



## Youth in Civil Defence Programme FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### ***What is the Youth in Civil Defence programme?***

The Youth in Civil Defence programme is funded through the Youth in Emergency Preparedness Fund and is designed to support the involvement of young people in civil defence and emergency preparedness initiatives.

### ***What is the funding for?***

The Youth in Civil Defence programme is designed to support 'for youth, by youth' initiatives. Young people, with the support of organisations, will develop and lead innovative initiatives designed to not only to increase participants' knowledge and skills in emergency preparedness, but also encourage other young people to be prepared and get involved in civil defence and emergency management

### ***Why have the Youth in Civil Defence programme?***

The involvement of young people in civil defence and emergency preparedness aligns with the youth development priorities of the Ministry of Youth Development (MYD), which includes increasing the number of youth development opportunities available through leadership, mentoring and volunteering.

The Youth in Civil Defence programme is an opportunity to build the knowledge and skills of young people to contribute to both emergency preparedness and response in New Zealand. These experiences will pay dividends both for the individuals involved and our wider communities.

### ***How much funding is available?***

Each provider can apply for and be awarded up to \$5,000.

### ***Can anyone apply to the Youth in Emergency Preparedness Fund for support for their Youth in Civil Defence programme?***

Regional Civil Defence Emergency Management group, emergency management groups, local councils, schools, and organisations, group can submit applications for funding.

### ***Can applicants submit more than one application?***

No, MYD will only accept one application per group per region; however a collective of Civil Defence Emergency Management Groups could submit a joint application

***What types of initiatives are eligible for funding?***

We are seeking initiatives that are 'for youth, by youth'. Young people know what works for them and their peers. While we are not prescriptive on the actual content, the application assessment panel will be looking for active involvement of young people in programme design and delivery.

***Can this funding be used to support an existing initiative?***

No, we are seeking new and/or innovative initiatives and/or ideas.

***What types of outcomes will funded initiatives achieve?***

Applicants receiving funding will be required to report on the following participant outcomes:

- increased sense of self confidence and self-esteem
- increased skill and knowledge of civil defence and emergency preparedness
- community connectedness.

***How are funding decisions made?***

The proposals received will be considered by a Panel comprising:

- two young people with an interest in, or past experience of, voluntary emergency services
- an official from the Ministry of Civil Defence and Emergency Management
- an official from MYD.

***Is there anything the Youth in Emergency Preparedness Fund will not support?***

Yes, in relation to Youth in Civil Defence programmes, the Youth in Emergency Preparedness Fund will not support:

- initiatives targeted at young people below the age of 12 years or over the age of 24 years
- loans and/or start-up grants
- initiatives not focused on Civil Defence/Emergency preparedness
- on-going salaries and/or wages
- purchase of capital equipment
- overseas travel
- individuals/groups without the support of a legal entity
- activities not relevant to implementing the funded initiative.

***Where can I get further information?***

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