

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

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13 December 2022 to 28 February 2023	<p>(i) Jobs and Future of Work</p> <p>a) <u>Career pathways</u>:</p> <p>Design and implement innovative job / industry exposure opportunities for youths (for example, short work stints such as job tasters¹, work simulations/games) to experience the reality of different job roles and work environments in <u>compressed time</u>. Projects that include or are centred on internships/ traineeships will <u>not</u> be supported.</p> <p>b) <u>Self and Career development</u>:</p> <p>Create opportunities for youths to discover one's career aspirations/ inclinations, to be empowered and confident when making choices</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance youths' clarity in education and career wayfinding. - Improve youths' confidence in achieving their career goals and adapting to adversities. - Improve youths' social and professional networks and connections to navigate education choices and career pathways.

¹ Examples of Taster programmes can be found at <https://www.nyc.gov.sg/omw/tasters>.

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	<p>about their education and career pathways.</p> <p>The above could include opportunities to foster connections and networks with other youths via peer support or with industry partners for knowledge-sharing; career wayfinding tools/ roadmaps for direction on personal and skill development; and/or opportunities to develop self-awareness and personal branding to differentiate themselves in the job market.</p> <p>c) <u>Mentoring:</u></p> <p>Create opportunities for youths to be mentored by a positive role model, who would provide guidance, support and/ or practical advice to enable youths (17 to 25 years) to make better-informed choices in their education and career.</p> <p>Note:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Projects should take into account the current landscape of education and career support offered to youths at schools or via agencies (e.g. Workforce Singapore (WSG) SkillsFuture), when innovating new projects. 2) Projects targeted at vulnerable youth groups such as low-income youth, at-risk youth, youth with disabilities/ special needs are welcome. 3) Mentoring projects targeted at youths aged 17 to 25 years old, especially youths transitioning from school to workplace; and youths from Private 	

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	<p>Education Institutions (PEIs), Institute of Technical Education (ITE) and Madrasahs are encouraged.</p> <p>4) We encourage multiple partners to work collaboratively to identify and target gaps in the community.</p> <p>5) Projects that fall outside the above sub-themes will not be considered.</p>	
	<p>(ii) Environment and Sustainability</p> <p>In support of Singapore’s SG Green Plan 2030 and national climate target to achieve “net zero emissions by 2050”, projects must fall within any of the following sub-themes:</p> <p>a) City in Nature – Increase youths’ appreciation of nature and diversity and/or partner youths to co-develop green spaces in the community.</p> <p>b) Energy Reset – Encourage youths to adopt low-carbon practices such as green commutes via public transport, Walk-Cycle-Ride and cleaner energy vehicles.</p> <p>c) Singapore’s Net Zero Journey - Increase youths’ understanding and awareness of Singapore’s net zero journey and commitment to international climate action.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youths are aware of the effects of their actions on the environment. - Youths understand the ways that they can care for the environment. - Youths actively participate in efforts to care for and make a positive impact on the environment. - Youths appreciate Singapore’s climate change challenges and our national plans.

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 the above theme(s).

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. <p>In general,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Projects should not undermine Government Agencies/public institutions.Projects should not have content held objectionable by the general public or that may adversely affect social cohesion in Singapore.Project should not be utilised as platforms to solicit feedback on and/suggest changes to Government policies.
For additional information on the National Youth Fund, please visit: https://www.nyc.gov.sg/en/initiatives/grants/national-youth-fund/	

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 documents² via OurSG Grants portal (<https://oursgrants.gov.sg>):

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

² 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: I am a For-profit organisation. Can I also apply for the grant?

A4: For-profit organisations with strong social mission(s) (i.e., social enterprises) registered in Singapore undertaking non-profit projects will be considered for this grant.

Q5: Can I apply to the NYF for an existing youth programme?

A5: Yes, the focus of the NYF is to support and encourage youth initiatives that co-create social change for the benefit of the community. Applications on recurring youth programmes would need to substantiate how the NYF grant will help in the growth and impact of the programme and make a strong case for further support by the NYF. Each application will be assessed on its merit.

Q6: Can I apply for/ receive other sources of funding in addition to the NYF for my project?

A6: Applicants are encouraged to apply for other sources of funding³ 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.

Q7: How much of my project can be funded by the NYF?

A7: The NYF funds direct project costs such as venue rental, logistics, manpower, F&B and transport costs. Manpower costs, if any, must be pro-rated based on the time spent on the project, and will be benchmarked against industry/ market cost norms. The grant does not fund gifts, including tokens of appreciation, cash prizes, vouchers and awards such as trophies, medals, etc., start-up costs, overheads and fixed assets.

Q8: Can my organisation generate profit from a project that receives funding from the NYF?

A8: No. The NYF funds on a project deficit basis.

³ Both Government and non-Government sources of funding are allowed.

Q9: 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?

A9: 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.

Q10: Do I need to engage an auditor to audit the Statement of Accounts for my project?

A10: 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.

Q11: My organisation is already receiving funding from National Youth Council (NYC). Can I still submit a fresh application?

A11: Organisations and individuals that / who are currently receiving funding from NYC may still submit their application, subject to NYC's consideration to fund. Projects that are already receiving funding from National Youth Council are unable to be considered.