



YOUTH ACTION GRANT FACTSHEET

GRANT WINDOW: 25 JULY TO 31 AUGUST 2026



ABOUT THE YOUTH ACTION GRANT



Got a project you're ready to commit to for the long haul?

The Youth Action Grant (YAG) supports youth-led projects that are ready to scale up for sustained impact — not one-off events, but initiatives designed to increase its impact and keep serving the community over time.

This could be a recurring community service programme, a platform or product that delivers ongoing benefit, or an initiative you're ready to grow over time.

Beyond funding, successful applicants join an ecosystem of support – project guidance, capability-building workshops, and a community of fellow youth changemakers.

WHO CAN APPLY?



- Applicants must be Singaporean or Singapore PR youths residing locally, aged between 15 and 35 years old (by birth year).
- The project team should comprise a majority of Singapore Citizen or PR youths.
- Applicant can either be:
 - Informal youth groups¹ with a minimum team size requirement of 2 people
 - Early-stage organization
 - Have incorporated for less than 5 years
 - For organizations incorporated for between 2 – 5 years:
 - **Net Profit**² : Less than or equal to S\$50,000.
 - **Net Assets**² : Less than or equal to S\$100,000

1 An informal group is defined as a social movement comprising individuals who strive towards a common goal that revolves around change, at individual or group or societal level, and is not registered as an official entity

2 Additional metrics beyond years of operation are in place to account for older organisations that might still be in a nascent stage due to years of operating in a lean, volunteer-driven manner. Financial metrics chosen as they are metrics reported in financial statements of charities and companies.

PROJECT CRITERIA

Note: Projects that do not meet YAG criteria will be referred to the Young ChangeMakers (YCM) grant instead.

Community Impact

- Project must benefit the Singapore community, meaning it should have a clear positive impact on the target audience.

Youth Development Elements

- Project must incorporate youth development elements and demonstrate how it builds the capacity of the organising committee.

Rallying Others

- Project team must demonstrate ability to rally others beyond the core team, through participants, volunteers, social media campaigns, or outreach efforts.

Project Duration

- Project should be completed within 2 years from application.
- Implementation should begin at least 1 month after the pitch to allow time to shape KPIs.

Project Budget

- Project budget should be at least \$10,000.

Sustainability and Track Record (for grant request above \$30k)

- Project must show plans for sustainability and demonstrate past track records.



PROJECTS THAT CANNOT BE FUNDED

- ❌ Academic research projects
- ❌ Projects with **content held as objectionable** by the general public, or that **may adversely affect social cohesion** in Singapore
- ❌ Projects with **religious or socio-political agenda**
- ❌ Projects that **raise funds for the project applicant**
- ❌ Projects that **diminish public trust and condience in Government agencies/public institutions**
- ❌ Projects that have already **started prior to pitch or grant approval**



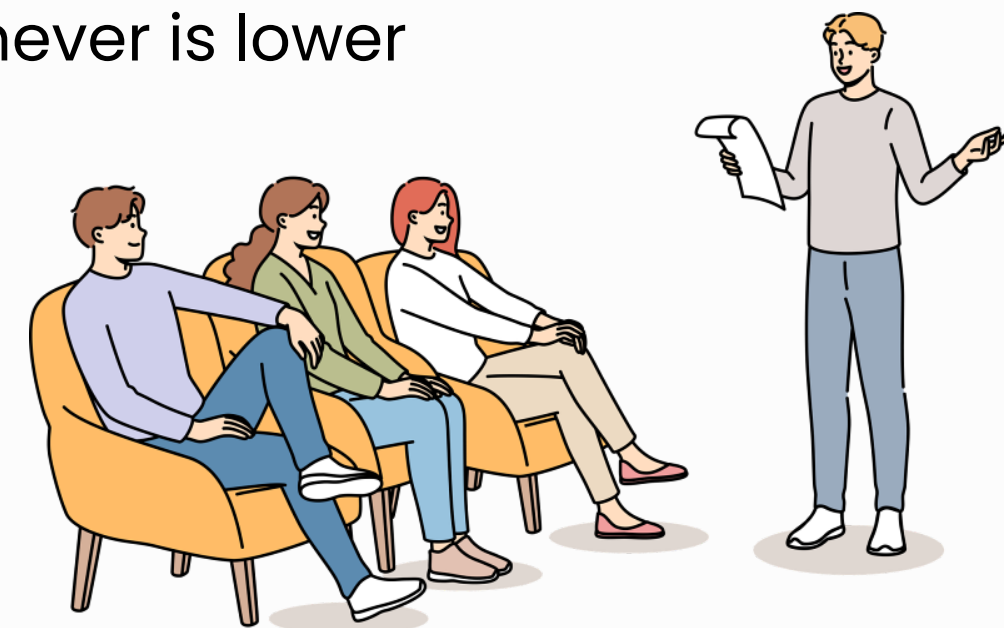
FUNDING

- Successful applicants will receive an in-principle grant approval of up to \$70,000 or up to 100% of supported cost, whichever is lower.
- Grant operates on a deficit funding model — funding goes towards offsetting your project deficit

HOW GRANT DECISIONS ARE MADE

- Shortlisted applicants will pitch to a panel of judges at the bi-annual Open Mic session
- Judges will determine grant awards of up to \$50,000
- Where available, the public may vote to allocate an additional top-up of up to \$20,000 to selected projects through a participatory budgeting exercise at the Youth Action Marketplace, capped at the amount awarded by the judges or \$20,000, whichever is lower

Note: The final grant amount will be based on your submitted budget and may differ from the amount awarded by the judges. If the awarded amount differs from your project budget, NYC may work with you to adjust your project scope and KPIs within the stipulated timeframe. Failure to respond by the deadline may result in the award being based on the original submitted budget.



GRANT GUIDELINES

Allowable expenses include but are not limited to the following:

- Web / app development
- Venue rental
- Payment to vendors (e.g. ads, marketing, consultancy)
- Payment to staff (e.g. part timers, interns, non-team members)
- Transport cost (for programme logistics)
- Meal Cap: \$10/pax for meals, \$5/pax for refreshments (excluding GST and delivery charge)

*Expenses beyond the approved project period (e.g. Zoom subscription fees) may be pro-rated based on the project implementation period.



GRANT GUIDELINES

Non-allowable expenses include but are not limited to the following:

- Gifts (including goodie bags for project beneficiaries), prizes & tokens of appreciation
- Awards (e.g. trophies, medals, etc.)
- Fixed assets and overhead expenses (e.g. printer, office space, furniture)
- Payment to team members
- Sponsorship or grants given to a third party (e.g. to sponsor a group of beneficiaries to attend a course)
- Organisational-strengthening initiatives



NYC reserves the right to withhold/adjust the approved grant and/or seek partial/full refund of the disbursed grant at its sole discretion.

APPLICATION



- YAG runs two grant application windows a year, with shortlisted applicants pitching to a panel of judges at the bi-annual Open Mic session. Where available, projects may also be open to Participatory Budgeting at the Youth Action Marketplace.
- The current grant call is open from **25 July to 6 September 2026**.
- **Shortlisted applicants will be invited to pitch at Impact, IRL on 31 October 2026.**

Submit the application online via the [OurSG Grants portal](#)

You may utilize [this document](#) to know what information is required for your grant application on the portal.

SUBMISSION DETAILS

Documents to be submitted*

- Project Overview (details to be input into the OSG application)
- Supplementary Questions PPT
- Budget
- Project Team Member Particulars & Outreach Breakdown
- Bank Details Form – joint account for informal groups / corporate account for registered organisations
- Endorsement Letter (for applicants below 18 years old)

Shortlisted applicants will be notified at least 1 month before the Open Mic (31st October 2026 at Impact, IRL)



**Templates are downloadable via OSG*

POST OPEN MIC & PB TIMELINE

Description	Period
Teams will be informed of in-principle grant awarded by Judges & PB	Within 2 weeks of Open Mic
Teams to submit revised KPIs/deliverables and budget (if you need to review your project plans based on the final in-principle grant awarded) <i>*Grant will be forfeited for teams that fail to confirm or submit their revised KPIs/deliverables and budget by the stipulated deadline.</i>	Within 2 weeks of receiving in-principle grant award
NYC will progressively process and issue Letter of Award (LOA)	Within 2 months of Open Mic
LOA Acceptance	Within 2 weeks of LOA issuance
Project Completion	Within 2 years of grant application

IMPORTANT THINGS TO NOTE

- The Letter of Award (LOA) will state the approved grant quantum and the “Funding Agreement” which includes the following:
 - Annex A – Terms and Condition on Use of Grants; and
 - Annex B – Deliverables, Supportable Expenditure, Claim Details and Branding and Communication Guidelines.
- The Grant shall be used only for supportable expenditure and shall not be used for any non-supportable expenditure as set out under the proposed project expenditure.
- Any changes to the Deliverables, supportable expenditures, and Grant amount shall require the prior approval of the Agency.
- All receipts/invoices supporting the Statement of Accounts (SOA) must be documented, kept, and submitted to NYC along with other closure documents.

For any deviation to the terms stated in LOA, write in to your NYC grant officer for prior approval.

**E.g. Usages of grant beyond the amount/ line item stated in the LOA,
change of KPI, project extension request, etc.**

FAQ



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q1. What is Participatory Budgeting (PB)?

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a civic engagement process that gives citizens a direct say in how a defined pool of public funds is allocated. At the Youth Action Marketplace, the public votes to allocate an additional top-up of up to \$20,000 to selected YAG projects. Note that PB is not available at every grant cycle and is subject to availability.

Beyond the additional funding, participating in PB offers teams the opportunity to receive firsthand feedback from fellow youth voters who may represent their target audience — helping to sharpen proposals for greater relevance and usability. It is also an occasion to connect with like-minded youth, potential partners, funders, and volunteers.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q2. How is the YAG different from the Young ChangeMakers (YCM) grant?

The YCM grant provides seed funding of up to \$3,000 (or \$5,000 for projects of exceptional merit) for individuals and informal youth groups to implement community projects, including one-off initiatives. The YAG is designed for projects built to last — initiatives with a clear plan to sustain impact and engage the community across multiple sessions or touchpoints, at a higher funding quantum of up to \$70,000. YAG is open to informal youth groups and early-stage registered organisations; individuals are not eligible.

Q3. What counts as an "informal youth group"? Can I apply as an individual?

An informal youth group is defined as a group of individuals who are not registered as an official entity, striving towards a common goal that revolves around change at an individual, group, or societal level. A minimum team size of 2 is required, as grant amounts above \$5,000 must be managed by at least 2 people for governance purposes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q4. My organisation has been registered for 3 years. Am I eligible to apply?

Early-stage organisations incorporated for less than 5 years are eligible. For organisations incorporated for between 2 and 5 years, the organisation's net profit must be up to \$50,000 and net assets up to \$100,000.

Q5. My team has both Singaporeans and foreigners. Can we still apply?

Teams with a mix of nationalities are welcome to apply, provided the project team comprises a majority of Singapore Citizen or PR youths.

Q6. What kinds of projects are supported under the YAG?

YAG supports projects that benefit the Singapore community and demonstrate wide-reaching community impact with clear, well-evidenced plans. Projects should involve other youths in the implementation process. Academic research projects are not eligible. Projects that are primarily an arts production or presentation (e.g. a film, theatrical performance, or music recording) should apply to the National Arts Council (NAC) for funding support.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q7. My project has already started. Can I still apply?

All projects, including new phases of ongoing projects, should begin implementation at least 1 month after the pitch. The funding period will start from the date of application.

Q8. What is the maximum duration of my project?

The project should be completed within 2 years from application.

Q9. What is the minimum project budget required to qualify for the YAG grant?

The project budget should be at least \$10,000. Teams with a project budget below \$10,000 will be directed to apply for the Young ChangeMakers (YCM) Grant instead.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q10. How will the grant be disbursed?

The grant will be disbursed in two tranches:

- 1st tranche (50%): disbursed upon acceptance of the Letter of Award (LOA)
- 2nd tranche (up to 50%): disbursed after project completion, upon submission of project closure documents

Please note that the 2nd tranche is disbursed on a reimbursement basis, meaning you will need to use your own funds first before submitting a claim for reimbursement. Teams should plan their cashflow accordingly to ensure project activities are not disrupted while awaiting the final disbursement.

Q11. How long does it take to receive the final disbursement after submitting closure documents?

The final disbursement is contingent on the submission of a final report and Statement of Accounts (SOA). Processing time will vary depending on the complexity of the submission and the audit process. If the submission is in order, teams can expect the closure process to take approximately 2 months, with the final disbursement following around 1 month after that.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

Q12. What happens if my actual project expenditure is lower than the approved grant amount?

As the grant operates on a deficit funding model, the final grant amount will be adjusted based on actual expenditure. Teams will receive only what is needed to cover the project deficit.

Q13. Who can I contact if I have further questions about the YAG?

For any enquiries about the Youth Action Grant, please reach out to the NYC team at partnership_enquiries@nyc.gov.sg.

THANK YOU!

