



MINISTRY OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

TE MANATU WĀKAHIATO TAIOHI

Administered by the Ministry of Social Development

Youth Fund 2018 - Frequently Asked Questions

How are funding decisions made?

1. A panel of young people appointed by MYD will assess all applications.
2. All applications will be assessed against the [criteria](#) for Youth Fund. The assessors will also consider the:
 - project's practicality, viability, value and benefits
 - level of support from young people
 - fit with [government priorities](#)
 - availability of funding (the Youth Fund is limited to a total of \$200,000 excluding GST).
3. MYD will check that the:
 - organisations applying for, or supporting the young people have the [appropriate Social Sector Accreditation Standard](#)
 - previous history of Outcome Agreement compliance, and
 - recommended funding by the panels is between \$2,000 (excluding GST) and \$7,000 (excluding GST) per programme, and is no more than \$200,000 (excluding GST) in total (for all projects).

Can there be multiple applications?

From the same people/organisation: MYD will only accept one application, to the maximum funding amount of \$7,000 (excluding GST), per person or organisation. This applies even if the applications are for different projects.

For the same project: MYD will only accept one application, to the maximum funding amount of \$7,000 (excluding GST), per project. This applies even if the applications are from different people.

What are some projects that have been funded under Youth Fund previously?

You can read about some of the projects that have been [funded previously](#) on the MYD website.

When will I know if my application was successful or not?

All applicants will be advised in writing the outcome of their application by late November 2017.

Is there a set number of recommendations that will be made by the panel?

There is a limited amount of funding available (\$200,000 excluding GST) and funding will be between \$2,000 (excluding GST) and \$7,000 (excluding GST). The number of approved applications will depend on the suitability of eligible applications and the funding amount requested by applicants.

If the applicant is successful, what level of funding can be expected?

Applications may receive all or part of funding applied for, to a maximum of \$7,000 (excluding GST).

What projects or expenses will not be funded through Youth Fund?

- projects that have previously been funded through the Youth Fund
- projects involving young people outside of the eligible age range (12 to 24 years)
- projects that have already been started or completed
- overseas and domestic air travel
- sponsorship of an individual e.g. to attend conferences
- young people without the support of a legal entity
- organisations not working in partnership with a young person or young people
- contribution to current on-going costs i.e. rent or salaries
- anything that may bring MYD into disrepute
- the purchase of capital items (for example, vehicles or computers).

How does MYD know if a project they have funded has been successful?

Organisations supporting a project funded through Youth Fund will need to complete a report at the end of their project. Information about what providers will be required to report on can be found in the [reporting requirements](#) section.

What is the appropriate Social Sector Accreditation level for Youth Fund?

Projects that do not have an overnight stay: Organisations applying or supporting a young person or group of young people must have achieved accreditation, or be able to achieve accreditation to provide youth development services for the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD). To gain accreditation, organisations need to be assessed against the [Social Sector Accreditation standards](#) and additional MYD specific standards, as applicable.

Projects that have an overnight stay: If your organisation intends to run adventure based learning, overnight stays, recreational services, or youth emergency services then you will be also required to meet the [Outdoor Pursuits and Camp Programmes for Children and Young People Specialist Standard](#).

Due to the time needed to complete accreditation of this additional standard, if it is applicable, organisations will have to have achieved accreditation **before** submitting an application.

What is meant by ‘capability and resilience’?

Capability refers to the competencies or skills that people require to live and participate fully in their communities. Building capability is important as it supports the transition into adulthood which is characterised by taking on new social roles.

Resilience refers to the ability to deal with adversity. Resilience has been identified as a significant protective factor, particularly for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds. More information can be found in the [MYD Investment Strategy](#).

What is meant by ‘in partnership’?

For the purpose of Youth Fund, partnership means working alongside young people. This means young people are involved in the decision making, the development and running of the project.

What is meant by ‘leadership, mentoring or volunteering activities’?

Leadership: gives young people leadership skills or experience.

Mentoring: gives young people access to mentoring or gives them the opportunity to mentor other young people.

Volunteering: provides opportunities for young people to volunteer in their community.

Where can I get more information?

[Youth Fund](#)

[MYD Website](#)

[MYD Investment Strategy](#)

[Email MYD](#)