# NYF PARTNERSHIP GRANT CALL
## (5 June 2023 to 18 August 2023)

## 1. Background

1.1 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.

1.2 NYC is inviting partners to submit proposals for the NYF Youth Programmes/ Capability Development (YPCD) grant.

## 2. Partnership Grant Call Period

2.1 The NYF YPCD grant will be open for application from **5 June 2023 to 18 August 2023**[1].

2.2 Applications for both grants will only be accepted during the partnership grant call period. Projects should fall within the specified themes, unless otherwise specified, and will be evaluated on a first-come, first-served basis.

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[1] There will be up to 2 partnership grant calls a year.

3. **Partnership Grant Call Themes**

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| 1. <u>**Social Cohesion – Inter-Generational Bonding**</u><br><br>We face trends that challenge our unity and Singapore identity. We need to grow a sense of belonging to Singapore that cuts across divides, through shared culture, social practices and civic values.<br><br>Youths and older groups recognise a growing values divide[2]. Differences in formative experiences affect how generations perceive each other and everyday issues (e.g. choices on lifestyle, food, living environment, and spending priorities). While groups agree on some issues, younger Singaporeans are seen as more liberal.<br><br>To strengthen inter-generational bonds between youths and other generations, and among youths, projects should involve a mix of at least two generations, such as:<br>  a) Children and youths<br>  b) Youths and seniors<br>  c) Youths of different age bands between 15 to 35 years old (e.g. Gen Zs vs. Gen Ys)<br>  d) Youths and parents<br><br>*Note: The above list is non-exhaustive.*<br><br>Youths must form **at least 50%** of the project's participants.<br><br>Projects should fulfil **at least one** of the following objectives:<br>(i) Build social bonds among youth and other generations;<br>(ii) Improve acceptance and appreciation of different groups in society; or<br>(iii) Extend network of support for young caregivers who are supporting their families. | ➢ Youths have opportunities to connect with other youths and expand their social network.<br><br>➢ Youths are better able to appreciate and respect diversity in opinions.<br><br>➢ Youths are better able to respect values and beliefs of others who are of a different background/ generation.<br><br>➢ Youths, families, neighbourhoods and the local community are better integrated and deepen their connection with Singapore.<br><br>➢ Youths have people whom they can turn to for support. |

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[2] Channel News Asia (2019). "Regardless of Generation", hosted by Dr Janil Puthucheary.

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| **2. <u>Social Cohesion – Support for Vulnerable Groups</u>**<br><br>As we emerge from the pandemic, vulnerable youth segments remain in our society who may be at-risk of experiencing a digital and social divide.<br><br>A poll by NYC in 2022 found that about 1 in 4 youths found it more draining to interact with others or more challenging to form new relationships post-pandemic. Close to 1 in 5 youths were more anxious about not knowing how to interact in a social setting. These tensions threaten our ability to maintain a well-connected social fabric.<br><br>Projects under this theme should <u>develop youth from vulnerable groups</u> and <u>empower youths to support vulnerable groups</u>, such as:<br>  a) Youths from lower-income groups<br>  b) Youths with Disabilities/ Special Educational Needs<br>  c) Youths at-risk of social isolation (e.g., youths avoiding social contact, withdrawing from social interactions)<br><br>*Note: The above list is non-exhaustive.*<br><br>Projects should fulfil at least one of the following objectives to:<br>(i) Bridge and foster relationships to improve youths' resilience and social capital; or<br>(ii) Empower and activate youths to volunteer with a community organisation to better support vulnerable youth groups | **Where youths are the target beneficiaries:**<br><br>➢ Youths are better able to persevere in the face of challenges.<br><br>➢ Youths are less likely to give up even after experiencing failure.<br><br>➢ Youths can better appreciate that difficult times are an opportunity to learn and grow.<br><br>➢ Youths have people whom they can turn to for support.<br><br>**Where volunteers are involved in the project:**<br><br>➢ Youth volunteers gain awareness of the needs in the community.<br><br>➢ Youth volunteers understand that they have a role to play in improving the community.<br><br>➢ Youth volunteers contribute towards building a caring and inclusive society. |
| **3. <u>Others</u>**<br><br>Projects which fall outside the grant call priority themes but are able to demonstrate that the proposed initiative responds to emerging or unmet needs in the youth sector, will be considered for funding during this grant call. | Please refer to the NYF Outcomes Measurement Toolkit, for a non-exhaustive list of youth development outcomes. |

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| Projects are encouraged to:<br>(i) Create shared experiences and promote well-being for youths through innovative mediums, including the sports and arts; and<br>(ii) Involve youths as co-creators in the design, planning and/or execution process. | |

**4. Eligibility Criteria and Funding Considerations**

| 1. Who Can Apply? | a) Not-for-profit organisations or not-for-profit young start-ups<br><br>b) Social Service Agencies (SSAs)<br><br>c) Institutes of Higher Learning (IHLs)<br><br>d) Social Enterprises (SEs), whose business or key initiatives are primarily focused on engaging and developing youths<br><br>Note: All organisations must be registered in Singapore |
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| 2. What Can Be Funded? | a) Projects must be targeted at youths (aged 15 to 35 years old) and involve Singaporeans/ Singapore Permanent Residents (PRs). Inter-generational projects which involve other age groups should ensure that Singaporean/ PR youths form at least 50% of the project's participants.<br><br>b) Projects should not undermine Government agencies/ public institutions.<br><br>c) Projects should not have content held objectionable by the public, or that may adversely affect social cohesion in Singapore.<br><br>d) Project should not be utilised as platforms to solicit feedback on or suggest changes to Government policies.<br><br>e) Projects which have not started. |

| 3. What Are NYC's Key Considerations for Funding? | Projects should:<br><br>a) Meet a critical gap or emerging need in the youth sector.<br><br>b) Possess unique value proposition and creates impact to the youth/ youth sector.<br><br>c) Demonstrate sufficient risk mitigation strategies.<br><br>d) Provide outcomes and project evaluation.<br><br>Where possible, projects which meet the following criteria will be considered more favourably:<br><br>e) Involves a wide audience and/ or engages youths from underserved segments.<br><br>f) Actively develops youths to be an active collaborator in the project implementation.<br><br>g) Adopts a clear business model to ensure long-term sustainability and/ or plans to sustain positive impact independent of funding from NYC.<br><br>h) Has significant media impact. |
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## 5. Funding Quantum

Successful applicants can receive funding from the National Youth Fund of *up to* 80% of total allowable project cost, capped at $100,000 per project, for projects that falls within a priority theme.

Funding for projects outside of the grant call priority themes (i.e. Others) will be capped at a maximum of $50,000 per project, or up to 80% of total allowable project cost, whichever is lower.

Projects that demonstrate exceeding merits in terms of project scale and impact may be considered for higher funding, beyond $100,000 per project. These applicants will be required to pitch the project to an external panel for evaluation.

## 6. Submission

- Application is open from 1 June 2023 to 18 August 2023, 2359h.
- All applications are to be submitted online via OurSG Grants portal (https://oursggrants.gov.sg)
- Applicants are advised to submit your applications at least 2 months before the start of the project, as the average processing time per project is 2 to 3 months. Projects which qualify for a significant grant (more than $50,000) would require a longer processing time of 3 to 6 months for the project assessment. These applicants are advised to submit applications at least 3 months before the start of the project.

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

**7. Enquiries**

- During the partnership grant call application period, interested applicants may sign up for the "*AskPL* Grant Consultation Clinics" for a 1-on-1 consultation session with NYC's Partnership Managers. Details are available on the <u>National Youth Fund</u> webpage.
- For enquiries, please email **Partnership_Enquiries@nyc.gov.sg**

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Q1: Can I apply to the NYF YPCD grant for an existing youth programme?**
A1: Yes, the programme/ project would need to have strong alignment with the priority themes and make a strong case for how the NYF grant will help in the growth and impact of the programme. Existing programmes should demonstrate innovative elements in the project application, when compared with previous project runs. Projects that are already receiving funding from NYC will not be considered.

**Q2: My organisation is already receiving funding from NYC. Can I still submit a fresh application?**
A2: Organisations that are currently receiving funding from NYC may still submit their application, subject to NYC's consideration to fund.

**Q3: Can my organisation submit more than one application in the same partnership grant call?**
A3: Yes. However, if projects are inter-related, organisations are encouraged to package them into a single grant application.

**Q4: Can I submit an application if I missed the grant call period?**
A4: No. Applications outside the grant call period are not accepted. Please submit at the next applicable grant call.

**Q5: Can I submit an application via email?**
A5: No. All applications are to be submitted online via OurSG Grants portal (https://oursggrants.gov.sg).

**Q6: Can individuals or non-registered groups apply for the YPCD grant?**
A6: No. Individuals or non-registered groups can apply for the Young ChangeMakers (YCM) grant instead. More information of the YCM grant can be found here.

**Q7: I am a For-profit organisation. Can I also apply for the grant?**
A7: For-profit organisations with strong social mission(s) (i.e. Social Enterprises), whose business or key initiatives are primarily focused on engaging and developing youths, can apply for the grant.

**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.

**Q9: Can I apply for/ receive other sources of funding in addition to the NYF for my project?**
A9: Applicants are encouraged to apply for other sources of funding[1] 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.

**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 $50,000, applicants are required to submit signed and endorsed Statement of Accounts (SOA) and all scanned copies of

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[1] Both Government and non-Government sources of funding are allowed.

receipts of the project expenses to NYC at the closure of the project. An appointed auditor from NYC will contact you to ensure satisfactory supporting documents have been submitted. For projects with an approved grant quantum exceeding $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: How will the grant be disbursed?**
A11: The first tranche disbursement of the grant will typically be on an advance basis, upon acceptance of the Letter of Award (LOA). The remaining grant will be given out on a reimbursement basis, upon completion of project milestones and submission of relevant documents (e.g. Project Progress/ Final Report, SOA). The project milestones will be set and agreed by both applicant and NYC before the commencement of the project. For most projects, the grant will be disbursed over two tranches, on an advance and reimbursement basis.

**Q12**: **What project expenses are allowable or non-allowable?**
A12: 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 start-up costs, overhead costs (e.g. rent, utilities, business licenses), capital costs (e.g. fixed assets), and gifts, including tokens of appreciation, cash prizes, vouchers and awards such as trophies, medals, etc.

**Q13: What are the available venues/ spaces within NYC that my project could tap upon?**
A13: Venue booking at *SCAPE and The Red Box are subject to availability and the prevailing subsidised rental rates.

**Q14: If my project takes place over a few years, do I need to submit a new application yearly?**
A14: No. Please provide an estimated project duration including preparation, implementation, and closure phases of the project. The proposed project duration could span across a few years. Project milestones will be set and agreed by both applicant and NYC before the commencement of the project.