**Long-term Grants Expression of Interest Form**

Hello!

This is an MS Word copy of the online application form. You can use it to prepare your answers offline, but you will need to transfer your answers into the online application form in order to submit an application.

If you have additional needs and a standard online application process is not accessible to you, please contact [info@londonpropel.org.uk](info%40londonpropel.org.uk).

**Before you apply**

Before applying, please make sure to read the guidance, and be sure to check the FAQs if you’re not sure about anything. If you have any questions about your application, contact your grant manager. If you have any trouble with the portal, let us know at info@londonpropel.org.uk (and include screenshots so we can help you more quickly).

**Selecting your cohort**

Propel funded organisations of different lengths, who all start and finish their projects at different times. Some of you finish in December 2025, others may run through until autumn 2026 and beyond. We've created three separate cohorts on the portal, grouping you depending on your grant end date.

* Cohort 1: Grants ending before 31st March 2026
* Cohort 2: Grants ending between 1st April - 31st August 2026
* Cohort 3: Grants ending after 1st September 2026

**Eligibility**

Before starting your Expression of Interest, there are a handful of quick eligibility questions to help you understand the criteria for applying. These are just to support you, funders won’t see your answers, and you won’t be assessed.

**Your Expression of Interest**

**Organisation Info**

The Propel Portal has stored your answers to previous questions about your organisation, and supporting documents submitted when you applied for your first Propel grant. Make sure you review your previous answers and make any relevant updates. If you have updated any of your supporting documents, for instance your safeguarding policy, we expect you to upload your most recent version.

**Your community**

Propel was set up to support organisations who are led by and for the communities they support. You’ll be asked seven questions relating to the communities you support, and the role your organisation plays within that community.

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| **Which of the following best describes the communities you are specifically targeting for your Propel Grant?** | Select one or more from drop down list:Communities experiencing racial inequity, Deaf and Disabled People, Women and girls, LGBT+ People, none of the above |
| **What is the main purpose of your organisation? Why were you founded/established?**We want to understand the relationship your organisation has to the community (or communities) it supports. For example, your Propel programme might have a focus on women and girls however your organisation could have been set up to support people of any gender  | Around 250 words |
| **What percentage of the trustees of your organisation self-identify in the following areas:** Communities experiencing racial inequity, Deaf and Disabled People, Women and girls, LGBT+ People | Below 75%75% and over |
| **What percentage of the senior staff members of your organisation self-identify in the following areas:** Communities experiencing racial inequity, Deaf and Disabled People, Women and girls, LGBT+ People. | Below 50%50% and over |
| **Is this reflective of the communities your organisation was set up to serve?***For example, you might have a majority of women in your leadership, but if your organisation’s purpose is not to specifically address issues affecting women and girls, you should answer no to this question.**However, if your work is targeting an intersection of these communities (e.g. LGBTQ+ people from a community experiencing racial inequity), and a majority of your leadership is reflective of some or all of those communities, you should answer yes to this question.* | Yes/No |
| **Please explain in more detail how your organisation meets (or doesn’t meet) the above criteria, and whether this is reflected in your organisational policies or constitution.***We would like to understand more about the leadership of the organisations that we are supporting and how it relates to the mission of the organisation. This information will help us to understand our grantees and inform our process and strategy.*  | Around 250 words |
| **How does your organisation embed the voices and needs of your communities into your practice?***This might be through decision making, or co-designing services.* | Around 250 words |

**Your Programme**

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| **What is the long term change you want to see within your community?***This change should be building upon work you’ve already been doing through Propel.**Describe how you want to work towards the change related to the root causes of inequity and injustice for your community. Focus on things that might look different related to how they are now and what would be a meaningful difference for the members of your community related to these causes. How would your community’s experience of structural inequity and injustice be reduced?* | Between 600-800 words |
| **What will you do with a Propel Long-term grant to contribute to the change you want to see?***Please give us an overview of your programme. We want you to demonstrate the difference you have been making, what you are learning and the key strands of the work you want to do in future? We are after general descriptions of these activities, not individual details at this point. Note that you don’t have to apply for seven years if you feel you need less.* | Between 600-800 words |
| **How has your learning through your Propel funded work so far informed your approach to a long term programme?***Rather than listing lessons, share with us how they will influence your future strategies and decision-making. You can focus on learnings related to the programme you are currently involved in, to your community, to the context you are working in, etc.* | Between 600-800 words |
| **How much money are you requesting from Propel?***This is the total grant amount you are requesting. Propel is offering grants of the same size as you are currently funded (plus 3% inflation).  For more information, please refer back to “How much can I apply for” earlier in the guidance.* | Between 600-800 words |