

NHB and NYC co-present :

YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS - youth heritage kickstarter fund

A collaboration between the National Heritage Board
and National Youth Council's Young ChangeMakers Grant

For applications from 1 August 2024 onwards.

Overview

Administered by the National Youth Council (NYC), the Young ChangeMakers (YCM) Grant provides seed funding for youths to implement projects for the community. As part of Our SG Heritage Plan 2.0, the National Heritage Board (NHB) is now partnering the NYC's YCM Grant to provide additional funding and resources to empower youths to take an active role in preserving and safeguarding Singapore's heritage.

If you are keen to kickstart projects that promote the appreciation and understanding of Singapore's heritage, read on to find out more about the YCM - Youth Heritage Kickstarter Fund (YHKF)!

Co-presented by NHB and NYC, the YCM - YHKF hopes to:

- Build the capabilities of the next generation of heritage enthusiasts who will provide fresh perspectives, drive change, and become advocates of Singapore's heritage.
- Encourage youths to develop and implement heritage projects that are beneficial to the Singapore community.
- Encourage youths to contribute to the vibrancy and sustainability of Singapore's heritage ecosystem.

Interested applicants can apply to the YCM - YHKF via NYC's YCM Grant on the

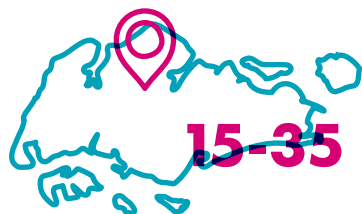
OurSG Grants (OSG) Portal

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Eligibility Criteria for the YCM – Youth Heritage Kickstarter Fund

Who can apply?



Singaporean or Singapore Permanent Resident (PR) youths, between 15 - 35 years old*, residing locally

*By birth year.



Youth groups/collectives (project teams) should comprise a majority of Singaporean or Singapore PR youths

What can be funded?

- ✓ Projects should be relevant to Singapore's heritage and should engage and/or benefit the Singapore community.
- ✓ Projects should be completed within six (6) months from date of award of the grant.
- ✓ Projects can include site-specific initiatives designed to encourage people to engage with the heritage of their neighbourhood and/or Singapore. Projects can take on various formats, including but not limited to (a) mini exhibitions; (b) guided tour programmes; (c) talks, lectures and workshops; (d) screenings; (e) murals; or (f) temporary outdoor artwork installations.

What cannot be funded?

- ✗ Projects/initiatives under a registered company.
- ✗ Projects with content held as objectionable by the general public, or that may adversely affect social cohesion in Singapore.
- ✗ Projects with a religious or socio-political agenda.
- ✗ Projects that raise funds for the project applicant.
- ✗ Projects that diminish public trust and confidence in Government agencies/public institutions.
- ✗ Projects with no relevance to Singapore's heritage/history.

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Funding & Grant Amount

- Successful applicants will receive an in-principle grant* of up to 100% of supported costs, subject to a maximum of \$5,000, whichever is lower.
- Projects that demonstrate exceeding merits in terms of project scale, impact, and/or that are aligned to NHB's initiatives will be awarded* up to 100% of supported costs, subject to a maximum of \$7,000, 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. Upfront disbursement is available on a case-by-case basis, based on requesting team's ability to prove intent and/or ability for project implementation. Only **up to 50%** of the approved grant amount may be disbursed. The agencies will make the final decision on upfront disbursement.
- The YCM - YHKF is solely for the delivery of the project and allowable direct project expenses only. Teams must clearly demonstrate that costs are direct project expenses.
- Grant decisions will be made at a monthly YCM Open Mic session which will be facilitated by a panel of Youth Curators.

*The eventual award of the grant is subject to teams fulfilling conditions which will be shared in further detail after the Open Mic. Funding is only confirmed when the agencies issue a Letter of Award to teams and they accept the Letter of Award.

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Non-Allowable Costs

- ✘ Cash prizes.
- ✘ Payment to team members.
- ✘ Overseas travel expenses (e.g. flight ticket, accommodation, travel insurance, etc.).

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

- ✘ Indirect project expenses that do not contribute directly 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 may 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). [Note: Fundraising expenses can be funded by YCM – YHKF only if the project objective is to raise funds for a registered charity.]

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Application Process and Open Mic



'Project implementation' may refer to the first day where participants/target audience are engaged. For content-based projects (i.e. films, productions, campaigns, publications, etc.), the month of project implementation refers to the month in which production (e.g. filming) commences.

What is Open Mic?



- YCM **Open Mic** is a platform where youths pitch their projects to a group of experienced Youth Curators who are empowered with grant-making decisions.
- **Open Mic** sessions are typically held on the **first Saturday of each month**. You may check the exact dates [here](#). If shortlisted after grant application, project teams will be invited to pitch at the Open Mic.
- At the **Open Mic**, you will get on-the-spot feedback, discover synergies and network with peers working on other projects.

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Process Upon Grant Approval



- Applicants must inform NYC, NHB 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 the agencies' agreement. The agencies reserve the right to withdraw or reduce the grant if the project is found to deviate significantly from its original proposal.
- Teams are required to credit the agencies in all media and publicity-related materials. Materials are to be sent to agencies for review before production or release.

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

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

The YCM - YHKF is co-funded/co-presented by the National Youth Council and National Heritage Board to support youths who are keen to kickstart projects that promote the appreciation and understanding of Singapore's heritage. Projects must be relevant to Singapore's heritage/history to qualify for the YCM - YHKF and can be potentially funded up to \$7,000.

What happens if I submit the grant application and it's assessed to be irrelevant to Singapore's heritage/history?

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 heritage elements required to qualify for the YCM - YHKF can still be considered for the YCM Grant if it meets the eligibility of YCM Grant (projects that benefit the Singapore community). The YCM Grant provides seed funding of up to \$5,000.

I am not sure if my project qualifies for the YCM – YHKF. What can I do?

Please refer to the grant's eligibility criteria to check if your project qualifies for the YCM - YHKF. You can also write in to NHB_heritagegrants@nhb.gov.sg for further assistance.

When will I receive the grant?

The YCM - YHKF is disbursed on a reimbursement basis after the project has been completed in accordance with the original proposal and the expenditures are deemed to be incurred in relation to the delivery of the project. Applicants are required to submit the necessary project closure documents via the OurSG Grants Portal for the agencies to assess the completion of project. Upfront disbursement is available on a case-by-case basis, based on requesting team's ability to prove intent and/or ability for project implementation. Only **up to 50%** of the approved grant amount may be disbursed. The agencies will make the final decision on upfront disbursement.

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

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