



Youth Grants

Criteria, Priorities, and Timeline

Youth Grants provide funding for up to \$1,000 for youth led projects in the community. Through these grants, United Way Perth-Huron is working to meet needs across a broad geographic area, inclusive of all communities across Perth and Huron Counties. UWPH strives to make funds accessible to young leaders who are working to make positive change in the community.

Priorities for Funding

Priority will be given to projects that:

- Present a unique idea that has not been done before
- Focus on the promotion of community involvement and wellbeing among youth
- Show a high degree of collaboration
- Raise awareness about youth issues and concerns

Criteria

The following criteria are required for successful applicants:

- There is both a Lead Youth Applicant (ages 14-25) and an Adult Trustee (age 25+) supporting the project
- The project is planned and implemented by youth and clearly engages the youth community within Perth-Huron
- The program is consistent with the Mission, Vision and Values of UWPH (www.perthhuron.unitedway.ca)
- The program objectives are specific and measurable
- The program is legal and safe
- Program funds will go only to programs that are open, unbiased and accessible to ALL youth of the community.
- The program will deliver no benefits to individual persons, families or organizations to the exclusion of others
- The Lead Youth Applicant will produce a Final Report by the specified date on the grant contract

Grant Processing Timeline

- Applications open: Friday, September 9th, 2016
- All application forms to be submitted by: Wednesday, October 5th, 2016
- Applicants will be informed of funding decisions by mid-December
- 90% of the grant funding will be released upon signing of the Youth Grant Contract with UWPH
- A final report is due by date specified on the Youth Grant Contract. The final 10% of funding will be released upon submission and approval of the final report

Project Ideas

Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

- Events, workshops, or organizations that focus on youth activities, issues, and interests that may include guest speakers, multi-media presentations, musical acts, skill development, collective brainstorming, or the discussion of tough topics
- Community art projects like murals, exhibits, and installations that address youth issues



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- Non-competitive sporting events that encourage an active and healthy lifestyle, youth engagement, and fun
- Projects that focus on environmental issues and take steps to make communities within Perth-Huron more sustainable
- Any other youth-led project, event, workshop, or organization that promotes positive change for the youth of Perth-Huron

Eligible Expenses

- Direct programming (resources, guest speakers, thank you gifts, non-cash prizes)
- Project materials (printing, photocopying, food, promotional)
- Equipment (short term rental) and facility rentals

Non-Eligible Expenses/Projects

- Cash Prizes
- Staff salaries, benefits, administrative costs
- Office space rental
- Fundraising projects
- Funding for individual or team travel
- Projects that are not run primarily by youth
- Incomplete applications

Conflicts of Interest

- Members of the Program Review & Allocation Youth Review Team are not eligible for Youth Grant funding. Individuals wishing to do so must step down from the Review Team for the duration of the decision making process
- If two separate groups propose the same or similar projects the UWPH will suggest a collaborative application to the applicants