The York University TD Community Engagement Centre (CEC)

Annual Catalyst Grants

2023
Agenda

› Background and context of the CEC’s work
› Purpose of the Catalyst Grant
› Eligibility
› Application process
› Q&A
CEC Background

- Opened in 2008
- Aims to foster more meaningful relationships between Jane Finch and Black Creek Community

The York University-TD Community Engagement Centre supports the University’s commitment to build a more engaged university by facilitating mutually-beneficial collaborations between York University and the Black Creek community.
CEC Core Areas

1. Coordinate institutional structure to respond to community requests and opportunities for university-community collaborations

2. Supports access to post-secondary education

3. Fosters teaching and learning through experiential education opportunities that fit community needs

4. Enhances capacity of York faculty/students and community partners to work collaboratively on community-based research

5. Support and outreach for reskilling, retooling & developing opportunity for people to thrive
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The Catalyst Grant

- Existed since 2015
- Over $150,000 awarded to community University Partnerships
- Average funding amount = $5000
- Intended as seed funding for pilot projects
2023-2024 Theme: Youth-led Projects

A special offering of the Catalyst Grant, funded by Employment and Social Development Canada

Projects are led (planned, managed, delivered) by youth ages 15-29

Project ideas:

- Preparing for postsecondary education
- Leadership
- Civic engagement
- Health and wellness
- Sports and recreation
- Finances
- Environment and climate change
Focus on the Black Creek /Jane Finch community

- Intended to serve the Black Creek Jane Finch Community in some capacity (Postal Codes: M3L, M3N, M3J, M3M)

- Can include youth, seniors, newcomers, any population living within the community
Alignment with Core Areas

1. Will the project allow York students to be involved through *experiential education*?
2. Will the project support access to *post-secondary education*?
3. Will the project support *research* that benefits the community?
4. Does the project promote *collaboration* between York and the community?
5. Does the project create opportunities for *training or reskilling*?
Eligibility

- Youth reside in the Black Creek community
- Projects benefit the Black Creek community
- Projects may be new or build on existing initiatives
Where to Find the Application

The CEC website has examples of past grantees, videos of information sessions and other additional information: https://cec.info.yorku.ca/catalyst-grants/

The grant application is found at the link:
Call for Proposals 2023-24: Catalyst Grants- Youth-led Projects
The Application

5 Main sections (outlined in application form) including:

› Contact information
› About the applicants
› Description of project
› Project Goal and Outcomes (max. 300 words)
› Anticipated Work plan (with key project milestones and dates)
› Budget

Application Deadline
August 20, 2023
11:59pm
Timeline

Completed applications will be reviewed by the York-TD Community Engagement Centre Advisory Committee consisting of university and community members who provide guidance to the overall work of the CEC.

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<td>August 1, 2023- 6:00pm- in person</td>
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<td>Early September</td>
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Questions?

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