

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 has transited from **year-round applications to thematic partnership/ grant calls**¹ for deeper impact.

The last thematic partnership/ grant call application period for 2021 is as follows:

Partnership/ Grant Call Application Period	Themes
13 December 2021 to 14 February 2022	<p>(i) Mental Wellbeing – with a focus on but not limited to the following sub-themes:</p> <p>a) Peer support in the workplace/ community²:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop peer support networks for youths in the workplace/ community e.g., youth in need can find support from peers in workplace and community settings • Equip youths who wish to become peer community supporters and deployment opportunities to reach out to youth in need <p>b) Promote and safeguard youth cyberwellness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equip youths with knowledge and skills to manage impact of digital use on their mental wellbeing • Provide better, timelier support for victims of online harms and youths online facing mental health challenges • Equip youths to take action in promoting a safe and kind online space, e.g., youths trained as online peer supporters/ cyberwellness ambassadors to flag harmful content <p>c) Strengthen parents or young parents’ competencies to support their children’s mental wellbeing – Equip young parents with relevant parenting skills and mental health literacy;</p>

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

² Community refers to out of school/ educational institutions settings.

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	<p>improve/facilitate intergenerational conversations between parents and youth on mental health concerns³</p> <p>Projects targeted at vulnerable youth groups such as low-income youth, at-risk youth, youth with disabilities/ special needs are encouraged.</p> <p>(ii) Environment and Sustainability – including but not limited to the following sub-themes aligned with the SG Green Plan 2030:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sustainable Living – Waste reduction; encouraging sustainable practices b) Energy Reset – Reduce energy consumption; adopt energy efficient/ clean energy options c) City in Nature – Living in harmony with wildlife; use of green spaces in the community <p><u>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.</u></p>

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.

³ If the project's only target audience is parents, the parents must be youths i.e., aged 35 years old and below. If the project targets parents of youths, where the parents are above 35 years old, the project must involve youths e.g., through intergenerational activities between parents and youths.

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 robust 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
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 documents⁴ via OurSG Grants portal (<https://oursggrants.gov.sg>):

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

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.

⁴ Documents are available for download on the portal.

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 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.