



Youth LEAD
CATALYTIC
FUND

FOR YOUNG KEY POPULATIONS
IN ASIA PACIFIC

Background

Meaningful country level engagement is one of the core principle and work of Youth LEAD. To substantiate, Youth LEAD has been providing grants to the organizations, networks and groups led by young key populations since 2013 with the financial support of Robert Carr Network Fund (RCNF). The grant has been instrumental to support the development of organizations, magnify the advocacy movements, create and foster leadership, delivery of HIV services to YKP and evidence generation related to YKP. The grantees were selected amongst the focal points of Youth LEAD and each year new potential grantees were added. The number of grantees increased from five to ten within three years based on increment of funding to Youth LEAD Secretariat.

However, the demand and need of seeking grants has peaked up fueled by the flattening of the HIV grant globally. The need of call for proposal was requested by the focal points as well. In response Youth LEAD decided to pilot the call for proposal to all the eligible focal points of Youth LEAD for 2017 grant cycle.

Core areas of the grant

Objective 1- Improve global and regional network capacity

The capacity of networks of young key populations and their membership is improved, such that networks enable well-capacitated, representative and accountable community members to influence the delivery of effective responses to HIV.

Objective 2- Enhance HIV response implementation

Young Key Populations influence HIV responses for greater relevance, equity, accessibility and delivery across the full spectrum of prevention, treatment, care and support services.

Objective 3- Support human rights advocacy

Fulfillment of basic human rights that support an equitable, effective HIV response among young key populations.

Objective 4- Increase resource accountability for the HIV response

Local level responses to HIV have sufficient, strategically targeted investments to deliver results for young key populations.

Eligibility criteria

- The organizations must be led by young key populations and young people (aged 18-27) working for young key populations. YKP serving organizations are also eligible but the project must be managed by the young people and the case must be demonstrated.
- The organizations both registered and un-registered can apply. However, the unregistered organization must present the working relation with the fiscal agent.
- The organizations with an eligible focal points of the Youth LEAD can ONLY apply for the call.
- The previous grantees of Youth LEAD have to apply the proposal to receive the grant.

**YKP-led refers to led by young people who use drugs, young people who sell sex, young gay men who have sex with other men, transgender populations, and living with HIV from 18-27 years old.*

Amount

The **minimum amount of the request is 5000 USD while maximum amount is 15000 USD** for 10 months starting March to December 31st. The budget can have maximum 30% for core fund and human resource within core fund cannot exceed more than 10% of the total budget.

The categories of the core and program cost are clearly outlined in the budget template.

Final amount will be decided by Youth LEAD Secretariat based on the quality of the application and availability of the fund.

How to apply

Any eligible organizations/networks/groups can submit the application by **23 February 2017** 5 pm Bangkok time. The review of the application will require 1-2 weeks; only shortlisted applications will be invited for the second phase of evaluation.

The application should be submitted to info@youth-lead.org via email with subject ***“Youth LEAD Catalytic Fund < country name >”***

Documents to be submitted

1. Concept note (template attached with the call).
 2. Budget and work-plan (template attached with the call).
 3. Registration certificate or Agreement with the fiscal host if not registered.
 4. Recent audit report. (only if applicable)
 5. Recent Annual report. . (only if applicable)
- The previous grantees of Youth LEAD doesn't need submit the document no 3, 4 & 5.

Evaluation of the Application

The application will be evaluated by the Youth LEAD Secretariat and, if required, external stakeholders.
The shortlisted grantees will be contacted first week of March 2017.

To learn more about Youth LEAD and its current programs and initiatives, visit their website at <http://www.youth-lead.org/> or contact us at, info@youth-lead.org.

Youth LEAD is a regional network of and for young key populations most affected by HIV. By emphasizing leadership, education, advocacy, and personal and community development, Youth LEAD strives to accelerate and advance HIV prevention, promote equal sexual and reproductive health rights, and to advocate for positive change in access to comprehensive health and social services. Youth LEAD's members are drawn from young cohorts of men who have sex with men, transgender people, sex workers, and people who inject drugs, as well as young people living with HIV and young women. Youth LEAD aims to cultivate leadership among key affected populations to improve youth involvement in community, national and regional policy and programming processes.

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