

Youth-Led Grant RFA

Questions and Answers

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- 1. We currently have a 2025-27 (active) Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grant through YDO. Does this meet the eligibility requirement of being a current 2025-2027 YDD Grantee?**

Yes, all current YDO Grantees with at least one executed Grant Agreement and/or Inter-Governmental Agreement at the time of Application submission are eligible to apply (Section 1.3). This includes the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention Grantees.

- 2. How do I certify that I watched the recording or attended the live information session for this RFA?**

At the time of Application, Applicants will be asked in SM Apply to certify that they attended the Information Session or watched the recording online. See RFA Addendum 1.

- 3. Are new non-profits, without current funding, eligible to apply?**

An Applicant must be a current 2025-27 YDD Grantee. See Section 1.3 Eligibility for more details.

- 4. What if we have insurance that qualifies and have had the State of Oregon, YDO, ODE, and OYA listed as additional insured, CG, and correct coverages in place?**

Eligible Applicants must meet all insurance requirements as outlined in the Exhibit B of Attachment A (Sample Grant Agreement)/Attachment E (Insurance Exhibit) to be eligible for this Grant.

- 5. Will we receive the slides to this presentation?**

The slides and a recording of this Information Session are available at the YDD website here: <https://www.oregon.gov/youthdevelopmentdivision/youthgrants/Pages/Youth-Led-Grant.aspx>.

- 6. Will Applications be awarded in the order they were received for both rounds?**

Per Section 4.2 Awarding of Applicants, the first round will utilize a random draw system for awards. If all Applicants have been awarded in the first round and funding remains, the Agency will open a second round of Applications and the Agency will

award in the order they are received until all funds are obligated or the RFA closes, whichever is first.

7. Are partnerships required for this Grant? If so, do you require letters of support?

Partnerships with other organizations are not required for this Grant. Per Section 2.4 Scope of Activities, Applicants must demonstrate that Youth designed and will implement their Projects, while receiving support and guidance from program staff.

8. For newcomers who are not eligible, is there an email list to be notified of future opportunities?

Yes, you can subscribe to the YDO email list at our website here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/youthdevelopmentdivision/pages/default.aspx>.

9. If Youth from an organization are funded in the first round and wish to re-apply in the second round, are they allowed to apply for the same Project that was funded in round one? In other words, is it possible that an organization could receive \$15,000 for the same Project?

Yes, should funds be available for a second Application window to open, funds may be combined across rounds, though Projects funded must not be dependent on receiving additional funds to be performed.

10. Do we have to apply in the first round (due 10/16/26) in order to be eligible to apply in the second round that opens 10/26/26?

No, Applicants may wait for the second round to submit Applications, should funding remain after the first round and a second round be opened (Section 1.2 Grant Amount and Duration).

11. If I am not a current Grantee with at least one executed Grant Agreement or Inter-Governmental Agreement in place, how can I apply to be one?

You may apply for future Grant opportunities when they become available. Please subscribe to the YDO email list to be notified of these opportunities:

<https://www.oregon.gov/youthdevelopmentdivision/pages/default.aspx>.

12. Is there any preference in terms of who benefits from Grant funds? Is it acceptable for Youth to propose a Project that only benefits our program participants?

Projects may support program participants or other members within the community. See Section 2.4.1 Project Services.

13. When does the second Application window open?

Per Section 1.4 Schedule, the second Application window opens October 26, 2026.

14. Do you want the Application answers written by Youth or by adult staff?

While Application submission in SM Apply should be completed by an organizational staff representative, responses should be developed in conjunction with Youth and adult staff. Per Section 1.3 Eligibility, Projects should be designed and created by Youth while being guided by program staff, and Applications should be reviewed by designated program staff before submission to ensure feasibility and organizational approval.

15. I have applied for YDO Grants but have not received funding. Does that mean I am ineligible for this Grant?

Correct, you would be ineligible. Per Section 1.3 Eligibility, Applicants must be a current 2025-27 YDD Grantee with at least one executed Grant Agreement or Inter-Governmental Agreement in place prior to Application submission.

16. I am a partner of a current YDO Grantee. Is that considered a current YDO Grantee?

No, in order to be eligible for this Grant, Applicants must be a current 2025-27 YDD Grantee with at least one executed Grant Agreement or Inter-Governmental Agreement in place prior to Application submission. See Section 1.3 Eligibility.

17. We have a program plan in place to lead a steering committee of Youth through a brainstorming and Project planning process. The goal is for the Youth to completely come up with and design the Project/program/policy, so we don't know those specifics at this time. Do we need to wait until the youth come up with the Project before we can apply for this funding, or can we apply based just on this plan?

Applicants must be able to fully answer all evaluation items in Section 3.2 Application Requirements. These evaluation items require details on the specific services and activities of the Youth-led Project, and the expected outcomes.

18. Does the specific Youth-led Project have to be identified in the Grant proposal or just the needs and issues that Youth might be addressing? Do Youth need to be part of writing the Application?

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19. I have students who would like to get permanent exercise equipment similar to what you might see in public parks. I have spoken briefly with our insurance, and they say if we meet certain requirements, we would be covered. Is this a Project that would be covered by this Grant?

Eligible Project activities include, but are not limited to, the list of items in Section 2.4.1 Project Services. Please also see Section 3.2.4.1 Prohibited Costs.

20. It seems as if this Grant is for programs that are established. Is this Grant available for brand new non-profits working on their first Project?

Per Section 1.3 Eligibility, Applicants must be a current 2025-27 YDD Grantee with at least one executed Grant Agreement or Inter-Governmental Agreement in place prior to Application submission.

21. If an organization received Juvenile Crime Prevention (JCP) funds during 2026-27 year, would that make them eligible under these guidelines?

Yes, per Section 1.3 Eligibility, Applicants must be a current 2025-27 YDD Grantee with at least one executed Grant Agreement or Inter-Governmental Agreement in place prior to Application submission. Applicants must also meet all insurance requirements as outlined within their current Grant Agreement or Inter-Governmental Agreement.

22. Is there an age floor or ceiling for students involved in the proposed Projects?

The age range for the Youth Leadership associated with the proposed Project aligns with YDD's age range for services: 6-24 (Section 1.3 Eligibility).