



NATIONAL YOUTH FUND CALL FOR PROPOSAL (Conversations with Youth)

1. Background

- 1.1 The National Youth Fund (NYF) champions and supports ground-up initiatives by Not for Profit Organisations, Schools and Institutes of Higher Learning, and Social Enterprises to co-create social change for the benefit of the community. Earlier this year, the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth (MCCY) and National Youth Council (NYC) launched the youth conversations; a platform for youths to give inputs on issues that are close to their hearts and come-up with ideas for change.
- 1.2 Engaging youths and partnering them to have a say in co-shaping Singapore's future is vital for a thriving society. NYC is looking to partner with youths and youth sector organisations to organise and host conversation platforms that will engage our youths in meaningful exchanges so as to:
- a) enable them to listen and share their views with their peers;
 - b) appreciate the diversity of perspectives among their peers; and
 - c) pursue community initiatives in areas that they are passionate about.

These conversations should be open to all youths to allow for interactions with youths from diverse backgrounds. The conversations should also involve youths to spark ideas for change that can bring the community together or benefit the society at large.

2. Criteria

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA	
1. Who Can Apply?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Individual youths between 15 to 35 years old (at least two youths in a team). Team members should be Singaporeans/ Singapore Permanent Residents.• Youth Sector Organisations (not-for-profit organisations, social service organisations, Institutes of Higher Learning (IHL), and social enterprises (SE) whose business primarily focuses on engaging and developing youths for the community)
2. What Can Be Funded?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Projects must be targeted at youths (aged between 15 to 35 years old) from diverse backgrounds and must involve Singaporeans/Singapore Permanent Residents.• Projects must address youth concerns/areas of interest and engage youth in conversations¹ and/or get youths to take action to lead or participate in projects to address issues.

¹ Conversations topics should not contain any inflammatory and/or discriminatory elements that may disrupt racial and religious harmony, have any political agenda or be contrary to the interest of the community and society at large.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conversation topics can include but are not limited to the following: Social Inclusion, Environment, Narratives of Success, Future of Work, Smart Nation, Mental Health. • Types of projects that can be funded include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Platforms which allows youth to engage in meaningful conversation to share/hear diverse views and/or get involve in social actions based on the conversation topics; or ○ Scaling up an existing impactful project that enables youth to express their views or learn more about issues they are passionate about
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FUNDING

- Successful applicants will receive funding from the National Youth Fund of up to 80% of total allowable project cost capped at \$5,000, to cover direct project costs.
- Additional funding may be given for outstanding projects that demonstrate innovative approaches and tools in the design of their youth conversations. This includes projects that also engage the youths beyond conversations to social actions.
- To encourage the use of innovative tools and modalities to design the youth conversations and its follow through to action, the NYF will also fund training and development cost to level up organisations' capabilities to deliver quality engagements with youths. Interested organisations should include the training and development cost in their budget.
- Important note: The grant does not fund gifts and prizes, including tokens of appreciation, vouchers and awards such as trophies, medals, etc.

SUBMISSION FOR CALL FOR PROPOSAL

- Application is open from 28 December 2018.
- Applications should be submitted by **30 January 2019, 5:00pm.**
- Results of the Grant Call will be announced in March 2019.
- Please email your application to [Charmaine EU@nyc.gov.sg](mailto:Charmaine_EU@nyc.gov.sg) and indicate "NYF - Conversations with Youth" in your email subject. You may be contacted for a deeper discussion on your project.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q1: Can I apply for an existing youth programme?

A1: Yes, an existing programme/ project that meets the eligibility criteria and has not been funded by the National Youth Fund (NYF) can be submitted for consideration.

Q2: My organisation is already receiving funding from NYF. Can I still submit a fresh application?

A2: Organisations and individuals who are currently receiving funding from NYF may still submit their application, subject to NYC's consideration to fund as long as the project submitted has not been supported before.

Q3: Can I send multiple entries for different projects under my organisation?

A3: Each organisation may only submit one entry during the Call for Proposal. If there is more than one suitable project in response to the Call for Proposal, they should be packaged as one proposal and submitted in a single submission.

Q4: Is there a funding cap per organisation?

A4: Each project will be awarded *up to* 80% of total allowable project cost, capped at \$5,000. Additional funding may be given for outstanding proposal that incorporates the use of innovative tools and modalities in the design of their youth conversation at NYC's discretion.

Q5: Is there funding for organisations who wish to strengthen their capabilities to incorporate the use of new modalities and tools to design their Conversations with youths?

A5: As part of building up the sector's capabilities to deliver quality youth engagements, NYC will assess and fund the training and development cost for organisations who wish to use new tools and modalities as part of the proposal. The training and development cost should be incorporated into their Budget.

Q6: Is there any restriction on seeking funding sources from other government agencies?

A6: The NYF encourages organisations to explore other sources of funding including other government agencies. However, please be advised that the NYF will fund up to a total government funding not exceeding 80% of total project costs.

Q7: What typically happens during the conversations?

A7: While the schedule of events and topics are up to the applicant to propose and decide, the project should allow for open conversations on the chosen youth interest topic(s), participation of youths from different backgrounds to come together and share/hear from each other, and/or involve youths to co-create with ideas or solutions of the proposed topic to spark social action.

Q8: How many conversations can my project have?

A8: Each organisation or individual submitting their application for this Call For Proposal can plan to host one or more conversations in a year.