



2021 Durham Youth Leadership Fund - Community Grant Program

INTEREST FORM

Made For, With, and By Youth

The Durham Youth Leadership Fund (DYLF) is an opportunity for the City of Durham Office on Youth (OOY) to invest in the leadership and dreams of young people in Durham, NC. With support from Durham County, the DYLF will fund projects that: create meaningful leadership and decision making opportunities for young people; help address some of the key themes from the [Durham Youth Listening Project](#); and respond to current COVID-19 needs. The DYLF is focused on young people ages 13-24 years. All mentions of “youth” and “young people” refer to this age range.

For Focus Areas 1 + 2: Projects that do not have young people (13-24 years) currently engaged as leaders/decision makers in the design of the project OR that do not plan to engage young people as leaders/decision makers in the implementation of the project, will NOT be considered.

For all focus areas: Projects that do not support Black, Latinx, and Indigenous youth; LGBTQ+ youth; immigrant and migrant youth; youth who have experienced economic hardships, houselesses, interactions with law enforcement, or being pushed out of institutions, including education environments; youth who have recently aged out of foster care; and youth with disabilities, including physical, mental, and developmental, will NOT be considered.

Tip: Survey cannot be saved mid process and will need to be completed in one sitting. We recommend saving these questions into a Word document and copying and pasting your answers into [this form](#) when you are ready.

We're here to help support applicants through all steps of the application process! Please reach out with any questions, thoughts or concerns you may have about the grant program. Email [A'lice.Frazier@durhamnc.gov](mailto:Alice.Frazier@durhamnc.gov) or call or text (984) 260-6703 for any questions or support in English. Email celander@dconc.gov or call or text (347) 738-0694 for any questions or support in Spanish.

Project Proposal

1. Project Name
2. Is your proposal connected to another proposal being submitted for the DYLF?
 - a. No
 - b. Yes. Please list the name of the collaborating organization/lead applicant:

Applicant Information

The DYLF encourages collaboration and teamwork. Please use the space below to tell us who is working on this project. All Project Leads will be copied on emails and other communications, when possible.

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3. Please fill out the following information about Project Lead 1 (primary contact person)
 - a. Name and Pronouns
 - b. Organization/Group (if applicable)
 - c. Address
 - d. Address 2
 - e. City
 - f. ZIP Code
 - g. Email Address
 - h. Phone Number

4. Which best describes Project Lead 1?
 - a. Young Person (13-24 years old)
 - b. Adult (25+ years old)

5. Please fill out the following information about Project Lead 2
 - a. Name and Pronouns
 - b. Organization/Group (if applicable)
 - c. Address
 - d. Address 2
 - e. City
 - f. ZIP Code
 - g. Email Address
 - h. Phone Number

6. Which best describes Project Lead 2?
 - a. Young Person (13-24 years old)
 - b. Adult (25+ years old)

7. Please fill out the following information about Project Lead 3
 - a. Name and Pronouns
 - b. Organization/Group (if applicable)
 - c. Address
 - d. Address 2
 - e. City
 - f. ZIP Code
 - g. Email Address
 - h. Phone Number

8. Which best describes Project Lead 3?
 - a. Young Person (13-24 years old)
 - b. Adult (25+ years old)

Eligibility Questions

Please answer the questions below to make sure that the DYLF is the best fit for your project/proposal.

9. Which focus area(s) are you applying for? Please select all that apply.
 - a. **Focus Area 1:** Creating welcoming and supportive spaces and places for young people and their families

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- b. **Focus Area 2:** Creating new opportunities for youth leadership and engagement
 - c. **Focus Area 3:** Providing COVID Emergency Relief Funds for young people and their families
10. If applying for **Focus Area 3**, are you a group or organization with legal and/or tax exempt status?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. N/A
11. Are young people (13-24 years) either currently engaged in your project as leaders and decision makers and/or will they be engaged in the future as leaders and decision makers in this project?
- a. Yes
 - b. No
12. Which of these identities and lived experiences of young people (13-24 years old) will this project **primarily** support? Please select all that apply.
- a. Black Youth
 - b. Latinx Youth
 - c. Indigenous Youth
 - d. LGBTQ+ Youth
 - e. Immigrant and Migrant Youth
 - f. Youth who have experienced economic hardships
 - g. Youth who have experienced houselessness
 - h. Youth who have experienced interactions with law enforcement
 - i. Youth being pushed out of institutions, including education environments
 - j. Youth who have recently aged out of foster care
 - k. Youth with disabilities: including physical, mental, and developmental disabilities
 - l. None of the above

Proposal Details

Please write a response to each of the three questions below. Only answer Question #16 if your proposal is linked with another proposal.

****Limit each response to 300 words or less.****

13. **In 300 words or less, describe the project you are proposing.** Consider the following questions: Tell us about yourself, your team, or your organization. What do you hope to do; who is it for; and how are young people engaged as leaders and decision makers?
14. **In 300 words or less, describe how this project will be accountable to the community.** Consider the following questions: How is this project based on community needs, and why is it important? How will you make sure young people and your community know what you are doing, and how will they be involved in deciding what comes next after this project?

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15. **In 300 words or less, describe what success look like for your or your team.** Consider the following questions: How will you know you've achieved your goal? How will young people and the community benefit from your project?
16. If you indicated that your proposal is linked with another proposal being submitted to the DYLF: **In 300 words or less, please talk about how the proposals will work together to achieve a common goal.** This response can be the same in both applications.

Budget Request

17. **Describe how much money you are requesting and how you hope to use it.** Consider the following questions: Is this money for supplies, to pay youth consultants, food, etc.?
 - a. Total Amount Requested
 - b. Planned Use
18. Please select the response that best fits this project.
 - a. I am requesting \$2500 or less and do not need to have a fiscal sponsor
 - b. I am requesting over \$2500 on behalf of an organization that has legal and/or tax exempt status and does not require a fiscal sponsor
 - c. I am requesting over \$2500 and need support from the Office on Youth in securing a fiscal sponsor if possible
 - d. I am requesting over \$2500 and have a fiscal sponsor. Please list the name and contact information for your fiscal sponsor. Please enter your fiscal sponsor's name and contact info here

Supports Needed

19. If you are selected for the next phase of this application process (Step 2), the OOY can support you in preparing for your virtual pitch.

If you are interested in support from the OOY, please check any areas you would like support in:
 - a. Developing more specifics for your budget
 - b. Developing your pitch
 - c. Something else (please specify)

E-Signature

Please type your name and the date as your electronic signature for this Interest Form.

20. To the best of my knowledge, all information contained in this application is true and correct.
 - a. Name
 - b. Date