

Funding

LEAD (Leadership for Environment and Development) is a not for profit organisation. Unfortunately, this means that we have to charge for our training in order to cover costs. However, we do recognise what a difficult task raising this money can be to some applicants and endeavour to offer help and support applications to funding organisations where possible.

Here we provide some advice about approaching funding organisations and also some useful links. If you know of any additional useful links or information please let us know and we will add it to this page.

Advice about applying for funding

- It often takes longer than you expect to secure funding, so allow as much time as possible. Also bear in mind that many funding organisations require you to apply to them over a year in advance of the course starting. Contact Juliane Nier at juliane@lead.org for letters of support etc.
- Smaller funding organisations often meet only every few months to discuss applications, so do your research and try not to miss deadlines.
- We would recommend that you initially contact any potential funding source by telephone, even if their application deadline has passed or if you are not sure if the programme falls within their guidelines.
- Many foundations do not accept unsolicited applications, so it is worth asking your friends and colleagues if they have any contacts at funding organisations.
- It may be easier to obtain partial funding from a number of different sources rather than full funding from one source.
- One approach is to target organisations that fund individuals to attend conferences. You can therefore break the cost down into three parts, one for each residential session and try to obtain funding for them individually.
- Tailor your applications to individual funders. For example, make sure that you emphasise the aspects of the programme that are covered by their guidelines.
- Many funding sources don't support individuals, however, if you approach them and they say that the programme is within their guidelines and they'd welcome an organisation application, let us know and we may put in an application on your behalf.
- With regard to international travel costs (which are not included in the programme cost) previous applicants have approached airlines or travel companies for sponsorship or discounts.

- There are sometimes books listing funding sources and their basic criteria in the reference section of libraries
- Whilst the internet is an amazing tool for researching funding sources, do not rely solely on it because many smaller funding organisations do not have websites.
- Seeking funding based on the content of your LEAD Associate Project (LAP) is worthwhile as this is an action-oriented project that with practical outcomes for your professional work. Although the LAPs are not intended to incur any costs during the programme, the LEAD training is key to effective project development and so could be viewed as a project cost in a funding proposal. *N.B. the LAP content must be agreed with LEAD trainers.*

Foundations you may like to approach

International

- The Commonwealth foundation – Common wealth Countries only
Professional Exchange Responsive Grants
<http://www.commonwealthfoundation.com>
- Open Society Institute
Open Society Fellowship
<http://www.soros.org/>
- Rotary International
Ambassadorial Scholarships
www.rifi.org

Europe

- King Baudouin Foundation
www.kbs-frb.be
- European Commission
http://ec.europa.eu/contracts_grants/grants_en.htm
- Eurodesk
<http://www.eurodesk.org/edesk/Infocentre.do?go=1>

Country Specific

- UnLtd
Funding for social entrepreneurs - UK
www.unltd.org.uk/
- Stefan Batory Foundation
International Programme or Academic Scholarships – Poland
www.batory.org.pl/english
- Fundación BBVA – Spain
https://w3.grupobbva.com/TLFB/tlfb/TLFBindex_priv.jsp
- The Paul Foundation – India
www.thepaulfoundation.org
- Arab-British Chamber Charitable Foundation Scholarships - Arab League Nations (Algeria, Comoro Islands, Djibouti, Egypt, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Palestine, Somalia, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia and The Yemen)

- http://www.abcc.org.uk/charitable_foundation/sponsorship_funds.cfm
- Advice Resources Funding Directory – United Kingdom
<http://www.adviceresources-fundingdirectory.co.uk/search.aspx>
- Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt - Germany
<http://www.dbu.de/359.html>
- Hungarian scholarship board – Hungary
- <http://www.scholarship.hu/>
- Stiftungsindex - Germany
http://www.stiftungsindex.de/e_index.html
- Italy
<http://www.compagniadisanpaolo.it/>

Other links

- British Council and Education UK Scholarship Search <http://www.educationuk.org/>
- UNESCO Study Abroad Guide
<http://www.unesco.org/education/studyingabroad/networking/study.pdf>
NOTE: Very large file.
- Grants for education and research, fellowship programs
http://digest.ws/grant_en.html
- Henry M. Jackson Foundation
<http://www.hmjackson.org/>
- Rockefeller Philanthropic Advisors
<http://www.rockpa.org/>
- London School of Economics A-Z of external scholarships and aid - prospective students
<http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/studentServicesCentre/financialSupportOffice/prospectiveStudents/atozOfExternalScholarships.htm>
- The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
<http://www.hewlett.org/>
- GE Foundation
http://www.ge.com/foundation/about_ge_foundation/index.jsp
- Global Grant
<http://www.globalgrant.com/en/content/more-information-scholarships-and-grants>

If any of these links are out of date or the funding organisations priorities have changed, so our programme is no longer eligible, please let us know: juliane@lead.org .