

YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS –

City in Nature Youth Stewardship

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Overview

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The National Youth Council (NYC) and National Parks Board (NParks) are looking for youths to kickstart nature-related projects beneficial to Singapore community. Administered by the National Youth Council (NYC), the Young ChangeMakers (YCM) grant aims to provide seed funding for youths to implement projects for the community.

Co-presented by NParks and NYC, the Young ChangeMakers – City in Nature Youth Stewardship (YCM – CNYS) grant call hopes to:

- Build capacities of next generation (youths) who will provide fresh perspectives, drive change, and become advocates for nature and biodiversity conservation
- Encourage youths to:
 - Develop and implement nature-related projects beneficial to Singapore community
 - Contribute to sustainability of the nature ecosystem
 - Take ownership of our City in Nature vision



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About City in Nature

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Singapore is one of the greenest cities in the world. After 6 decades of greening efforts, we now have a thriving network of green spaces where nature is restored into our urban environment and brought closer to our everyday lives.

5 key strategies for a City in Nature by 2030

As part of the Singapore Green Plan 2030, we will continue to build upon our greening efforts and transform Singapore into a City in Nature:

- Grow nature park networks
- Naturalise gardens and parks
- Restore nature in urban areas
- Connect green spaces
- Enhance vet care and animal management

For more information, please visit our website here.



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Eligibility Criteria

Applicant and project eligibility

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Who can apply.

- a) Singaporean or Singapore Permanent Resident (PR) youths residing locally between 15 and 35 years old (Youths between 15 - 35 years old who are keen to develop and implement projects that are aligned to NParks' City in Nature Vision)
- b) Project team should comprise a majority of Singaporeans or Singapore PR youths

Project Eligibility

- a) Project should engage/benefit the Singapore community directly
- b) Project should be completed within six (6) months
- c) Projects must fall under one of these three broad City in Nature themes
 - Biodiversity Conservation & Wildlife Management
 - Community Animal & Management
 - Urban Greenery (Landscape Design & Horticulture)



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What cannot be funded

- a) Projects/Initiatives under a registered company
- b) Projects with content held as objectionable by the general public, or that may adversely affect social cohesion in Singapore
- c) Projects with religious or socio-political agenda
- d) Projects that raise funds for the project applicant
- e) Projects that diminish public trust and confidence in Government agencies/public institutions
- f) Projects that have already started prior to Open Mic or grant approval



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Eligibility Criteria

Funding and grant amount

- Successful applicants will receive an in-principle grant approval of up to 100% of supported costs, subject to a maximum of \$3,000, whichever is lower
- Projects that demonstrate exceeding merits in terms of project scale and impact will be awarded up to 100% of supported costs, subject to a maximum of \$5,000, whichever is lower
- The grant will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis approximately within eight (8) weeks from the satisfactory submission of the Project Closure Report and supporting documents
- The grant is solely for the delivery of the project and allowable direct project expenses only
- Grant decisions will be made at a monthly YCM Open Mic session which will be facilitated by a panel of Youth Curators.

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Funding details

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The grant is solely for the delivery of the project and allowable direct project expenses only. Teams must clearly demonstrate that costs are direct project expenses.

Non-allowable costs

- Cash prizes
- Payment to team members
- Overseas travel expenses

The following do not constitute as direct project cost and will not be supported under the grant:

- Project expenses that do not directly contribute to the project objectives and outcomes (e.g. audit fees, van repairs, admissions to film festivals)
- Expenses beyond the project period (e.g. Zoom subscription fees, which will be pro-rated based on the project implementation period)
- Fundraising expenses for non-fundraising projects (e.g. purchase of cookies that are resold to generate income for the project)



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Application Process

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- Submit your application online via the OurSG Grants (OSG) portal at least 8 weeks before the 1st Sat of project implementation month
- Shortlisted applications are invited to pitch your ideas at the monthly YCM Open Mic
- Grant results will be shared within 2 weeks upon pitching at Open Mic
- Receive and accept Letter of Award (LOA) via the OSG portal within 2 weeks upon grant award notice
- Project to be completed within six (6) months
- Submit project closure documents via the OSG portal. You can download the templates from NYC website [here](#).
- Receive reimbursement of final grant amount within 2 months upon submission of documents.

Applicants must inform NYC and the Youth Curators in writing of any changes to the proposed project. For major changes (e.g. changes in project scope/objectives/dates/target audience), applicants are to only proceed upon NYC's agreement.



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For more general FAQs about the YCM Grant, please refer to the YCM factsheet [here](#).

General

What is the YCM – CNYS? How is it different from YCM?

The YCM-CNYS grant call is co-presented by National Youth Council and the National Parks Board. To support youths who are keen to develop and implement City in Nature-related projects. Supported projects may gain access to consultations with relevant resource specialists within NParks.

When can I apply for the grant?

You can apply at least 8 weeks before the 1st Saturday of project implementation month. The project implementation should start latest by December 2026 (i.e. latest project application is October 2026.)



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Application Process & Timeline

What happens if my project is assessed to lack nature or City in Nature elements?

Upon submission of the grant application via the YCM Grant portal, the application will be reviewed by the agencies. Applicants will be contacted by the grant officers via email for clarification where required. Projects that are assessed to lack relevant elements required to qualify for the YCM - CNYS grant call can still be considered for the YCM Grant if it meets the eligibility of YCM Grant (projects that benefit the Singapore community).

Project Requirements & Scope

Can my project combine multiple City in Nature themes?

Yes, projects that integrate multiple themes (e.g., community garden with biodiversity education) are encouraged as they demonstrate holistic understanding of City in Nature vision.



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What does "engage/benefit the Singapore community directly" mean?

Your project should have clear beneficiaries in Singapore (residents, students, community groups) and demonstrate tangible outcomes such as increased environmental awareness, improved green spaces, or enhanced community connection to nature.

Can I implement my project in a specific park or nature area?

Yes, but you'll need to coordinate with NParks for necessary approvals and permits. Mention your intended location in your application, and NParks resource specialists can advise on feasibility and requirements, after the grant approval.



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Support & Resources

What kind of support can I get from NParks resource specialists?

Successful applicants may access consultations with NParks specialists in areas such as:

- Biodiversity and ecology guidance
- Horticulture and plant selection advice
- Wildlife management best practices
- Community engagement strategies
- Technical expertise relevant to your project theme

How do I access NParks resource specialists?

After grant approval, you will be connected with relevant NParks officers who can provide guidance. Reach out to your grant officer to arrange consultations based on your project needs.

Can NParks help with permits or approvals for activities in parks?

Yes, NParks can guide you through the permit application process for activities in parks and nature areas. Mention your intended activities and locations in your application.



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Support & Resources

Does NParks provide materials or equipment for projects?

The grant primarily provides funding rather than direct material support. However, NParks may advise on sourcing appropriate materials or connect you with relevant partners. Do highlight such needs during consultation.

Publicity & Acknowledgement

Do I need to acknowledge NYC and NParks in my project materials?

Yes, you should acknowledge both NYC and NParks in all publicity materials, social media posts, and project communications. Specific logo usage guidelines will be provided upon approval.

Will my project be featured by NYC or NParks?

Outstanding projects may be featured on NYC and NParks' platforms (websites, social media, newsletters). You may be invited to share your experience at showcase events or with future applicants.



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Specific Scenarios

Can I conduct research as part of my project?

While the grant focuses on community engagement and implementation projects, research components that directly support project objectives (e.g., baseline surveys, biodiversity monitoring) may be included. However, purely academic research projects may not be suitable.

After Project Completion

Will I be connected with other YCM-CNYS grant call recipients?

NYC and NParks may organize networking sessions or showcase events where you can connect with other youth changemakers, share learnings, and explore collaboration opportunities.



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