# Race Equality and Infrastructure Flexible Fund Frequently Asked Questions

Please read our <u>fund guidance</u> in addition to these FAQs. If you have further questions, please contact us at enquiries@voice4change-england.co.uk

#### Is London included in the South East?

London is a standalone region in England, and therefore not eligible for this fund.

### If we are a national organisation, can we apply if we have beneficiaries / basis in the regions listed?

Yes, you can apply. As part of your rationale, you will have to demonstrate your experience, track record of your infrastructure support to BME organisations in that region and how you plan to make an impact in the region(s) you select. Ideally, we will prefer and consider BME organisations based in each of the regions and they will also have to show track-record and history.

### Does the work have to be a new project, or can it provide added capacity to existing work?

You can apply for funds for either new or existing work.

#### Can the fund be used for a new recruit?

Yes, if it is relevant to the work you are doing. Costs that are eligible are those that support essential organisational and administrative spending to be able to deliver infrastructure services.

### Can funds go to additional hours for an existing worker, or only to a specifically recruited worker.

You can apply for funds for an existing worker provided it is relevant to the work you are doing.

#### Does this support international collaborations?

No, for this fund we are focused on collaborations within England.

## I have dyslexia. Is there any additional support available for completing the form? Do you have a downloaded version I can view?

Yes, please contact us at <a href="mailto:enquiries@voice4change-england.co.uk">england.co.uk</a> and we will be happy to accommodate your support needs.

### Do your beneficiaries have to be organisations, or can they be different community groups?

Beneficiaries can be organisations and/or community groups.

### Do you have previous awarded project to share?

This is a new fund, so we do not have any current awards to share. However, you can view our <u>previously funded projects</u> from various funds on our website.

### If there is a partnership bid, do you only require main partner to provide supporting documents?

Whilst there may be a lead partner, we require all organisations involved to submit their supporting documents.

#### How many organisations will you be providing the £50k award to?

This will depend on the number of applications we receive, and the amount requested. We recognise that not all organisations may bid for the full £50k.

# We do not describe ourselves as an infrastructure organisation but deliver workshops, 1:1 capacity building support, events, and website resources for groups. Can we apply?

If you are providing infrastructure support and you meet our other eligibility criteria, you may apply. Please read our <u>fund guidance</u> for the definition of an infrastructure organisation.

#### Can the online form be completed in stages or does it need to be done in one go?

You can complete the form in stages and save your progress. You will also be able to upload your supporting documents onto the platform. If you have any issues, please contact enquiries@voice4change-england.co.uk.

## Can we apply in two different areas? / Can an application be for supporting lots of different local groups in different regions?

Yes, you can apply. You will have to demonstrate your experience and how you plan to make an impact in the region(s) you select.

### The timetable is tight to pull together partnerships is there any flexibility to the timetable?

We recognise that applicants may want more time to prepare their application but, unfortunately, we are unable to adjust our timeline due to the constraints we work within.

### Are you awarding to one organisation per region?

The intention is to have at least one organisation per region; however, this will depend on several factors, including the quality of applications received and funds available.