



Youth Engagement Funding Initiative (YEFI): Guidelines & Criteria

The Youth Engagement Funding Initiative (YEFI) is a program delivered by the Climate Change Education Centre (CCEC), part of Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador. It provides seed funding/support to youth (up to and including age 30) in the province of Newfoundland and Labrador who wish to pursue endeavors relating to climate change. Youth may apply for monies, up to a maximum of \$1,000, to further enhance existing initiatives or to begin development of a new project. These initiatives may be research, experimental, or action based.

Applicants may apply as part of a student/class/school-based activity, or through a community-based group/organization that serves youth in Newfoundland and Labrador. Teachers may apply on behalf of an entire classroom or group of students; leaders of a group/organization may apply on behalf of their group. Funds can only be provided to a group with an institutional bank account (i.e. personal bank accounts are not eligible).

Applicants must use grant monies to support their endeavors towards climate change activities, which may include, but are not limited to, the purchase of supplies and materials (excluding technology such as Chromebooks), supplementing transportation costs to and from a designated research facility, and equipment rental.

Applicants must stipulate how they wish to spend the monies, including a start-to-finish timeline/work plan **in accordance with public health guidelines**, and provide a detailed budget breakdown. Receipts are not required upon project completion, but a reasonable account of how monies were spent will need to be submitted.

Successful applicants will be required to submit a final report, due no later than June 30th, 2023. Projects do not need to end at this time, however all portions of the project funded by the Youth Engagement Funding Initiative must be complete (with monies for this project spent by March 31st, 2023) and a final report, budget summary and

photographs or video will be required. **Please note: Parent/Guardian Consent Forms for Photograph and/or Video Release MUST accompany ALL submitted photos or video.** Should your organization already possess signed waivers allowing participating youth to be photographed/recorded, and allowing those images to be shared, the CCEC reserves the right to request a copy of those forms should the need arise.

How to Apply

Using the template provided, applicants must apply electronically to ecumming@ccnl.ca or in writing to Conservation Corps Newfoundland and Labrador, Suite 100, 10 Austin Street, St. John's, NL, A1B 4C2.

Project Examples

The following are examples of successful YEFI projects from previous years. Feel free to adapt these ideas for your group or classroom, however the Climate Change Education Centre encourages new and creative idea submissions as well. Please note that it is important to identify how these projects will contribute to overall greenhouse gas reduction at your school or organization.

1. School/Organizational Naturalization: Planting trees and other native vegetation on school or organizational grounds as part of a broader naturalization project.
2. School/organizational composting projects.
3. Alternative energy exploration kits, science fair projects, and classroom projects designed to educate students about alternative energy options.
4. Partner with local farms to provide compostable materials that would otherwise become garbage.

Application Deadline:

Applications are due no later than Friday, January 13th 2023.

Further Inquiries May Be Directed To:

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