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2026-2027
Youth-Led Grants (YLG)
Pre-Application Conference

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Session Overview

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Housekeeping

During this information session.....

- All participant microphones should stay on mute.
- Please enter logistical questions or comments into the Chat on your screen.
- RFA specific questions must be submitted an online form as outlined in RFA Section 3.1.2 Questions/Requests for Clarification.
- Questions will be recorded, and all responses will be published in the Question/Answer document on our website.
- We may answer questions during the presentation; however, responses provided during the presentation are considered nonbinding until published in the official Question/Answer document, which will be published and posted on the YDD website each Friday until January 22, 2027 or until funds are allocated and the RFA closes, whichever comes first.

Welcome

YDO Mission and Vision



MISSION:

Youth Development Oregon aligns systems and invests in communities to ensure equitable and effective services for youth ages 6 through 24. Throughout Oregon and Tribal Nations, we support educational and career success, disrupt youth crime and violence, and affirm youth strengths and safety.

VISION

All of Oregon's youth have the opportunity to thrive and achieve their full potential.

Equity Statement

Due to Oregon's history of systemic racism, and with an understanding that we continue to live with systems that perpetuate inequity, YDO works to eliminate the impact of these injustices on young people.

Youth-Led Grant (YLG)



- The Youth-Led Grant intends to uplift youth voice and action through youth-centered projects.
- Provides a funding source to support Youth-Led programming, activities, and services within their communities.

Primary Age Range:

- 6 – 24 years

Award Amount

- \$5,000 per award
- Up to \$15,000 per organization

RFA Section: 1.1 & 1.2

- ❖ Grants support Youth-Led Projects
 - ✓ "Youth-Led" means a Project conceived, generated, and developed through a program's engagement with Youth and led by Youth, with guidance and support provided by program staff.
- ❖ Intended to uplift Youth voice and action within the proposed Service Area through Youth-centered empowerment and design.

The goals of Youth-Led Grants are to:

- ☐ Create a funding source to support Youth-led Projects across Oregon
- ☐ Provide low-barrier and low-risk opportunities for Youth to access Project funding
- ☐ Increase Youth participation in Youth-led safe and welcoming opportunities
- ☐ Encourage Youth engagement and leadership within their communities
- ☐ Empower Youth voice and action through community-based service providers

Application Limits, per Applicant

- 1 application during initial application window
 - Closes Oct 16, 2026 @ 4:00pm
- Up to 2 applications during second application window
 - Contingent upon funds remaining following initial application window, closes January 31, 2027, or when all funds are allocated, whichever comes first.

Award Amounts

\$5,000 per award, up to \$15,000 per Applicant



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**2026-2027
Youth-Led Grants
RFA Scope**

Applicant Eligibility:



To be eligible:

- A. Be a current 2025-27 YDD Grantee with at least one executed Agreement prior to submission
- B. Attest to currently meeting all insurance requirements and ability to provide documentation within two weeks of Intent to Award
- C. Attest to proposed Project being designed and created by Youth (ages 6-24)*
- D. Attest to having the capacity to carry out the Youth-Led Project, if awarded*
- E. Attest to Application being:
 - Fully reviewed by designated program staff
 - Approved by organizational leadership
 - Entered in SM Apply and submitted by authorized staff

* while being guided by program staff

Scope of Activities:

- 1) Propose a Project generated through a program's engagement with Youth, and led by Youth, while guided by program staff.
- 2) Ensure the Project design/development described in the Application is imagined and planned by Youth, while supported by program staff.
- 3) If awarded, ensure Project implementation, facilitation, and reporting is done by Youth, while guided by program staff.

Project Services:

Project services and/or activities must create an opportunity for Youth to act on something important to them within their community.

A proposed Project could include, but is not limited to:

- Creating support and/or services within the community
- Honoring the whole person, family, and/or community
- Creating fun and interesting opportunities
- Social well-being and connection
- Youth-led Projects, activities, and/or educational opportunities
- Amplifying Youth voice, empowerment, action, and/or impact
- Supporting Youth with stipends to plan and/or participate in implementing the Project
- Supporting Tribal, cultural, and/or community Youth-centered activities and programming

Reporting Requirements



Project Plan document and meeting

Final Report (determined by Project Youth)

Youth Leadership involvement



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Application and Awards**

RFA Required Items



When applying you must submit the following:	Where will I encounter this?	Word Limit, if applicable	RFA and Attachment Reference
Applicant Information and Certification	Type and Certify in SMA	N/A	RFA 3.2.1, & Attachment B
Project Title	Type in SMA	8-word limit	Attachment B
Project Summary	Type in SMA	50-word limit	RFA 3.2.2
Application Attestations	Check boxes in SMA	0	RFA 1.3 & Attachment B
Application Narrative (Project alignment determination)	Type in SMA	Various	RFA 3.2.3 & Attachment C (Sample Application Narrative)
Proposed Budget & Description	Type in SMA	300-word limit	RFA 3.2.4 & Attachment D (Sample Project Budget)

Budget

Category	Requested Budget
Direct Services	
Operations	
Supplies, Materials, Curriculum & Licenses	
Equipment	
Travel & Transportation	
Direct Support & Assistance to Youth	
Professional Development & Training	
Organization and Indirect (not to exceed 15% of total budget)	
Personnel	
Administrative or Indirect Costs	

See Attachment D Sample Project Budget for a list of appropriate expenses within each budget category.

Narrative Items

Section	Narrative Item	Word Limit
3.2.3.1	Item 1: Youth Leadership Description	400-word limit
3.2.3.2	Item 2: Project Operations	400-word limit
3.2.3.3	Item 3: Project Services and Activities	500-word limit
3.2.4	Budget Description	300-word limit

Narrative Items

Applicant
responses
should

- Clearly outline and describe how youth are involved
- Demonstrate youth leadership
- Answer all items
- Demonstrate a firm commitment to youth leadership and other attestations



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**2026-2027
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RFA Schedule**

RFA Schedule



Event	Date	Time
Pre-Application conference	September 30, 2026	9:30-10:30 am
Questions/requests for clarification <u>due</u>	January 15, 2027	4:00 pm
Answers to questions/requests for clarification issued (approximate)	Answers posted every Friday on a rolling basis until January 22, 2027	4:00 pm
Closing of 1st round of Application submission (Applications due)	October 16, 2026	4:00 pm
1st Issuance of notice of award (approximate)	Approximately October 30, 2026	
2nd round of Application submission begins	October 26, 2026	
Closing of 2nd round of Application submission (Applications due)	January 31, 2027, or when all funds are allocated, whichever comes first	

RFA Section: 1.4



Thank you for attending,

If you would like to join us for an SM- Apply refresher, please stay tuned

To submit questions about this RFA, access Q & A form link in RFA Section 3.2.1 or [click here](#)

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**2026-2027
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How to Apply**

“SM Apply” Application Portal

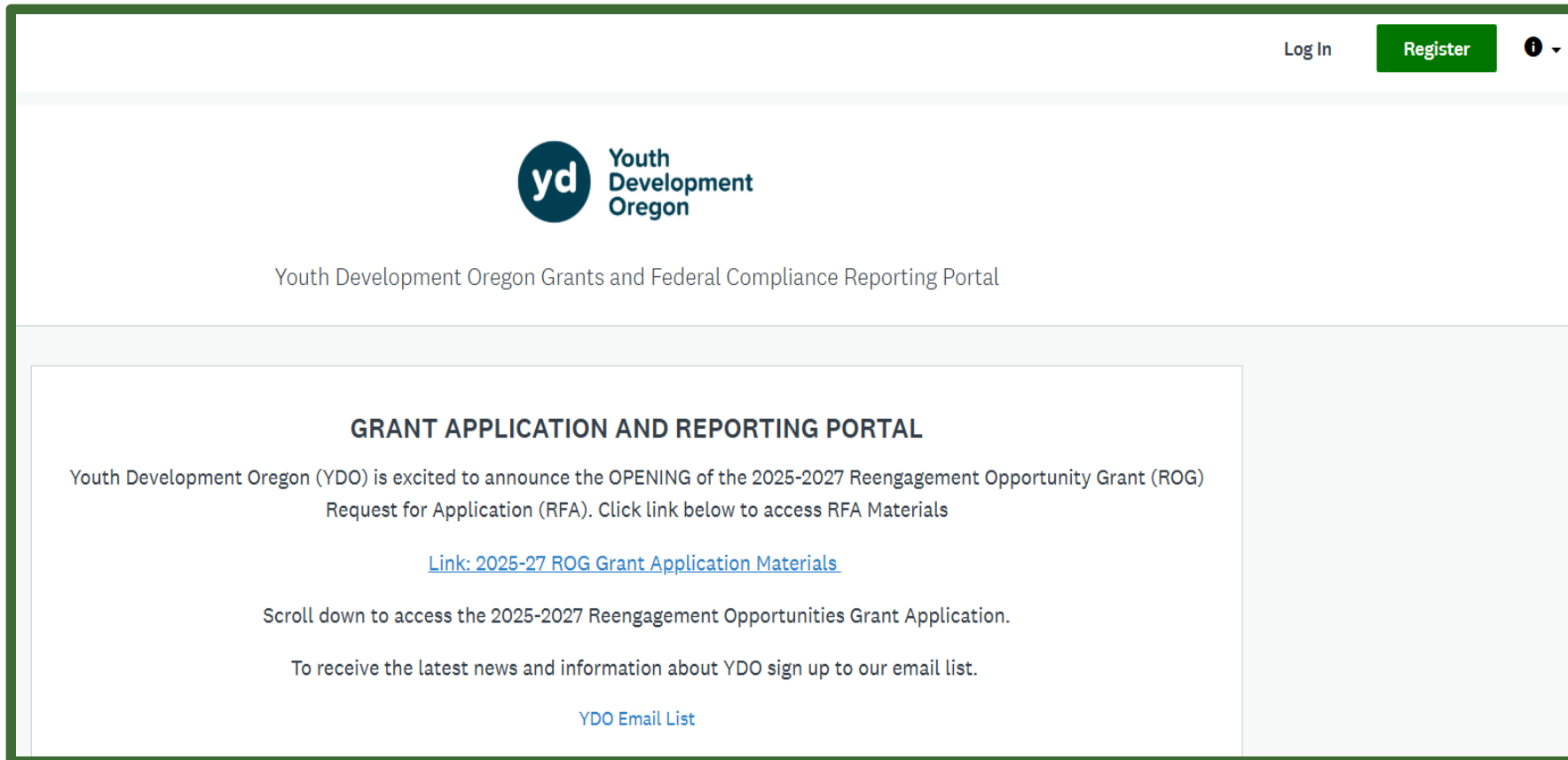
The Agency's Application is found on the online SM Apply application web portal (“SM Apply”):

- <https://oregonyouth.smapply.io>

SM Apply resource page on the YDD Website (with FAQs and how to make an SM Apply account for first time applicants):

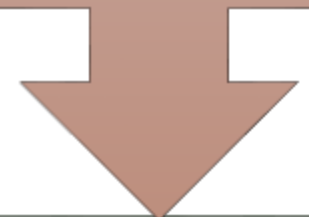
- <https://www.oregon.gov/youthdevelopmentdivision/2325RFAs/Pages/SMApplySupport.aspx>

“SM Apply” Application Portal



Go to

[YDO SM Apply Link](#)



Select Log in
or Register

“SM Apply” Application Portal



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2025-2027 Reengagement Opportunity Grant
Application
2527ROG-6964289083

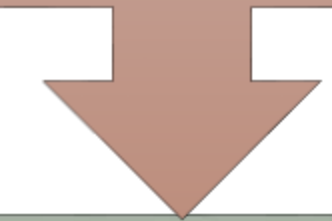
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START

Last edited: Apr 15 2025 07:38 AM (PDT)

Find desired
grant application



Select Start

“SM Apply” Application Portal



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REVIEW

SUBMIT

PS Paul Sell (Owner)

Add collaborator

[2025-2027 Reengagement Oppor...](#)

Preview

2527ROG-6964289083

Status: Pending: Completion and Submission of ROG Grant Application

APPLICATION

ACTIVITY

Your tasks

Task 1: Applicant Information

Task 2: Applicant Eligibility

Task 3: Letter of Reengagement Partnership Requirements

Task 3 continued: Request a Letter of Reengagement Partnership

Cannot be started at this time

Task 4: Reengagement Requirements

Task 5: Application Requirements

Task 6: Applicant Narrative

Task 7: Application Budget

Task 8: Grant Agreement and Application Certifications

Complete tasks In order desired

*Task three is in two-parts, part one must be completed first

Move between tasks, but don't forget to save progress

Green checks appear as tasks are completed

Tasks can be edited once complete, but all boxes must have a green check box, before able to submit.

The Green “SUBMIT” Button

The screenshot shows the '2023-25 Youth Reengagement Q...' application page. On the left sidebar, there is a progress bar indicating '4 of 4 tasks complete'. Below the progress bar, the 'Last edited' timestamp is 'Mar 11 2023 10:18 AM (PST)'. There are two buttons: a grey 'REVIEW' button and a green 'SUBMIT' button. The 'SUBMIT' button is circled in green, and a red arrow points to it from the left. Below these buttons is the user's name 'MollyTest BurnsTest (Owner)' and an 'Add collaborator' button. The main content area shows the application ID 'ROG2325-5298544051' and the status 'Application Stage'. There are two tabs: 'APPLICATION' (selected) and 'ACTIVITY'. Under the 'APPLICATION' tab, there is a section titled 'Your tasks' with a list of four tasks, each marked as complete with a green checkmark:

- ROG Task 1: Applicant Information and Certification
Completed on: Mar 11 2023 10:17 AM (PST)
- ROG Task 2: Application Narrative
Completed on: Mar 1 2023 04:56 PM (PST)
- ROG Task 3: Budget Narrative and Projected Outcomes
Completed on: Mar 1 2023 04:57 PM (PST)
- ROG Task 4: Review, Certify, and Submit
Completed on: Mar 11 2023 10:18 AM (PST)

The person who starts the application in SM Apply must be the person who submits.

After all Tasks are “Marked as Complete”, click the “Submit” Button located on the *upper* left side.

You will receive a confirmation email from SM Apply. (Check SPAM folders.)



Thank You

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