



**Our principles for regranting**



## Our strategy

The Youth Endowment Fund is a charity with a mission that matters. We exist to prevent children and young people becoming involved in violence.

This means that, if we've already funded your project, we'd think about regranting if we:

- could learn more about your project by funding rigorous evaluations (like randomised control trials).
- could help you expand a project that rigorous evaluations have shown to be effective.

We won't be able to regrant all the projects we work with. That's why it's important we have fair, transparent and consistent regranting principles, which support our strategy.

Taken together, these principles will guide our decisions to regrant. They'll keep us focused on doing the best to prevent children getting involved in violence.

## Our principles

In every decision we make about regranting, our guiding principle will be:

**We'll regrant when there are good opportunities to continue learning or where we can support an effective project to scale-up.**

To be able to make a judgement about whether our decision to regrant is in line with that, we'll need to consider:

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### Is it possible to conduct a more rigorous study or scale up a project?

We'll need to be confident that you can run your project in a way that'll help us to learn more. That means you'll need to:

- Successfully run your project at the scale we'd need for further evaluations.
- Recruit enough young people for the next step in the evaluation process, or to scale up.
- Be committed to further evaluation and learning.
- Have a good working relationship with us and your evaluator, which we can build on as research gets more rigorous.

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### Is there evidence that your project is promising?

We'll want to know the studies we've already funded show your project is promising and could help us prevent children becoming involved in violence. We'll also want to know there's a potential for us to continue to learn if we regrant. This means we'll want to see that:

- Your project has shown signs further research can be conducted successfully, or there's evidence it might successfully prevent children and young people from becoming involved in violence.
- We can collect data that shows how taking part in your project is making a difference to children and young people. We'll make sure we're able to measure things that are related to reducing violence (for example, reducing aggression or increasing a young person's engagement at school).



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**Will funding more evaluation or scaling up your project help us to achieve the aims in our strategy?**

As our strategy sets out, we aren't just here to fund great work. We're here to use what we learn to make change. This means, when we're deciding whether or not to regrant, we'll think about how further learning could help us drive investment to programmes that really make a difference, share great practice or change policy and systems.

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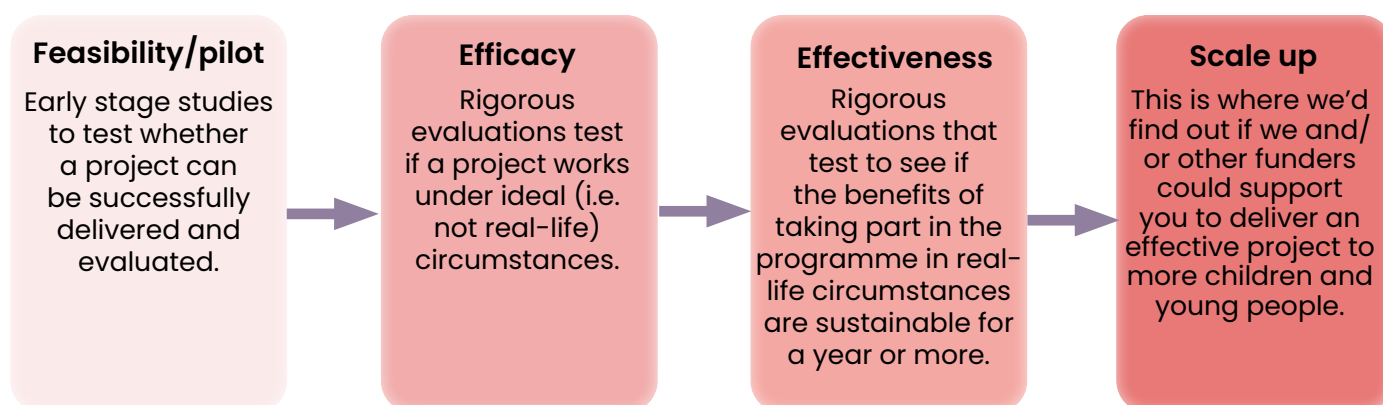
**Is there supplementary funding, to make sure your project is sustainable in the long term?**

We want to make sure the promising projects we fund are sustainable in the long term. We're a ten-year fund, so we'll need the help of other funders to make sure you can carry on supporting young people way into the future. That's why we'd want to see if you could expand your sources of income at the regranting stage, so we know you're likely to be able to carry on delivering even after our support ends.

## Applying our principles

We work with different projects at different stages of evaluation, moving projects from feasibility or pilot studies (which test whether a project can be successfully delivered and evaluated) to effectiveness studies (rigorous evaluations that show whether taking part in the project improves children's lives in real-life circumstances for a year or more). We then want to work with you and other funders to scale-up effective programmes, so they reach even more children and young people.

This means there are lots of possible decision points along a journey, represented by the arrows in the diagram:



Not all projects would move along this process; some might skip different stages depending on the initial evaluation we funded you to do. But in many cases, our decision to regrant will be a decision on whether to take your project to the next step of evaluation or to scale up.

The time it'll take us to make a regranting decision will also depend on the stage you're on in your evaluation journey.

## What happens when we don't regrant?

We hope, by partnering with us, you'll have some high-quality evidence that can help you achieve your future ambitions. It might support you make the case for funding from other partners or improve your project so you can make the biggest difference to the children and young people you support.

Even if we aren't able to continue our relationship with you as a funder, it doesn't mean we can't work together in other ways. We've got resources like the YEF Toolkit, which will help you find and use evidence in your decision-making. We're setting up a peer research network, to make sure people in power listen to those affected by violence. And, most importantly, we want to work with you and others to build a movement that changes the way children are supported.

We hope we can carry on our work with you. Because together, we can keep children and young people safe from violence.

## Have a question?

If you have a question or would like to discuss any of the points raised in this guidance please feel free to contact us on:

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