

## NYC Partnership 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.

To address youth needs and emerging challenges, the **National Youth Fund (NYF) Youth Programmes/Capability Development (YPCD)** grant will be transiting from **year-round applications to thematic partnership/ grant calls<sup>1</sup>** for deeper impact.

The thematic partnership/ grant call application periods for 2021 are as follows:

Partnership/ Grant Call Application Period	Themes*
30 August 2021 to 25 October 2021	<p><b>(i) Jobs and Future of Work</b> – including but not limited to the following sub-themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Skills development/ upgrading – Increase youths’ ability to secure interviews/ jobs</li> <li>b) Career pathways – Support youths to way-find in career pathways and explore alternative opportunities; create internship/ traineeship opportunities; empower youths to make informed choices about their careers</li> </ul> <p>Projects targeted at <b>vulnerable youth groups</b> such as low-income youth, at-risk youth, youth with disabilities/ special needs are encouraged.</p> <p><b>(ii) Racial Harmony</b> – including but not limited to the following sub-themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Create safe spaces and opportunities for youths to share diverse perspectives on race and religion and discuss challenges and issues</li> <li>b) Promote appreciation and understanding of racial and religious harmony               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Cultivate friendships – Create or strengthen bonds among youths of different races and religions</li> <li>(ii) Challenge stereotypes – Raise awareness among youths to dispel misconceptions in the community</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> There will be up to 3 partnership/ grant calls a year.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>c) Capacity building – Develop skills in youths to facilitate conversations to foster understanding between groups and enhance social cohesion</li> </ul>
December 2021 to January 2022 (specific dates will be released later)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>(i) Environment and Sustainability</b> – including but not limited to the following sub-themes aligned with the <a href="#">SG Green Plan 2030</a>:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Sustainable Living – Waste reduction; encouraging sustainable practices</li> <li>b) Energy Reset – Reduce energy consumption; adopt energy efficient/ clean energy options</li> <li>c) City in Nature – Living in harmony with wildlife; use of green spaces in the community</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>(ii) Mental Wellbeing</b> – including but not limited to the following sub-themes:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Peer support in the workplace/ community – Develop peer support networks for youths in the workplace/ community</li> <li>b) Promote and safeguard youth cyberwellness – Address impact of online usage on youth mental wellbeing</li> <li>c) Coping with mental wellbeing issues – Support young working adults/ youths-in-transition /at-risk /disadvantaged to cope and deepen social connections</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Projects targeted at <b>vulnerable youth groups</b> such as low-income youth, at-risk youth, youth with disabilities/ special needs are encouraged.</p> <p>Projects that fall outside the grant call priority areas (i) and (ii) [e.g. culture and heritage, sports, community service, entrepreneurship] that respond to emerging or unmet needs in the youth sector, will be considered for funding during this grant call.</p>

*\*Themes for the second grant call in Dec/Jan are subject to change*

## Applications

Partnership 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.

Successful applicants will receive funding of up to 80% of total allowable project cost, capped at \$100,000 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"> <li>Youth Sector Organisations (not-for-profit organisations or 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).</li> </ul>
2. What Can Be Funded?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Projects must be targeted at youths (aged between <b>15 to 35 years old</b>) and must involve Singaporeans/ Singapore Permanent Residents.</li> </ul> <p>Key Considerations for Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project meets a critical gap or emerging need in the youth sector.</li> <li>Project possesses unique value proposition and creates impact to the youth/youth sector.</li> <li>Project has sufficient risk mitigation strategies and impact evaluation.</li> <li>Project involves wide audience and/or community outreach and has significant media impact.</li> <li>Project is scalable for the next year or so.</li> <li>Project adopts a clear business model to ensure long-term sustainability</li> </ul>
<p>For additional information on the National Youth Fund, please visit:  <a href="https://www.nyc.gov.sg/en/initiatives/grants/national-youth-fund/">https://www.nyc.gov.sg/en/initiatives/grants/national-youth-fund/</a></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 documents<sup>2</sup> via OurSG Grants portal (<https://oursggrants.gov.sg>):

1. NYF YPCD proposal and budget form
2. Bank details form
3. Endorsement letter

<sup>2</sup> 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](mailto:Partnership_Enquiries@nyc.gov.sg).

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## 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 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.