

**HENRY SMITH  
FOUNDATION**

**Equity in Justice  
Fund Launch  
Webinar**

Tuesday 23rd June 2026



# The Fund

- Focus on racially minoritised young men (18–25)
- Overrepresentation across the criminal justice system
- Gaps in access to culturally appropriate support
- Underfunded specialist and 'by and for' organisations



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## Led by-and-for organisations

We define a 'led by and for' organisation as one where 50% of trustees/directors and 50% of staff are from the racially minoritised community they represent.

We need at least 50% of their expenditure and time to be spent providing support to racially minoritised young men in contact with the criminal justice system.

## Non led by-and-for organisations

Must be providing specialist services. We define specialist services as those which have been specifically designed for, and ideally co-produced with, the young men they are supporting.

We would expect the specialist services to be a significant part of the organisation's work.

# Essential Information

- Fund total is £2.6m so 13 grants
- £200k per grant, funding over 3, 4 or 5 years – you choose
- Opening tomorrow at 9am with a deadline 5th August at 5pm
- EOI decisions 14th September
- Final decisions December



# How to apply

1

## Eligibility quiz

A short self-service check on our website.

2

## Expression of interest

A brief form with two key questions which helps us judge the fit for the fund.

3

## Full application

By invitation. Detailed questions plus in-depth checks on your documentation.

4

## A call with our team

Questions around safeguarding, and any other points that need clarification from your application.

# Future Funding

Equity in Justice will open each summer in 2026, 2027 and 2028 then there will be a review.

A fund with a focus on Women's Justice will open in early 2027 and run annually until 2029



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