



FLOSS Top Tips

When we first thought up criteria for funding we decided we wanted to keep this as simple as possible, so we agreed we would try to fund as many projects as we could that met 3 key points:

- The idea came from young people
- The idea would benefit other young people
- The idea was good value for money

Here are our top tips for giving you the best chance of getting funding:

- 1) The project must come from young people, it should be your idea that you have researched and developed and you will be key to making it happen.
- 2) Talk to everyone in your group about the idea but remember to speak up for yourself. Get people involved that don't usually get involved.
- 3) Adults will probably be involved in helping you with your project and this is fine, but make sure that they are not making the decisions for you or making you feel uncomfortable.
- 4) We want a challenge, make our decisions hard. Make your application worthwhile. We will compare you to other groups so if your project stands out then we will remember it.
- 5) Make sure the idea fulfils all of the things we need it to - for example, benefiting more than 5 young people.
- 6) Also, think about who else might gain something from your project, whether or not they're directly involved.
- 7) Do your research - make sure cost and quotes are correct and accurate and not ridiculous. Don't just ask for £2,500 because it is the maximum available; we want to be able to see that you have looked into how much things really cost.
- 8) Be prepared for when we come to visit you- think about what you are going to say before interview. Make sure you are well organised. Don't be nervous. Be more interactive - the more interesting it is the better. If we do arrange an interview with you, please remember to show up!
- 9) Evidence - keep receipts of what you spend. Take photos of the group spending and enjoying the money.

Good luck!