# Oregon Health Authority Youth Advisory Council

# COVID-19 Recovery Grant Application

Oregon Health Authority's (OHA) Youth Advisory Council (YAC) is made up of a group of 20 diverse youth, ages 15-19, from across the state of Oregon who have been tasked with funding COVID-19 School Recovery Projects and Programs. This is made possible by grant funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). OHA and the YAC will distribute capacity grants to school districts and community-based organizations (CBO) to support an equitable recovery in Oregon.

The YAC demonstrates its values and priorities for a just/equitable recovery through its Equity Statement:

**“As the OHA Youth Advisory Council, we make youth-informed decisions that value human life: diversity, safety, stability, quality of life, and the rights of every human being. We aim to improve the COVID-19 recovery of communities across the entirety of Oregon by creating and accounting for meaningful outcomes from our $1 million budget proposal.”**

There are three award opportunities to apply for:

**1. Food, Housing, and Income Support Grant:**

The goal for this grant is to support capacity in creating more accessible and inclusive food choices, housing, and other basic needs options through schools.

Examples could be:

* Funding personnel/staff to help prepare and distribute culturally relevant food.
* Funding a resource navigator for nutrition or housing programs.
* Funding a coordinator for youth looking for housing resources (rent assistance, bedding, hygiene products, etc).
* Funding staff for school gardens or farm to table programs.

NOTE: Please see “Funding Parameters” for additional information on allowable costs.

**2. The Cultural and Community Engagement Grant:**

The goal for this grant is to provide funding for increased cultural and community connections and support in schools.

Examples could be:

* Schools to establish and support clubs and/or events for students who are Black, Indigenous, and/or Persons of Color (BIPOC) and for youth from tribal communities;
* Culturally and linguistically specific and/or responsive CBO expansion and partnership with schools; and
* Increased investment for language translation/interpretation in schools.

**3.   Culturally Responsive and Expansive Mental Health Support Grant:**

The goal for this grant is to make culturally and linguistically responsive and expansive mental health support more accessible to everyone, especially those with limited or no access. The hope is to do this by redefining and addressing the culture around mental health in schools. This grant expands on the different levels of mental health services needed in a school including investing in outreach and engagement around mental health for students and making mental health part of the classroom.

**Examples could be:**

* **Increased funding capacity for no cost mental health services in schools or mental health services that are connected to schools; and**
* **Funding culturally and tradition-based practices.**

**All the questions were written by YAC members, as well as the eligibility criteria that was not originally in the CDC grant language.**

**Grant Duration**: July 2023 to June 30, 2024 (one year)

**Grant Amount**: On average, these grants will range in award from $10,000 to $50,000. It is up to the discretion of the YAC and OHA to award more or less than that range.

**Applicant Eligibility Criteria**:

• Must be a school district or community-based organization. Community-based organizations must have non-profit status in Oregon (501c3) or have a fiscal sponsor with 501c3 status in Oregon. Youth led groups sponsored by a school or community-based organization are encouraged to apply.

• Must be operating in a school or demonstrate an active partnership with a school.

• Must offer culturally and linguistically specific or responsive services (see definitions).

• Must demonstrate at a project and organizational level, aligned values and priorities with the Youth Advisory Council’s Equity Statement (see above).

• Must demonstrate a need or a gap in services which the grant proposal will support. Project can support expansion of capacity to meet demand or to fill gaps in capacity/services in a school or community.

**Funding Parameters:**

Funding must be spent on personnel or support for personnel (for example, training, support for certification/licensure). This includes:

• Wages/Salaries/Benefits

• Bonuses/Pay Increases/Hazard Pay

• Training Costs

• Costs associated with professional development, including licensure/certification courses and fees.

• Stipends and alternative compensation for youth and young adults

**Ineligible Expenses:**

Funding cannot support the following:

• Direct service benefits (rent assistance, food assistance)

• Lobbying

• Capital expenses

**Additional Considerations:**

Based on our focus and commitment to equity, the YAC encourages the following schools and community organizations to apply:

* Those serving communities disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 including but not limited to youth of color, tribal communities, communities with lower median family income, and rural and frontier communities.
* Those that are planning to use funds for youth-led projects.

**Definitions**:

**Culturally and linguistically responsive services**: the provision of effective, equitable, understandable, and respectful quality support; and services that are responsive to diverse cultural beliefs and practices, preferred languages, health literacy and other communication needs.

**Culturally and linguistically specific services:** provision of culturally and linguistically responsive services (see above) designed for a specific population by a provider who shares the culture, language, and/or identity with the person seeking services.

**Youth Advisory Council**: a youth advisory council (YAC) is a youth led decision-making and service body that helps an organization make decisions affecting youth. YACs can have different structures, compositions, and decision-making authority. The goal of YACs is to empower youth to lead policy and program development.

**Non-Discrimination:** Recipients will provide services to all eligible individuals without regard to age, ancestry, disability, race, color, citizenship, creed, military status, national origin, political or religious affiliation, sex, familial or marital status, sexual orientation including gender identity or expression, unfavorable discharge from the military, status as a protected veteran, or other groups protected by law. Culturally and linguistically responsive services shall be provided. Recipient must be able to describe such service experience or ability to provide such services.

**Timeline:**

- Release: TBD

- Information Session/Q&A: April 5th, 4pm-5pm

- Deadline for Proposals: April 19th, 2023

- Estimated Grant Award/Notification: May 30th, 2023

- Funding begins: July 1, 2023

**SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT (SPC):**

The SPC for this application for funding is Lev Schneidman. Please send all questions and communications related to the grant to Lev.

lev.schneidman@dhsoha.state.or.us

Please do not reach out to individual youth.

**\*\*\*TO ACCESS THE FULL APPLICATION, please select CBO or School and then select the funding priority or priorities you are applying for.**

# If you are a CBO:

**Organization Name Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Contact Name Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Email Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Phone Number Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Tax ID Click or tap here to enter text.**

**What school districts do you serve/are you partnered with? Click or tap here to enter text.**

**What counties do you serve? Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Please describe your project/workplan (max word limit: 350 words):** Please describe the grant areas your proposal speaks to: (1.) Food, Housing and Income Support, (2.) Cultural and Community Engagement, and/or (3.) Mental Health Support. **Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Overall Impact (max word limit: 350 words):** What impact will your project have on communities in Oregon? Can you give examples? Please include your equity impact. **Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Reference and Project Budget Upload (Note: upload two separate documents)** It is important to the YAC that the organizations and schools we choose to award are integrated within the community. Please upload the following:

1. A letter of reference from an organization or community partner.
2. A copy of your project's budget. There are examples of budget templates on the [YAC website](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/PH/HEALTHYPEOPLEFAMILIES/YOUTH/Pages/Youth-Advisory-Council-Grant-Application.aspx).

# If you are a School or School District:

**School or School District Name Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Contact Name Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Email Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Phone Number Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Tax ID Click or tap here to enter text.**

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# Are you applying to the Food, Housing, and Income Support Grant?

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**Yes**

**No**

**Expand on your organization and current activities for this grant area (in 300 to 350 words max):** Does your organization support youth in meeting their basic needs (food, housing, etc.)? What services does your organization provide? **Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Mission, Goals and Needs (in 300 to 350 words max):** What is your organization’s mission/goals of your new or existing project? What are the specific community needs that are inspiring this project, or originally inspired your project? **Click or tap here to enter text.**

# Are you applying to the Cultural and Community Engagement Grant?

**The Cultural and Community Engagement Grant: The goal for this grant is to provide funding for** **increased cultural and community connections and support in schools.**

Examples could be:

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* Increased investment for language translation/interpretation in schools.

**Yes**

**No**

**Expand on your organization and current activities for this grant area (in 300 to 350 words max):** What activities are already available for youth to engage in their cultures and the cultures of others? **Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Mission, Goals and Needs (in 300 to 350 words max):** What cultural engagement needs exist in your community? How will your proposal support different cultures and communities in your school/organization? **Click or tap here to enter text.**

# Are you applying to the Culturally Responsive and Expansive Mental Health Support Grant?

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Examples could be:

a. Increased funding capacity for no cost services in schools or connected to schools.

b. Funding culturally and tradition-based practices.

**Yes**

**No**

**Expand on your organization's current activities for this grant area (in 300 to 350 words max)**: What services does your organization/school already provide? **Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Mission, Goals and Needs (in 300 to 350 words max):** How will your project help make mental health services accessible to more people? How does your project/proposal meet a diverse set of needs in your community? **Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Outreach and Awareness (in 300 to 350 words max):** How will your project/proposal promote mental health awareness in your community? **Click or tap here to enter text.**

**Culturally Responsive and Expansive Mental Health (in 300 to 350 words max)**: How does your organization approach mental health more holistically? How do these approaches honor and reflect your community's identities and cultures? **Click or tap here to enter text.**

Thank you**! We look forward to reviewing your application. Please feel free to add an additional information (max 125 words)** **Click or tap here to enter text.**