

NYC Partnership Grant Call to create more opportunities for our youth through the National Youth Fund

Overview

The National Youth Council (NYC) seeks to provide opportunities for youth to share their views, hear diverse perspectives, as well as take action on issues that matter to them. We also aim to imbue youths with values and skills to thrive in a globalised world while keeping a strong Singaporean heartbeat. We are looking for partners to better meet youth needs, co-curate and offer more opportunities for youths to be empowered and be the change in taking action.

Call for Proposals

The thematic partnership grant call application periods for 2022 for the **National Youth Fund (NYF) Youth Programmes/Capability Development (YPCD)** grant are as follows:

Partnership Grant Call Application Period*	Themes	Outcomes
1 st grant call: 1 July 2022 to 30 September 2022	(i) Youth Mental Wellbeing a) <u>Enhance mental well-being knowledge and skills¹ in youths</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Equip youths with the knowledge and skills on how to maintain positive mental health and well-being, to care for self and others- Equip youths with understanding of mental disorders and their signs/symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Improve mental wellbeing and resilience of youths, including emotional awareness and regulation, coping skills and willingness to seek help- Improve mental health and wellbeing literacy, awareness

¹ Source: *Mental Health Literacy: Past, Present, and Future* by Stan Kutcher, Yifeng Wei, and Connie Coniglio

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce the stigma related to mental disorders among youths, and equip youths with understanding on how to better speak to persons with mental health conditions (e.g. with support and empathy) - Enhance help-seeking efficacy among youths (i.e., knowing when and where to seek different types of help and developing competencies to improve one's mental health care and self-management capabilities) - Equip young parents with skills in supporting children's mental well-being; improve/ facilitate intergenerational conversations between parents and youth on mental health concerns <p>b) <u>Enhance peer support in community settings</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide safe spaces where youths from diverse backgrounds (e.g. Polytechnics, Universities, ITEs, Madrasahs, community youth networks/ interest groups, young working adults) can come together to learn and practice how to better care for themselves and to lend basic socio-emotional support to others in the community - Encourage and equip youths with the knowledge and skills to sustain peer support networks in the longer-term - Encourage and equip peer support networks to support referral processes (e.g., befriending services when youths are waiting for mental health treatment, peer support when youths cease more intense services to encourage long-term recovery in the community). 	<p>and wayfinding of resources/ services, and reduce stigma towards persons with mental health conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improve ability and willingness of youths to provide psychological first aid/emotional support to others

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	<p>Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Mental wellbeing projects targeted at vulnerable youth groups such as low-income youth, at-risk youth, youth with disabilities/ special needs are encouraged. 2) We encourage multiple partners to work collaboratively to identify and target gaps in community peer support. 3) Mental wellbeing projects that fall outside the above sub-themes will not be considered. 	
	<p>(ii) Youth Civic Discourse²</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide structured opportunities for youths to engage with others in constructive and meaningful conversations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Create safe spaces for youths to engage on contemporary topics where there may be different and/or polarising viewpoints - Allow fostering of understanding and empathy across participants from different backgrounds (e.g., educational background, race, nationality etc.) b) Equip youths with skills, tools, resources to engage in constructive and meaningful discourse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Equip youths to lead and facilitate dialogues within their own networks - Provide youths with relevant and balanced content about contemporary issues to help them better engage on topics 	<p>Building participants' civic capacity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Openness to diversity and objectively viewing issues from different angles - Willingness to listen and learn from those of different backgrounds/ views with respect and empathy - Ability to build relationships with others through conversations

² Refer to S/n 3 of Criteria section below for additional criteria to adhere to.

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	<p>Scope of topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Race and religious harmony - Local and foreigner relations - Inter-generational differences - Social inequality and mobility - Community/ relationship building <p>Projects which fall outside of the topics listed above but achieve similar outcomes of strengthening social cohesion and enabling youths to confidently engage in constructive civic discourse will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Applicants are encouraged to provide supplementary information which demonstrates their understanding of the topic, and rationale for selecting the topic.</p> <p><u>Briefing cum Engagement Session</u></p> <p>Interested applicants are encouraged to attend the virtual briefing cum engagement session on <u>13 July 2022 (Wednesday), 10am – 12noon</u> where MCCY and NYC will share more information about the context and content bundles available, and there will be a short discussion and Q&A sessions. Please register by 6 July at https://go.gov.sg/youth-civic-discourse if your organisation is interested to attend this session.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confidence in being able to engage in constructive discourse on issues
	<p>(iii) Projects that fall outside the grant call priority themes (i) and (ii) [e.g., support for vulnerable youths, arts, culture and heritage, and sports] that respond to</p>	

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	<p>emerging or unmet needs in the youth sector, will be considered for funding during this grant call.</p> <p>Funding for projects in this category will be capped at a maximum of <u>\$50,000</u> per project.</p>	

****There will be a 2nd grant call in December 2022 to February 2023. The tentative themes for this grant call are (i) Environment and Sustainability and (ii) Jobs and Mentoring. The specific grant call period and finalised themes will be released later.***

Applications

Applications will not be accepted outside of the partnership grant call period. Applications will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis and may be subject to availability of funds. NYC reserves the right to reject applications which are not aligned with grant requirements.

Successful applicants will receive funding of up to 80% of total allowable project cost, capped at \$100,000 per project that falls within a priority theme. Funding for projects that fall outside the grant call priority themes will be capped at a maximum of \$50,000 per project.

Projects that demonstrate exceeding merits in terms of project scale and impact and are sustained over a duration of at least 1 to 3 years may be considered for higher funding beyond \$100,000 per project. These applicants will be required to pitch their project to an external panel for their evaluation.

Criteria

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	
1. Who Can Apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Sector Organisations (not-for-profit organisations or not-for-profit young start-ups, social service organisations, Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL), and social enterprises (SE), whose business or key initiatives are primarily focused on engaging and developing youths).
2. What Can Be Funded?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects must be targeted at youths (aged between 15 to 35 years old) and must involve Singaporeans/ Singapore Permanent Residents. <p>Key Considerations for Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project meets a critical gap or emerging need in the youth sector. Project possesses unique value proposition and creates impact to the youth/youth sector. Project has sufficient risk mitigation strategies and impact evaluation. Project involves wide audience and/or community outreach and has significant media impact. Project is scalable for the next year or so. Project adopts a clear business model to ensure long-term sustainability
3. What are additional guidelines under the Youth Civic Discourse theme?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects involving conversations should adhere to the following guiding principles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe space for honest sharing of perspectives Conversations can be part of series to facilitate relationship building over-time Inclusive environment where participants from different backgrounds can meaningfully interact Participants are provided with topical content guides/ context briefs for conversations to take place Participants are provided with a balanced range of perspectives during the conversations (MCCY/NYC can provide some policy information/content to help set the context for certain topics). Conversations need not land on consensus or agreement, but focus on process of <u>building civic capacity outcomes</u> through the conversations In addition: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applicants should provide profile(s) of facilitator(s) and highlight any relevant experiences

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Applicants should propose how they intend to curate content/ context setting materials that would help facilitate conversations among participants. ▪ Applicants should provide a summary of discussion pointers after conversations have taken place. These may be anonymised to protect the privacy of the participants. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Projects should not undermine the Government agencies/ public institutions ○ Projects should not have content held as objectionable by the general public, or that may adversely affect social cohesion in Singapore ○ Projects should be secular in nature, not to promote any faith or political beliefs ○ Projects should not be utilised as platforms to solicit feedback on and/ or suggest changes to Government policies ○ Projects should build in programme evaluation to measure whether participants have benefited from the civic discourse opportunities or toolkits/resources. <<MCCY/NYC will provide more details on civic capacity outcomes and measures that applicants can take reference from>>
<p>For additional information on the National Youth Fund, please visit: https://www.nyc.gov.sg/en/initiatives/grants/national-youth-fund/</p>	

Submission of Application

We would like to invite partners to work with us to make a positive impact on our youths. If you are interested, please complete and submit the following documents³ via OurSG Grants portal (<https://oursqgrants.gov.sg>):

1. NYF YPCD proposal and budget form
2. Bank details form
3. Endorsement letter
4. NYF Impact Assessment Toolkit

³ Documents are available for download on the portal.

As the estimated processing time per project is 2 to 3 months, applicants are advised to submit their application at least 2 months before the start of their project. **Projects which require significant grant (more than \$50,000) would require a longer processing time of 3 to 6 months.** These applicants are advised to submit their application at least 3 months before the start of their project.

Enquiries

For enquiries, please email Partnership_Enquiries@nyc.gov.sg.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: Can I submit an application if I missed the grant call period?

A1: No. Applications outside the grant call period are not accepted. Please submit at the next applicable grant call.

Q2: Can I submit an application via email?

A2: No. All applications are to be submitted online via OurSG Grants portal (<https://oursggrants.gov.sg>)

Q3: When will I be notified on the status of the application?

A3: All applications have an estimated processing time of at least 2 months, from the point of application. Applicants will be notified thereafter. Projects which require significant grant (more than \$50,000) would require a longer processing time (3 months and above). Please note that the processing time may be delayed if applications are incomplete/ require extensive clarifications.

Q4: Can I apply for/ receive other sources of funding in addition to the NYF for my project?

A4: Applicants are encouraged to apply for other sources of funding⁴ for the same project as the NYF grant is provided on a cost-sharing basis. Applicants are required to declare their funding sources in the application form.

Q5: My project is requesting for a grant of over \$50,000 and I am required to submit a logic model. Will there be assistance provided to develop a logic model?

A5: All applicants are encouraged to outline your programme's theory of change and the logic model provides clarity on whether the programme is designed to achieve your desired outcomes. A guide to developing a logic model is available for download at [NYC | National Youth Fund](#). NYC officers will also be able to support applicants. Additionally, a workshop on understanding and developing logic models may be conducted in 2022 if there is sufficient interest. Please indicate your interest at <https://go.gov.sg/nyf-lm-training>.

Q6: Do I need to engage an auditor to audit the Statement of Accounts for my project?

A6: For projects with an approved grant quantum of up to S\$50,000, applicants are required to submit signed and endorsed Statement of Accounts (SOA) and all scanned copies of receipts of the project expenses to NYC. For projects with an approved grant quantum exceeding S\$50,000, applicants will have to engage an auditor and submit financial statements for the approved project that are externally audited by a Public Accountant. The cost of engaging the auditor can be included in the project budget.

⁴ Both Government and non-Government sources of funding are allowed.