



**HIV YOUNG  
LEADERS FUND**

## **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Small Grants Programme

Drive the Response!

Global South 2017

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The mission of The **HIV Young Leaders Fund (HYLF)** is to invest in young people's leadership in the HIV response by supporting youth-led initiatives with small grants, providing them with technical assistance to implement their projects and making capacity building opportunities accessible for them to ensure their sustainability.

To reinforce our commitment of funding the un-fundable and enable new leadership among young key populations, **HYLF** is calling for outstanding grassroots and regional youth-led and youth-serving initiatives in developing countries from the Global South to submit a grant proposal to be part of our **2017 Small Grants Programme** focused to address the needs and build safer environments for transgender youth, young people living with HIV and young people with disabilities living with HIV.

All proposals must be received no later than **10 March 2017, 11:59 pm GMT**. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as we have limited funding available, so we encourage you to apply as early as possible!

### **Funding Priorities**

HYLF supports youth-led initiatives serving young key populations affected by HIV, in this sense our funding priorities are set in base with a context analysis and taking in consideration regional epidemics and funding gaps. For this year, HYLFF through its Small Grants Programme aims to meet the needs of transgender youth considering that HIV prevalence rates in this key affected population are dramatically increasing in most regions in the world. In parallel, it's important to address the needs of the four million young people aged 15-24 living with HIV in the globe and to make visible the needs and challenges of young people with disabilities living with HIV.

HYLF's 2017 Small Grants Programme will support outstanding grassroots youth-led organizations or projects and regional networks working with and/or for the following young key populations:

- Young people living with HIV
- Transgender youth
- Young people with disabilities living with or affected by HIV

*This Request for Proposals IS OPEN to initiatives from the Global South*

## Work supported by HYLFF

### Local, national, regional or international HIV advocacy:

For example: A national advocacy strategy to make harm reduction available to young people who use drugs; working with health clinics to change adjust their SRHR programs and services hours so more transgender youth and young people engaged in selling sex would be able to access them; asking the National Aids Council to collaborate together with your organization to develop a prevention strategy to raise awareness and create programs for young gay men and young people living with HIV.

### Peer-based services:

For example: Starting or maintaining a support group for young people living with HIV to continue providing information and peer-based services; a project that helps street children and adolescents get health care; or HIV treatment and prevention education for young sex workers.

### 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.

### Community-based or community-led research:

For example: Research study by a young positive network on challenges faced by its members in accessing sexual and reproductive health services.

## Eligibility

- Only **youth-led**<sup>1</sup> organizations or **youth-led projects**<sup>2</sup> and networks focused on serving young key populations are eligible for funding.
- Proposals, which clearly demonstrate a team of young people, share decision-making responsibilities and leadership will be prioritized.
- Organizations that receive funding must be registered as non-profit organizations. Non-registered groups or networks can also apply for a grant but they must have a registered fiscal sponsor and must also have a written agreement with their fiscal sponsor outlining the terms of the sponsorship.
- Applying organizations and initiatives must be based in a developing country as per the OECD list. (To check if you country is on the list please go to: [http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC\\_List\\_of\\_ODA\\_Recipients\\_2014\\_final.pdf](http://www.oecd.org/dac/stats/documentupload/DAC_List_of_ODA_Recipients_2014_final.pdf))
- HYLFF highly encourages applications from initiatives led by young key populations addressed within this 2017 Small Grants Programme.
- You cannot serve on HYLFF's Community Review Panel if you apply for funding as the leader of a project or organization, and your organization can't be part of HYLFF's Supervisory Board.
- Individuals, for-profit organizations and networks, and government institutions are not eligible to apply.

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<sup>1</sup> Youth-led means that the organization, initiative or project is coordinated and governed by young

<sup>2</sup> A youth-led project could be an initiative or a group within a larger organization

## Grant amount

Grassroots organizations (local or national) can apply for up to \$5,000 USD and regional networks can apply for up to \$10,000 USD.

## Application Guidelines, Submission & Deadline

- Only one proposal may be submitted per organization.
- Applicants should fill out the Grant Application Form and Budget Template, available on HYLFF's website at <http://www.hivyoungleadersfund.org/submit-your-project/>
- Applicants can allocate up to 35% of their budget for Core Funding.
- 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.
- From this Call for Proposals, applications may be submitted **only in English**.
- All applications must be received by **10 March 2017, 11:59 pm GMT**. No applications will be considered after this time.
- Submit your application via email to [GrantApplication@hivyoungleadersfund.org](mailto:GrantApplication@hivyoungleadersfund.org)

To consider your application the subject of your email must include the legend "Grant Application" followed by the name and country of your organization, for example: **Grant Application-HIV Young Leaders Fund-The Netherlands**.

## Our Grant Process and Timeline

After the closing date to submit proposals, a **Community Review Panel** (CRP) composed of young leaders with experience in youth and HIV issues according the different priority regions will review grant applications and make grant recommendations. The **CRP** ensures funded proposals meet the needs of the communities in the respective region and will look at several aspects of the proposal for review, including the ways in which young people affected by HIV are meaningfully engaged at different organization/project levels, the scope and feasibility of the proposed work, the relevance of the work to HYLFF's funding priorities, whether the proposed work takes a 'know your epidemic' approach, and a cost-effective budget for the proposal.

Short-listed applicants will be notified in late February and may be asked to provide clarifications or additional information (rebuttal process). The applicants may also be asked for an online interview with the **CRP** and/or HYLFF staff. Final decisions and grant disbursement will be announced by April 2017.

Due to the limited timeframe that HYLFF has to execute the funds allocated to this Small Grants Programme, the grant period is from April 2017 – October 2017.

For more information about **HYLFF** please visit our website [www.hivyoungleadersfund.org](http://www.hivyoungleadersfund.org)