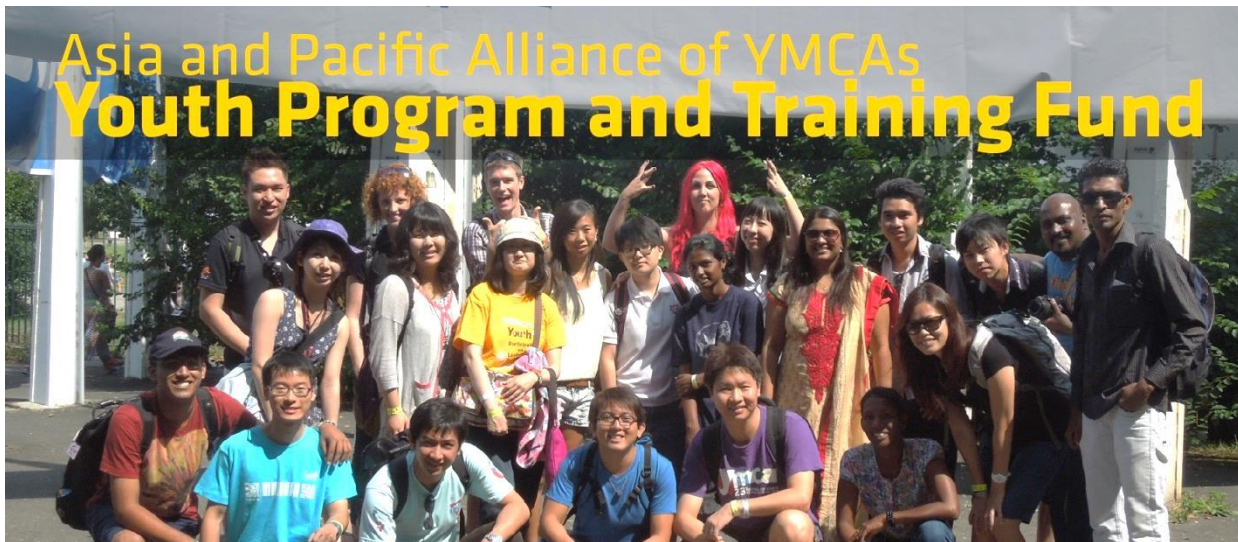




Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs Youth Program and Training Fund Brief



What is this?

Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs (APAY) Youth Program and Training Fund (“Youth Fund”) supports local YMCAs and National YMCAs in Asia and Pacific region to organize youth activities.

Why?

The main objectives of Youth Fund are

- to encourage and implement youth programs and trainings in YMCA that will contribute to sustainable youth program in local and National levels
- to strengthen YMCA youth groups and create greater awareness of young people

What is the Fund for?

Youth Fund provides financial support to YMCA youth programs and trainings designated for young people aged 12 to 30, e.g. Youth Empowerment, Global Citizenship, Civic Engagement, Health, Environment and Employment.

The program objectives include:

- to mobilize young people for better youth-related programs and trainings
- to encourage young people in global citizenship
- to help local and national YMCA to better understand and respond to youth concerns
- to support young people to continue membership in YMCA

- to share and exchange best practices of YMCA
- to promote YMCA programs and trainings
- to respond to Community need

What is it called “Youth Fund”?

We want applications to come from youth programs and trainings ONLY. The major target shall be young people aged 12 - 30.

How much can you apply?

The fund available for each program will be between US\$500 and US\$2,000.

What are the criteria?

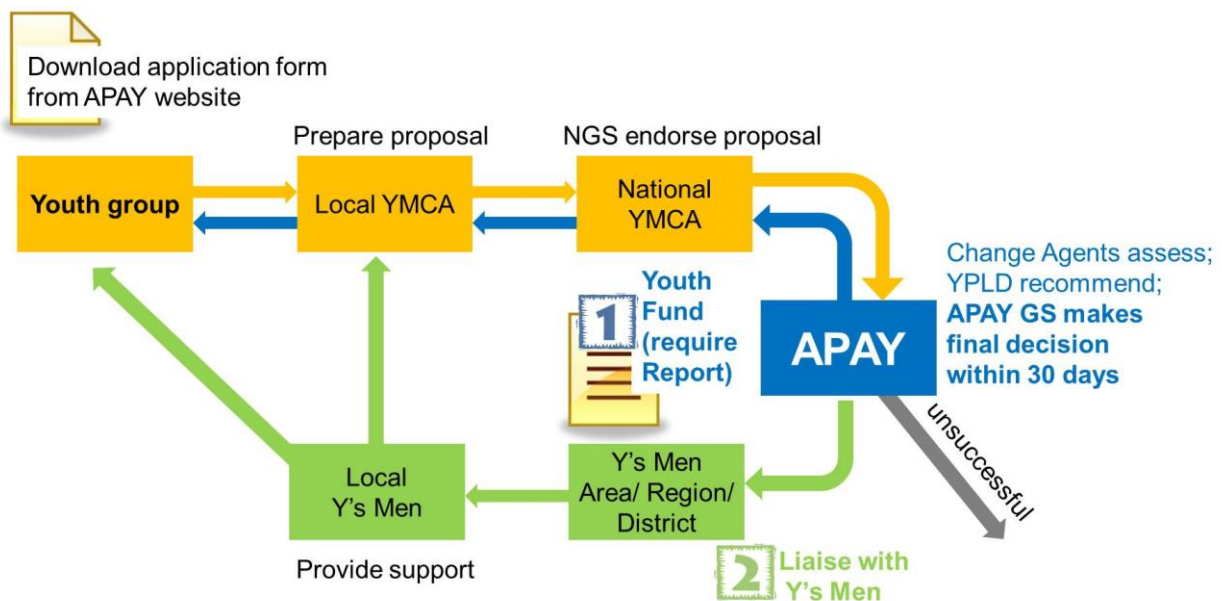
The program/training:

- **must benefit young people aged 12 to 30 years old**
- **must involve 20 or more young people as participants**
- **must not be previously funded by this Fund**
- develop young people’s skills and knowledge
- involve young people in decision-making and taking leadership responsibility
- respond to a need in the community identified by young people
- support young people to be engaged in and contribute to their community

How to apply?

1. Download and complete the application form
(http://www.asiapacificymca.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=388)
2. **For Local programs and trainings**, YMCA youth groups and/or Local YMCA can prepare proposal(s), then seek endorsement from the respective National General Secretary. **For National programs and trainings**, National YMCA can prepare proposal(s) and apply with the endorsement of National General Secretary.
3. Return to application form through email office@asiapacificymca.org and roger@asiapacificymca.org ; or Fax to +852 (2385 4692) before the closing dates in the year.

Closing Dates: 28 February; 31 May; 31 August; 30 November



Who will assess the application? How will the funding decisions be made?

YMCA Change Agents will assess the application. APAY Youth Participation and Leadership Development (YPLD) committee will make recommendation to APAY. APAY General Secretary will make endorsement within one month after the closing dates. APAY will make the final decision on which program/training should and should not be funded.

What other support?

Apart from the funding decision, APAY may liaise with Y's Men's Area/ Region/ District/ Local Clubs to provide other available support. APAY will also provide planning advice during the implementation.

Need to submit a program report?

If your application is successful, you will be required to submit a program report **within 30 days after the program/ training**. The report shall include a conclusion of your program/training, number of participants and the impact to youth group, YMCA and the communities.

**** 50% of the approved fund will be available to you via National YMCA upon the successful application. The other 50% of approved fund will be available only after the satisfactory submission of program report to APAY.**

Any question? Contact Youth Development Officer or check out APAY website (<http://www.asiapacificymca.org/>)

Application form, program report template and this brief can be downloaded at: (http://www.asiapacificymca.org/joomla/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=388)