations. One global Community Review Panel, composed of one representative from each regional CRP, will make the final grant decisions. So essentially, young leaders like you will decide which applications to fund – not staff or Steering Committee members!

Grantees will be notified in July 2010, and grants will be disbursed beginning in August 2010. The grant period is from August 2010 – August 2011. Each grant will be accompanied with support and mentorship from the HIV Young Leaders Fund.

## Eligibility

- Only youth-led organizations or youth-led projects (this can be within a larger organization or a new initiative) are eligible for funding. Youth-led is defined as the project or organization leader being 30 years of age or younger.
- Organizations that receive funding must be registered as nonprofit organizations. Non-registered groups applying for funding must identify a fiscal sponsor if they are selected.
- We highly encourage applications that are from organizations of most-at-risk young people in the community and young people living with HIV. This includes organizations of young sex workers, young gay men, young transgenders, young people living with HIV, young people who use drugs, and young women, depending on the local context.
- All countries are eligible to apply for this round of funding.
- You cannot serve on a Community Review Panel and also apply for funding.

## General Guidelines

- One proposal per organization
  - Applicants to the Fund should fill out the HIV Young Leaders Fund Grant Application.
  - This application has two tracts – Project Funding or Core Funding. Please only apply for one tract.
  - Questions about your application? Please contact Caitlin Chandler at [HIVYoungLeadersFund@gmail.com](mailto:HIVYoungLeadersFund@gmail.com)
- It is important to us that you are honest in your application, and that you do not misrepresent your work or the people you work with.
- Applications may be submitted in one of the following languages:

Arabic  
English

French  
Russian  
Spanish

- Need some help filling out your application? The HIV Young Leaders Fund is looking into ways to assist you. If you would like to receive news about any support opportunities, please email [HIVYoungLeadersFund@gmail.com](mailto:HIVYoungLeadersFund@gmail.com) and ask to put on the mailing list for **Grant Application Support**.

## Grant amounts

How much can you apply for? It depends on whether you are submitting an application for a project or core funding, and on the size of your organization's operating budget. Please see below for guidelines around grant amounts.

If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Chandler at [HIVYoungLeadersFund@gmail.com](mailto:HIVYoungLeadersFund@gmail.com).

### **TRACT 1 – PROJECT FUNDING**

Total cost of project is between \$0 – \$5,000: Up to \$5,000

Total cost of project is between \$5,000 – \$20,000: Up to \$15,000

Total cost of project is between \$20,000 – \$50,000: Up to \$20,000

### **TRACT 2 – CORE FUNDING**

New organization with no previous funding: Up to \$15,000

Existing organization with previous funding and a total operating budget of less than \$50,000: Up to \$20,000

Existing organization with previous funding and a total operating budget of \$50,000 or above: Up to \$30,000

## Submission

Please submit all applications to:

Or Email: [HIVYoungLeadersFund@gmail.com](mailto:HIVYoungLeadersFund@gmail.com) (**preferred**)

Or

Mail: ATTN: HIV Young Leaders Fund  
c/o Brooklyn Creative League  
540 President Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11215  
USA

## Background

The HIV Young Leaders Fund aims to close the gap in youth-led HIV and AIDS initiatives through 'funding the unfundable.' The Fund supports organizations of young people 30 years and younger seeking to make a difference in HIV and AIDS who are often excluded from or unreached by existing programs, such as young sex workers, young people from sexual minorities including gay men, young injection drug users, and young people living with HIV. The Fund also supports activities that remain unfunded or underfunded by existing funding mechanisms, including core funding for community-based organizations.

The HIV Young Leaders Fund formed in November 2009. An Interim Steering Committee serves as the governing body for the HIV Young Leaders Fund in 2010. The following organizations are on this governing body:

*Global Network of Sex Work Projects, Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS, GNP+'s Interim Reference Group on Young People Living with HIV, International Treatment Preparedness Coalition, Jamaica Youth Advocacy Network, World AIDS Campaign, Youth Coalition for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Y-PEER, Young Positives, Youth R.I.S.E*

The Fund's values are:

- 'Funding the unfundable'
- Geographic representation, gender diversity, and community-involvement in decision-making
- Meaningful involvement of young people living with HIV
- Meaningful youth participation
- Promoting both community and individual youth leadership for diverse groups of young people

The HIV Collaborative Fund serves as an advisory body to the HIV Young Leaders Fund. The Collaborative Fund is a community-driven funding mechanism that has disbursed over \$15,000,000 in small grants to community mobilization projects globally since 2004. The Tides Foundation serves as the fiscal agent for the HIV Young Leaders Fund to oversee grants administration.