

# CEC Catalyst Grant 2023-2024 Special Callout for Youth-Led Projects

## Call for Proposals

Are you a youth or youth-led group (15-30 years old) living in Jane & Finch/Black Creek? Do you have a project idea that benefits the community? You can apply for a grant of up to \$5000 to support your project!

The York U-TD Community Engagement Centre's annual Catalyst Grants provide start-up funding for innovative projects that benefit the Black Creek community. This year we are pleased to offer a special offering of the grant that focuses on Youth-led Projects and is funded by *Employment and Social Development Canada*.

## Themes and Priorities

Successful applications will demonstrate **potential for positive impact on community wellbeing in the Black Creek community** and ability of applicants to successfully complete the project. Projects can cover a broad range of ideas that respond to community priorities (e.g., civic engagement, health and wellness, sports and recreation, finances, environment and climate change, access to post-secondary education, etc.)

Projects will also be aligned with one or more of the [CEC core priorities](#):

- Responding to community request and opportunities for **university-community collaborations**
- Supporting **post-secondary educational attainment** among community residents
- Supporting **experiential education** opportunities that fit community needs
- Enhancing capacity of York faculty/students and community partners to work collaboratively on **community-based research**
- Support and outreach for **reskilling, retooling & developing opportunity** for people to thrive

## Eligible Applicants

**Eligible applicants and projects must meet all the following criteria:**

- Projects are led (planned, managed, delivered) and administered by youth (ages 15-30)
- Youth reside in the Black Creek community
- Projects benefit the Black Creek community

You do not need to be part of an organization to apply. You can apply as an individual or group.

**Ineligible applicants include:**

- Projects that are not led by youth (even if the purpose of the project is to support youth)
- Businesses

## Expense Eligibility

- **Eligible costs:** project-related expenses (e.g., space booking, refreshments, materials), communications and promotions (e.g., flyers, website hosting), short-term staffing costs, honoraria for volunteers or guests, transportation to activities (e.g., for participants or volunteers) etc.
- **Ineligible costs:** deficit reduction, non-project related costs, capital/construction costs, fundraising events, grants to a third party

## Application Process

A recorded Information Sessions about the grant and application process can be found on the website.

We strongly encourage you to discuss your idea with staff at the CEC or attend one of the two Information Sessions prior to submitting a formal application.

Applications will be accepted until **October 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:59pm.**

## Selection Process

Completed applications will be reviewed by the York-TD Community Engagement Centre Advisory Committee. This Advisory Committee consists of university and community members who provide guidance to the overall work of the CEC. For more information about the Advisory Committee please see [www.yorku.ca/cec](http://www.yorku.ca/cec). Advisory Committee members will not respond to any inquiries regarding the application process. Selected applicants and projects will be decided by early September.

## Reporting Expectations

All successful applicants are required to complete a final report on their project activities. Final Report Templates will be distributed once the project has been approved. Guidelines and support with completing the report will be available.

Please note that reports must be completed by March 31, 2024, so project activities should be completed before then.

## Summary of Key Dates

Milestone	Date
Application Due Date	October 15, 2023 at 11:59pm
Notification of selection	End of October
Project Duration	Fall 2023- March 2024
Reporting Deadline	March 31, 2024

## General Terms and Conditions

Successful grantees will:

- Attend a Retreat event focused on project design
- Participate in at least one professional development opportunity in areas like design-thinking, managing resources (budget, time, personnel), measuring results, etc.

- Recognize York University, the York-TD Community Engagement Centre, and Employment and Social Development Canada in any materials produced.
- Make available copies of any resulting research to the CEC (if applicable).

### **Benefits of Participation**

- Receive grant funding to advance your project
- Grow your network and connect with other youth who share your interests
- Learn about and connect with York University contacts and resources

### **Contacts**

We encourage you to reach out to us to discuss or ideas or any questions you may have.

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