

## Frequently asked questions

### *What is the Youth Development Partnership Fund?*

The Youth Development Partnership Fund provides one-off partial funding assistance to Territorial Authorities for projects that support young people aged 12 to 24, to develop skills, knowledge, and experience to participate confidently in their communities.

### *How long has the Youth Development Partnership Fund been available?*

The Youth Development Partnership Fund was established in 2005 and is an annual fund of \$889,000 (GST Excl). This is the 10<sup>th</sup> round of the Youth Development Partnership Fund.

As at 30 June 2013, 59 Territorial Authorities had been supported to deliver projects supporting young people. Examples of projects funded include initiatives to:

- facilitate young people's active contribution to decision-making and develop young people's leadership skills
- enable young people to implement projects and events in their communities.

### *How much funding is available in round ten?*

There is a total budget of \$889,000 for allocation. For the Youth Development Partnership Fund the minimum amount that can be awarded to a Territorial Authority for their project is \$10,000 (GST exclusive) and the maximum amount is \$70,000 (GST exclusive).

The Youth Development Partnership Fund is often oversubscribed.

### *Can a Territorial Authority submit more than one application?*

The Ministry will only accept one application per Territorial Authority.

### *Can a Territorial Authority apply for multiple projects in the same application?*

No, only one project can be applied for in each application. However, a project can be made up of a number of interconnected activities.

### *Can community partners lead the project?*

No, the Territorial Authority is the lead organisation and is responsible for delivering the project. The Territorial Authority may work in partnership with community organisations to deliver the project.

### *Are projects by community organisations eligible for funding?*

No, only projects led by a Territorial Authority are eligible for funding. A Territorial Authority can choose to work with a community group as a partner organisation to deliver a project.

### *What types of projects are eligible for funding?*

Project applications need to demonstrate:

- **Youth Community Leadership** - Projects which assist young people to establish local connections, improve confidence, develop and practice leadership skills, allowing them to positively contribute and influence their community

And/or

- **Youth Volunteering** – Projects and activities that encourage and support young people to participate more in their communities through volunteering including young people encouraging and supporting other young people to get involved

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- **Celebration of Youth Achievement** - Projects which assist young people to showcase themselves and their peers, through youth run events, activities and initiatives
- benefits for young people aged 12 to 24 years old
- project completion by 30 June 2015.

*What types of outcomes will funded projects achieve?*

Territorial Authorities receiving funding will be required to report on the following expected outcomes:

- young people having the skills to influence/make decisions
- young people participating in decision making opportunities at a local and national level
- young people participating in leadership roles
- young people leading community events and activities
- young people participating in voluntary activity.

*How do Territorial Authorities make an application?*

Territorial Authorities can access the application form, information and criteria from the Ministry of Youth Development website [www.myd.govt.nz](http://www.myd.govt.nz)

Completed applications need to be emailed to [youthservices@myd.govt.nz](mailto:youthservices@myd.govt.nz) by midday Friday 4 April 2014.

*How are funding decisions made?*

All submitted applications will be assessed by a selection panel against:

- alignment to the funding criteria
- effective youth development practices
- the projects practicality, viability, value and benefits.

The selection panel may also consider additional factors including:

- whether a Territorial Authority has previously been a recipient from the Youth Development Partnership Fund
- the level of support from young people, the council (including the Mayor) and the community
- fit with government priorities
- value for money
- availability of funding.

*Where can I get further information?*

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