

Young ChangeMakers - Caring SG Commuters Grant



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Overview

Administered by the National Youth Council (NYC), the Young ChangeMakers (YCM) - Caring SG Commuters Grant provides seed funding for youth-led inclusive public transport projects.

Aligned with the Land Transport Masterplan 2040 'Transport for All' theme, the Public Transport Council (PTC) is partnering with NYC's YCM to offer additional support and resources, enabling youths to champion a more gracious, caring, and inclusive commuting culture in Singapore's public transport system.

This initiative is in support of the [Caring SG Commuters Movement](#).



Funding & Grant Amount

Successful applicants will receive an in-principle grant approval of up to 100% of supported costs, subject to a maximum of \$5,000, whichever is lower.

Projects that demonstrate exceeding merits in terms of project scale and/or impact will be awarded up to 100% of supported costs, subject to a maximum of \$7,000, whichever is lower.

The grant will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis approximately within eight (8) weeks from the satisfactory submission of the Project Closure Report and supporting documents.

Upfront disbursement is available on a case-by-case basis, based on requesting team's ability to prove intent and/or ability for project implementation. Only up to 50% of the approved grant amount may be disbursed. NYC will make the final decision on upfront disbursement.



Funding & Grant Amount

The YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant is solely for the delivery of the project and allowable direct project expenses only.

Grant decisions will be made at a monthly YCM Open Mic* session which will be facilitated by a panel of Youth Curators.



****YCM Open Mic:
More info on
slide 10***

Who Can Apply?



Singaporean or Singapore Permanent Resident (PR) youths, between 15 – 35 years old, residing locally.



Youth groups/collectives (project teams) should comprise a majority of Singaporean or Singapore PR youths.

What Can Be Funded?

- Projects must benefit the Singapore community.
- Projects should be completed within six (6) months from date of award of the grant.
- Projects can include initiatives that:
 - Train youths to become advocates of a gracious, caring and inclusive public transport system in Singapore.
 - Develop Singaporeans' sense of pride and affinity for Singapore's public transport system.
 - Promote gracious, caring and inclusive behaviour among public transport commuters in Singapore.



What Cannot Be Funded?

- Projects/initiatives under a registered company.
- Projects with content held as objectionable by the general public, or that may adversely affect social cohesion in Singapore.
- Projects with a religious or socio-political agenda.
- Projects that raise funds for the project applicant.
- Projects that diminish public trust and confidence in Government agencies/public institutions.



Non-Allowable Costs

- Cash prizes.
- Payment to team members.
- Overseas travel expenses (e.g. flight ticket, accommodation, travel insurance, etc.).
- The following do not constitute as direct project cost and will not be supported under the grant:
 - Expenses beyond the project period (e.g. Zoom subscription fees may be pro-rated based on the project implementation period).
 - Fundraising expenses for non-fundraising projects (e.g. purchase of cookies that are resold to generate income for the project).



Application Process

Step 1: At least 8 weeks before the 1st Saturday of project implementation month



Apply for YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant via the OurSG Grants Portal

Step 2: Within 2 months upon grant application



Shortlisted applicants will be invited to pitch your ideas at the monthly YCM Open Mic

Step 3: Within 1 week upon pitching at the Open Mic



Be informed of the grant results

‘Project implementation’ may refer to the first day where participants/target audience are engaged. For content-based projects (i.e. films, productions, campaigns, publications, etc.), the month of project implementation refers to the month in which production (e.g. filming) commences.

What is Open Mic?

YCM Open Mic is a platform where youths pitch their projects to a group of experienced Youth Curators who are empowered with grant-making decisions.

At the Open Mic, you will get on-the-spot feedback, discover synergies and network with peers working on other projects.

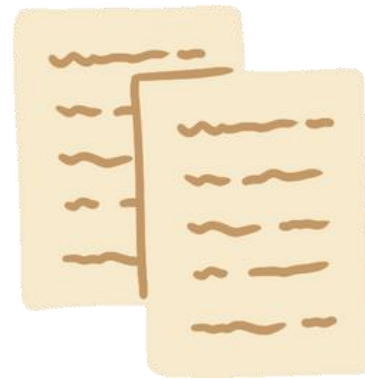
Open Mic sessions are typically held on the first Saturday of each month. You may check the exact dates [here](#). If shortlisted, project teams will be invited to pitch at the Open Mic.



Process Upon Grant Approval

Within 2 weeks upon grant award notice

Receive and accept the Letter of Award (LOA) via the [OurSG Grants Portal](#)



Within 2 months upon project completion

Submit Project Closure Report and required documents via the OurSG Grants Portal



Within 6 months

Implement your proposed projects with mentors (Curators) assigned to support your project implementation



Within 2 months upon submission of documents

Receive reimbursement of final grant amount



Process Upon Grant Approval

- Applicants must inform NYC, PTC and the Youth Curators in writing of any changes to the proposed project. For major changes (e.g. changes in project scope/objectives/dates/target audience), applicants are to only proceed upon the agencies' agreement. The agencies reserve the right to withdraw or reduce the grant if the project is found to deviate significantly from its original proposal.
- Teams are required to credit the agencies in all media and publicity-related materials. Materials are to be sent to agencies for review before production or release.



FAQS

1. What is the YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant? How is it different from the YCM?

The YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant is co-funded/co-presented by the National Youth Council and Public Transport Council to support youths who are keen to kickstart projects that foster a gracious, caring and inclusive public transport system. Projects that promote these values and build pride and affinity in Singapore's public transport system may qualify for the YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant and be potentially funded up to \$7,000, which is up to \$2,000 more than a typical YCM-funded project.

Thank you!



FAQS

2. I am not sure if my project qualifies for the YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant. What can I do?

Please refer to the grant's eligibility criteria on slides 6 to 8 to check if your project qualifies for the YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant.

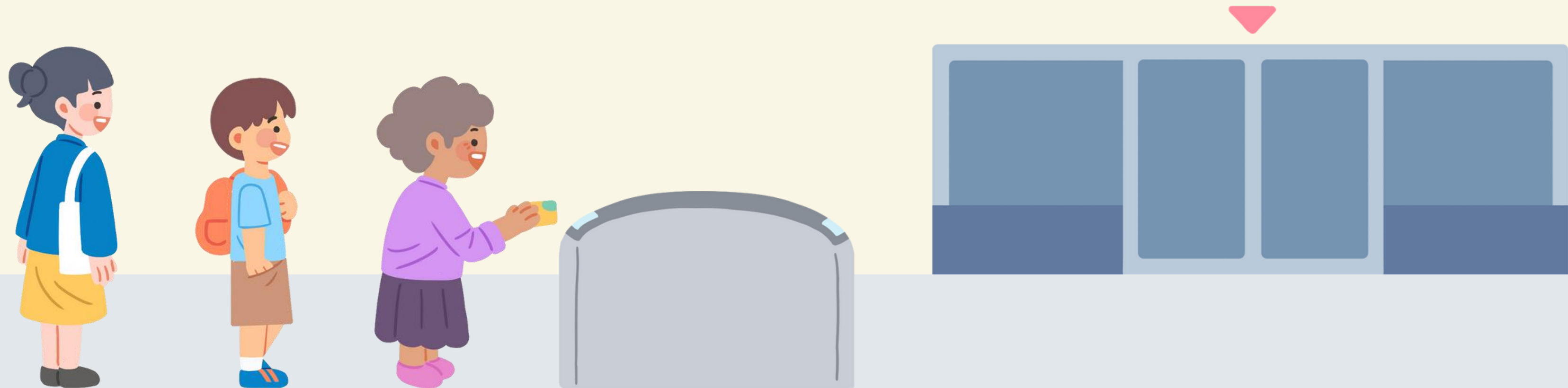
For further assistance, please submit your enquiry via the Public Transport Council's feedback form at: www.ptc.gov.sg/feedback. Please include 'Attn: Insights & Advisory Division' in your submission.



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3. What happens if I submit the grant application and it's assessed to be irrelevant to the YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant objectives?

Upon submission of the grant application via the OurSG Grants portal, the application will be reviewed by the agencies. Applicants will be contacted by the grant officers via email for clarification where required. Projects that are assessed to lack elements required to qualify for the YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant may still be considered for the YCM Grant if it meets the eligibility of YCM Grant (projects that benefit the Singapore community). However, the YCM Grant provides seed funding of up to \$5,000 instead of \$7,000.



FAQS

4. When will I receive the grant?

The YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant is disbursed on a reimbursement basis after the project has been completed in accordance with the original proposal and the expenditures are deemed to be incurred in relation to the delivery of the project. Applicants are required to submit the necessary project closure documents via the OurSG Grants Portal for the agencies to assess the completion of project.

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For more general FAQs about the YCM Grant, please refer to the YCM factsheet [here](#).



Applying For The Grant

If you are keen to kickstart projects that foster a more gracious, caring and inclusive public transport system, apply for the YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant!

Interested applicants can apply to the YCM - Caring SG Commuters Grant Call via NYC's YCM Grant on the [OurSG Grants \(OSG\) Portal](#).

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