



YMCA Social Innovation Project Grant Application

In order to solve some of society's biggest issues we need to come up with new ideas that allow people and organizations from multiple sectors to work together. Through Social Innovation we can build imaginative solutions that bring people and organizations from across sectors together.

At the YMCA we have always been dedicated to finding ways to meet the needs of people in our communities. Our mission to strengthen communities in spirit, mind and body has always allowed us to develop programs and services that are innovative, creative and solve identified issues across Halton.

The YMCA Social Innovation Project will help youth between the ages of 13-24 years old understand the real and complex social issues in their community and provide them with the funds needed to build creative solutions to those issues.

We invite you to apply for funding to help you activate your social innovation idea, submission deadline is **October 29th**. Applications will be reviewed, and a short list of applicants will be selected to pitch their project to a panel of community experts on November 11th. There will be 4 project winners selected to receive funding at that time. Successful candidates will have the ongoing support of project mentors who will help them develop business plans and manage their budgets and will be able to use YMCA connections to open doors to collaborative partners and stakeholders.



YMCA Social Innovation Project

Turning Passion into Action

Social Innovation Project- Application

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Age _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

Project Title

Scope of the Project- Please describe the scope of your project and how it links to your passion (No more than 300 words)

Please check the area from the watchlist that your project best relates to:

- Child poverty in our communities
- Safety in low-income neighbourhoods
- Bullying (all ages)
- Teenage drinking, risky behaviours and criminal activity
- Youth anxiety, depression, and self-harm
- Opioid misuse
- Teenage perception that neighbours do not care about them
- EQAO scores in lower income Neighbourhoods
- Affordable housing for young adults
- Environment
- Climate change
- Other _____

Who is your Targeted Audience?

Is this a new initiative?

- Yes
- No

If no, what will be the additional impact to your community?

Who is involved in your project? (Ex. Friends, parents, community, school)

Please complete a SMART Goal that applies to your project:
SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely)

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Thank you for your submission, if you have any questions please contact Flo at
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