



YOUTH FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRANTS PROGRAMME 2013

Grants Application Guide





To begin the grants application process, thoroughly review the organization's initiatives. Youth for International Development recently launched the Global Youth Networks initiative, not only to facilitate youth participation in national, regional and International development through policy training, development and implementation, but also to assist in monitoring and evaluating programmes initiated by the organization in partnership with member organizations and grants given to this organizations, *Please read the concluding section of this document on joining the Global Youth Networks.* This is the most current guide to the type of work and organizations we fund.



We also urge you to read this entire document. Our grant-review process is thorough and comprehensive. And the information below will help you better understand our approach in grant making.



Once you have completed both of these steps, you are ready to submit a grant inquiry. Grants closing date is Monday 8th April at 3:30 PM GMT. Any applications received thereafter will not be reviewed.

How We Make Grants

Youth for International Development is committed to achieving sustainable youth development. Through our grant making, we support innovative organizations, youth groups and Community Based Organizations that are working towards empowering youths through various programmes and initiatives to reduce poverty, create employment, free expression, development and implementation of youth policies at national level, promote democratic values, improve the environment through various environmental programmes. When making grants, we think about long-term strategies, knowing that lasting social and economic change among the youth can only be achieved through efforts of all stakeholders in the field of youth empowerment. And because our mission is broad and our resources are limited, we carefully target our support so it can be used most effectively and leverage the greatest amount of impact.

To that end, grants programme team working on each of our initiatives consult with practitioners, policy makers, current and potential grantees, researchers and others to identify areas where the organization's resources are needed most. The team determines key benchmarks for progress and the amount of funding to be dedicated to each approach.

After the approaches, benchmarks and budget are set, the team begins to make grants within the agreed-upon parameters. When making grants, the team looks for new ideas and effective organizations that can help advice the work of a particular initiative, as well as for evidence that the people and organizations are likely to succeed in their project.

The following is a list of projects and programmes that fall under this grants programme;

1. Workshops, forums and conferences whose outcome is aimed at economically and socially empowering the youth in a specific region or country.
2. After-school programmes
3. Youth athletic leagues that use their sports to bring young people together to support community development.
4. Self-Help groups that are currently engaged with an economic eventure(s) or those that have innovative ideas whose outcome is creation of jobs among the youth.
5. Environmental programmes implemented by youth organizations – you must clearly describe how young people involvement will assist in ensuring that there will be sustainable outcomes.
6. Operational costs for youth organizations only, we understand how hard it is for youth organizations to remain sustainable especially on hiring professional services and personnel, greater priority will be given to new organizations who demonstrate innovative ways to empower the youths. – Also note that we do not cover the whole of the operational cost budget, you must clearly show other ways of raising your full amount, we also advice that you include names and contacts of other organizations and/or individuals who will contribute towards reaching the target. We will only fund up to a maximum of 49% of the total amount proposed that exceed US\$ 30,000.
7. Education
8. Capacity Building
9. Advocacy
10. Peace Building
11. Agriculture
12. Exchange programmes – cultural and educational only.

Apply for Grant

This grant programme is open until the specified date above, kindly note that no applications made thereafter will be reviewed.

The programmes-related investments and grants must be for charitable, scientific and educational, programmes and grants awarded within the United States of America are required to meet this regulation as defined under the appropriate provisions of the U.S Internal Revenue Code and Treasury Regulations.

As we pursue the organization's goals, we take all reasonable measures to fulfill our responsibilities as a non-profit charitable organization. We want to make sure that our funds are used for their intended charitable purposes and do not support any activities that violet the Republic of Kenya & U.S tax code or anti-terrorism laws. Because we appreciate the important work that our grantees do around the world, some in extremely difficult environments, we strive to fulfill our oversight responsibility without creating undue burdens for them or being overly intrusive.

What we don't FUND

As described above, we take varied approaches to our work, but there are a number of areas frequently inquired about that we do not support. We do not award undergraduate scholarships or grants for personal needs or business assistance for individuals or companies; we only support youth organizations and Organizations that have youth programmes and initiatives. We also do not fund health care, student loan repayment, vehicle purchase, or inventions. The only exception is when there is a partnership between an organization and Youth For International Development.

Only Organizations that will be selected for funding will be contacted after a period of not less than 3 months by a program officer to begin the process of developing a formal proposal. As you develop a formal proposal, you will meet several times with the program officer to discuss the scope and budget of your proposed project. Then you will submit your formal proposal, and the organization will do an administrative and legal review; it takes about three months from the time a formal proposal is submitted for a potential grant to be fully reviewed. Please bear in mind that our funds are limited in relation to the large number of worthwhile inquiries we receive.

Indicate the region where your work will be pursued as well as the following basic information:

- ☼ Contact information for yourself and your organization
- ☼ Brief description of your organization
- ☼ List of partners who would carry out the project if any
- ☼ Describe the purpose of the project and the issues/problems it is intending to address
- ☼ Estimated project budget and time frame.

Youth For International Development supports equal opportunity in its grant making and in its internal policies. When evaluating grants proposals, we consider the opportunities that prospective grantee organizations provide for youth.

Global Youth Networks

Global Youth Networks is an initiative by Youth For International Development to facilitate youth participation in national, regional and international Development.

Through this initiative, our policy on funding requires that for any organization or youth group to be considered for funding, they are required to join the Initiative so that the Programme officers can be able to monitor the effectiveness and impact of programmes and initiatives funded. Those that join but are not fortunate to get funding this time round, they will be the first to be considered when we call for the second round of proposals.

Those that register will note that the Online platform is a social platform, organizations can be able to connect with other organizations and share ideas and events.

By joining the initiative, Youth for International Development will be facilitating travelling & accomodations to representatives of member youth organizations to participating in meetings and conferences organized by the organization(see the networks website for all the global conferences - networks.yfidnetworks.org).



If you believe that your organization is a good match with one of our funding priorities, and can meet all our requirements, please proceed with submitting your request.

All applicants should send the proposal document in Microsoft Office Word format or PDF format to either of the addresses below;

i. Email address:

Attach document & send to grants@yfidnetworks.org – (note that we will not reply to any personal emails sent to this address - any queries should be sent to info@yfidnetworks.org. Also note that any email address used to send emails that do not relate to the subject matter will be blacklisted & blocked so as to reduce spamming.)

ii. Postal Address:

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