

WHAT IS THE YOUTH INVESTMENT FUND?

The Youth Investment Fund (YIF) allocates money for youth projects through an application process. ***The goal of the YIF is to provide healthy opportunities for marginalized youth in the territory.*** It is supported by the Departments of Community Services, Education, Executive Council Office (Youth Directorate), Health and Social Services, Justice, and the Women's Directorate.

WHAT DOES "MARGINALIZED YOUTH" MEAN?

This refers to youth who are typically afforded fewer opportunities or who experience a form of discrimination. This usually involves girls / boys or young women / men in one or more of the following groups:

- Indigenous youth
- Youth with disabilities
- Youth from rural communities
- Youth from a small ethnic or cultural group
- Youth from a low social or economic background
- Youth exposed to substance abuse, violence, conflict and/or the justice system
- GBLTQ youth (Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, Transgendered, Questioning)

WHAT AGE DOES THE YIF TARGET?

Youth 18 and under

HOW MUCH FUNDING IS AVAILABLE?

Organizations can apply for up to \$5,000 (per project).

WHO CAN APPLY?

A Yukon not for profit organization that is a legal entity can apply. These include:

- Registered non-profit organizations in good standing
- Municipalities and incorporated communities
- First Nation Governments
- School councils / boards

WHO IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR YIF FUNDING?

- Individuals
- Businesses
- Yukon / Federal government institutions (including schools)
- For profit organizations

DOES THE YIF APPROVE FUNDING FOR ANY YOUTH PROJECT?

No. Funding tends to be approved for projects that provide healthy opportunities for marginalized youth.

WHAT KINDS OF PROJECTS TYPICALLY RECEIVE FUNDING?

Common project themes include:

- Youth leadership development and training initiatives
- Substance abuse prevention
- Peer mentoring
- Skill development programs
- Recreation and physical activities
- Youth camps
- Reduction or prevention of bullying

WHAT SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND TO ENSURE A GOOD CHANCE OF RECEIVING FUNDING?

Every YIF project is unique. Projects should include as many of following items as possible:

- Create social and recreational opportunities for youth
- Promote self-esteem and positive self-image among youth
- Promote leadership, skill development and training
- Promote employment and educational opportunities for youth
- Encourage the development of positive lifestyle choices
- Have youth play a meaningful part in the planning and running of the project
- Build bridges between youth and adults in the community
- Involve a variety of people, support and resources from the community and add to what the community already has going for it
- Projects that use Yukon people and resources are given priority
- Preference is given to projects that operate out of school time

WHAT CAN YIF FUNDING BE USED FOR?

- Wages up to \$20/hour – max 8 hours/day
- Honoraria up to \$40/2 hours ; \$80/half day; \$160/ full day
- Rental or lease of room space or equipment for approved activities
- Program supplies and materials (consumable goods)
- Printing / Production of resources such as pamphlets, posters or manuals
- Advertising and promotion of the project
- Travel within Yukon or in some instances to bring speakers or facilitators to Yukon – actual costs for food, gas, etc.
- Up to 50% towards the purchase of equipment to a maximum of \$1,000 (must be essential to the project)

WHAT CAN YIF FUNDING NOT BE USED FOR?

- Personal items (e.g. running shoes, prizes, uniforms, medals, trophies)
- Feasibility studies / needs assessments
- Travel expenses outside the Yukon
- Travel expenses associated with schools or sports teams
- Projects duplicating areas of responsibility of, or existing, government programs
- Business ventures
- Paying youth to participate in the project
- Projects that support many non-Yukon youth
- Administration fees

HOW DOES MY ORGANIZATION APPLY?

Application forms are available online at youth.gov.yk.ca or contact the Fund Administrator at 667-5367.

When can my organization send in an application?

- **Deadlines for applications requesting \$501 to \$5000 are 11:59 pm on April 1 and October 1 each year. Late applications will not be accepted.**
- If the deadline day falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be at 11:59 pm on the next business day.
- If you are applying for \$500 or less, you may apply anytime.
- When fully completed \$500 and under applications are received, they will be reviewed and decided upon within three weeks.
- Applications for projects that occur during school

hours or at a school must include written permission from both the school principal and superintendent

- All applications must include proof of liability insurance that covers project activities.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER WE APPLY?

- Your application will be reviewed and, within 5 weeks after the application deadline date, you will be contacted to let you know if your project is going to be funded or not (notification date).
- YIF funding can only start being used on or after the notification date. As a result:
 - Spring funded projects should start Mid-May or later.
 - Fall funded projects should start Mid-November or later.
 - YIF funding cannot be applied to expenses incurred before the notification date.

WHAT HAPPENS IF WE GET APPROVED?

- If your project is approved, your organization will receive a “Transfer Payment Agreement” that sets out the terms and conditions under which your project will be funded. An authorized official from your organization must sign this agreement and return it to the YIF Fund Administrator before the YIF is able to give your organization the funding.
- Any costs your organization has incurred before the date you receive notification that your project is approved will not be covered by the fund.
- To minimize risk, we recommend that all employees, workshop facilitators, volunteers or anyone else that:
 - will be left alone with youth
 - are in a supervisory role with youth
 - participate on overnight trips with youthcomplete and clear a **criminal records check**. CRC forms will be provided.
- Organizations that have not submitted final reports from previous projects that were due prior to the application deadline are not eligible for funding.
- Upon completion of your project, you will be required to prepare a short, written evaluation and financial report accompanied with receipts.
- Applicants may use additional methods of reporting to add to their written evaluation report. Pictures of the project are encouraged.

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Fund Administrator for more information, clarification or assistance at:

Phone: 1-800-661-0408 ext. 5367 or 1-867-667-5367

If your organization is interested in applying, complete the following application form

2. Are you partnering with any other groups to deliver this project? If so, what are they helping you with?

Please provide letters of support from your project partners.

3. Who are the resource people/instructors for your project and what will they be doing? What kind of certification, experience or qualifications do they have for the job?

The applicant may wish to ensure that all employees, workshop facilitators, volunteers or anyone else that:

- *will be left alone with youth*
- *are in a supervisory role with youth*
- *participate on overnight trips with youth*
- *complete and clear a criminal records check. (Forms will be provided)*

4. a) The Youth Investment Fund targets youth 18 and under. Please give us your best estimate as to the number of youth participants:

_____	Female youth 18 and under	_____	age range
_____	Male youth 18 and under	_____	age range
_____	Female youth leaders 18 and under	_____	age range
_____	Male youth leaders 18 and under	_____	age range

4. b) Will there be other participants besides youth 18 and under in the project? Yes No

If so, please state the expected age range of the other participants and how many participants are expected in that age range.

5. How many youth are helping plan the project and how are they helping?
What are their ages?

6. Which communities will your youth participants come from?

7. How will you get the word out to youth that your project is happening?

8. a) Is your project open to all youth who apply?

b) Is there a fee for the youth participants and if so, how much?

c) If there is a participant fee, how will you accommodate those who cannot pay?

d) How will you be selecting the youth leaders that are involved in your project?

9. Are there other groups in your community that are working on the same kind of project happening in your area? If yes, then how will your project work with their project?

EXPENSES (How much are you spending on your project?)

Enter on Budget Chart and YIF amounts on Details section (page 8)

- **Wages** (provide details of all hourly rates and total hours to be worked for each position – the YIF can only support up to \$20/hour – max 8 hours/day.)
- **Honorarium** (a payment made to someone for a service for which no official charge is made – the YIF will cover honorariums up to \$40/2 hours ; \$80/half day; \$160/ full day)
- **Facility Costs**, e.g. cost of renting a building (include a breakdown)
- **Program Supplies and Materials** (include detailed costs for each item)
- **Printing / Production** (include a list with costs for each item)
- **Advertising and Promotion** (include a list with costs for each item)
- **Travel** (within Yukon or in some cases to bring speakers to the Yukon)
- **Equipment** (Youth Investment Fund may be able to provide money towards buying minor equipment for up to 50% of the final purchase price to a max of \$1,000)
- **Unidentified Costs** (enter information in blank expense item area)

SOURCES of FUNDING (Income) – Where you get your money from

Enter on Budget Chart

- **Money from Fundraising** (tell us the source of fundraising)
- **Money from Sponsors** (tell us the sponsor's name)
- **Money from Community Grants** (tell us the name of the grants, e.g. community recreation grant, lotteries)
- **Other sources of money or supplies** (e.g. you're chopping firewood and selling it, you're renting out space in a building that belongs to your group, you're selling an old computer that belongs to your group)

Total \$ Requested from YIF – This is the amount of money you are requesting from the Youth Investment Fund

Enter on Budget Chart

In-kind Contributions

An in-kind contribution is a non-cash input which can be given a cash value. In-kind contributions may include donated equipment, services, and facilities necessary to directly implement a project that would otherwise have to be purchased if they were not donated by the applicant or other organization

Enter on In-Kind Contribution Chart

(tell us what kind of contribution and how much, e.g. "Bud's Beverages" donates \$400 of pop, Joni donates her time for 2 hours and her tools for the week – place a dollar value on this contribution)

10. BUDGET

A	B	C	D	E
Expense Items – do not include in-kind contributions	Total Cost of Expense Item	Source(s) of funding for Expense Item (Income)	Amount covered by Source	\$ Confirmed Y / N
<i>EXAMPLE</i> Food	\$500	Youth Investment Fund	\$200	No
		Yukon River Recreation Society	\$100	Yes
		Town of Yukon River	\$200	Yes
Coordinator Wages YIF can pay up to \$20/ hour max 8 hours / day	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
Youth Wages YIF can pay up to \$20 / hour max 8 hours / day	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
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Honorariums YIF can pay up to \$40/2 hours ; \$80/half day; \$160/ full day	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
Facility or equipment Rental	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
Program Supplies and Materials (consumable goods)	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
Printing /Production	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
Travel Inside Yukon only	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
Advertising and promotion	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
Equipment YIF can pay 50% of cost – max \$1,000	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
Food	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
Liability Insurance	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
Other (e.g. professional fees)	\$	Youth Investment Fund	\$	No
			\$	
			\$	
	Total Expenses (Column B) \$	Total \$ requested from YIF (Maximum \$500 or \$5000)	\$ Total of shaded values in Column D Will Self-calculate if entered electronically	

IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION(S)

An in-kind contribution is a non-cash input which can be given a cash value

Contribution Source	Estimated Dollar Value	Contribution Details *(facility, time, etc.)	Support Confirmed Y / N
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		
	\$		
Total estimated \$ value of in-kind contributions	\$		

11. Applicants must provide detailed information of all expense items in which they are requesting \$ from the Youth Investment Fund

Expense Item: _____ Amount Request from YIF \$ _____

Expense Details:

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DECLARATION OF APPLICANT:

I am submitting this application for the purpose of obtaining financial assistance from the Government of Yukon. The statements in this application and in all further submissions in regard to this application are, to the best of my knowledge, true and correct.

I submit that, to the best of my knowledge, all aspects of this proposed project will be in compliance with existing municipal, territorial and federal guidelines and laws.

We agree to allow representatives of the Government of Yukon access to the site and the premises of the project described in this application, to inspect the books and records, to make inquiries and credit checks, and to obtain all other pertinent information necessary to evaluate this application.

Name of authorized official, if applicable
Please Print

Signature

Title of authorized official, if applicable
Please Print

Date

CHECKLIST

Please initial each of the following in the appropriate areas:

	YES	NO	
a) Have you read the Youth Investment Fund guidelines?			
b) Is your project in compliance with these guidelines?			
c) Does your project target youth 18 and under?			
d) Did you include proof of insurance policy to cover your project activities?			
e) Have you completed the budget chart (#10) correctly?			
f) Has an authorized representative from your organization signed the declaration on page 11?			
g) Are you submitting your project before 11:59 pm on the deadline date? Late applications will NOT be accepted			
	YES	NO	N/A
h) Is your organization <u>currently</u> in good standing with societies? (if applicable)			
i) If your project uses a school or takes place during school hours, did you include permission letters from the principal and superintendent?			
j) Did you provide letters of support from all partnering organizations? *NA indicates that there are no other partners			

If you answered “No” to any items on the checklist, please explain why and how you intend to meet this obligation.

Please submit this page with your application

YOUTH INVESTMENT FUND INFORMATION

Application deadlines: April 1st and October 1st @ 11:59 pm

(If the deadline day falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will be at 11:59 pm on the next business day)

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Send your completed application to:

Youth Investment Fund
Box 2703 (J-7)
Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6
Fax # 1-867-393-6240

The departments of Community Services, Education, Executive Council Office, Health and Social Services, Justice and Women's Directorate support the YIF.

Questions?

Applicants are encouraged to contact the Fund Administrator for questions, more information, clarification or assistance.

Contact	Phone #
Fund Administrator	667-5367 1-800-661-0408 ext. 5367 Fax: 1-867-393-6240
Chairperson	667-8213

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