



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
2023

YCJF

The Youth Climate Justice Fund (YCJF) supports with core flexible funding to emerging youth climate justice collectives.

Groups can apply for a grant of up to USD 10,000, which can be used for a period of 12 months.



What are the criteria for applying?

You should consider applying if your group, network or collective is:

- led by young people aged 35 and under. In order to be eligible for a YCJF grant, most of your organisation's membership needs to be young people under 35 and the leadership or the individuals with decision-making power need to be young people aged 35 and under;
- Your group, network or collective is based in Africa; the Middle East; Asia-Pacific, South Asia; Latin America and the Caribbean; and Central, and Eastern Europe;
- based in North America or Western Europe but is led by young people who are discriminated against and/or marginalised based on class, ethnicity, background, etc;
- non-partisan, non-violent, and legal;
- and believe in and exhibit inclusive organising, collective action and intersectional movement building.

We specifically look for groups who are:

- Cultivating diverse leadership rooted in fair and equitable climate action with community power.
- Raising ambitions and commitments on climate & socio-environmental justice.
- Holding policymakers accountable to their promises and strengthening community power.

community power



OUR PROCESS

The Youth Climate Justice Fund participative grant-making.

7. Join the YCJF community

Groups are invited to join the YCJF welcome call and to co-develop youth-to-youth capacity development resources.

6. Grants are awarded!

YCJF staff and Regional Leads work with partners to speed the process for groups to receive funding.

5. Due diligence process

YCJF staff and Regional Leads reach out to the selected groups and support them to receive the funding.

1. Youth Climate Justice Fund opens the call

The call is open for 4 weeks, youth climate justice groups around the globe can apply. Non-English speaking groups are welcome to reach out to Regional Leads for support in applying in their own language.

2. Applications are screened by the YCJF staff

Check that groups meet basic eligibility criteria and are aligned with YCJF values and principles.

3. Regional Leads review

Review of proposals per regional priorities and contacting groups to better understand their needs.

4. Steering Committee voting

Each steering committee member ranks groups based on the YCJF principles, values and key funding priorities.



Frequently Asked Questions

As we're trying to build access and conditions for meaningful shared ownership and participation in our processes, we're committed to evolve and change to ensure that youth-led climate justice movements are able to better participate and access support.

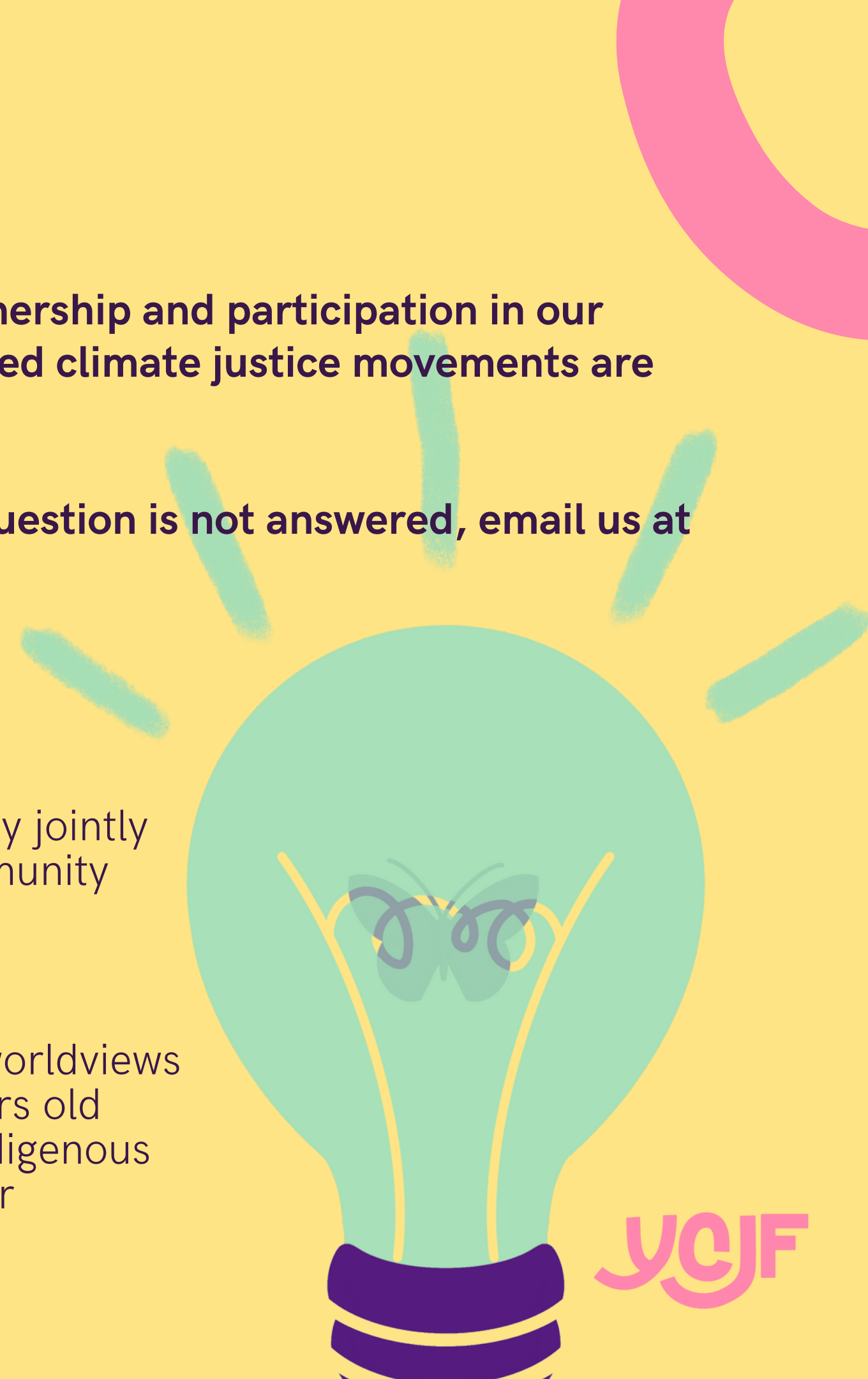
These are 10 questions that might help you in your application, if your question is not answered, email us at ask@ycjf.org

✿ What do we mean by 'addressing climate justice and socio-environmental justice'?

We mean actions, campaigns, and projects that address the climate crisis by jointly tackling marginalisation, exploitation, and oppression, and enhancing community power, equity and justice.

✿ What do we mean by 'youth-led'?

We believe that 'youth' holds many meanings and contexts depending on worldviews and contexts. We believe that balancing between older youth under 35 years old who are discriminated against or marginalised based on class, ethnicity, Indigenous Peoples' identity, gender, etc. and very young activists who also face similar structural barriers, is key.



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✦ What is the “youth-to-youth” capacity program?

Young people supporting each other in peer-to-peer capacity development are the best providers of development services due to their shared experiences and understanding. We will co-build and refine the youth-to-youth capacity development depending on each cohort of grantee partners.

✦ How can we request capacity development and non-financial support?

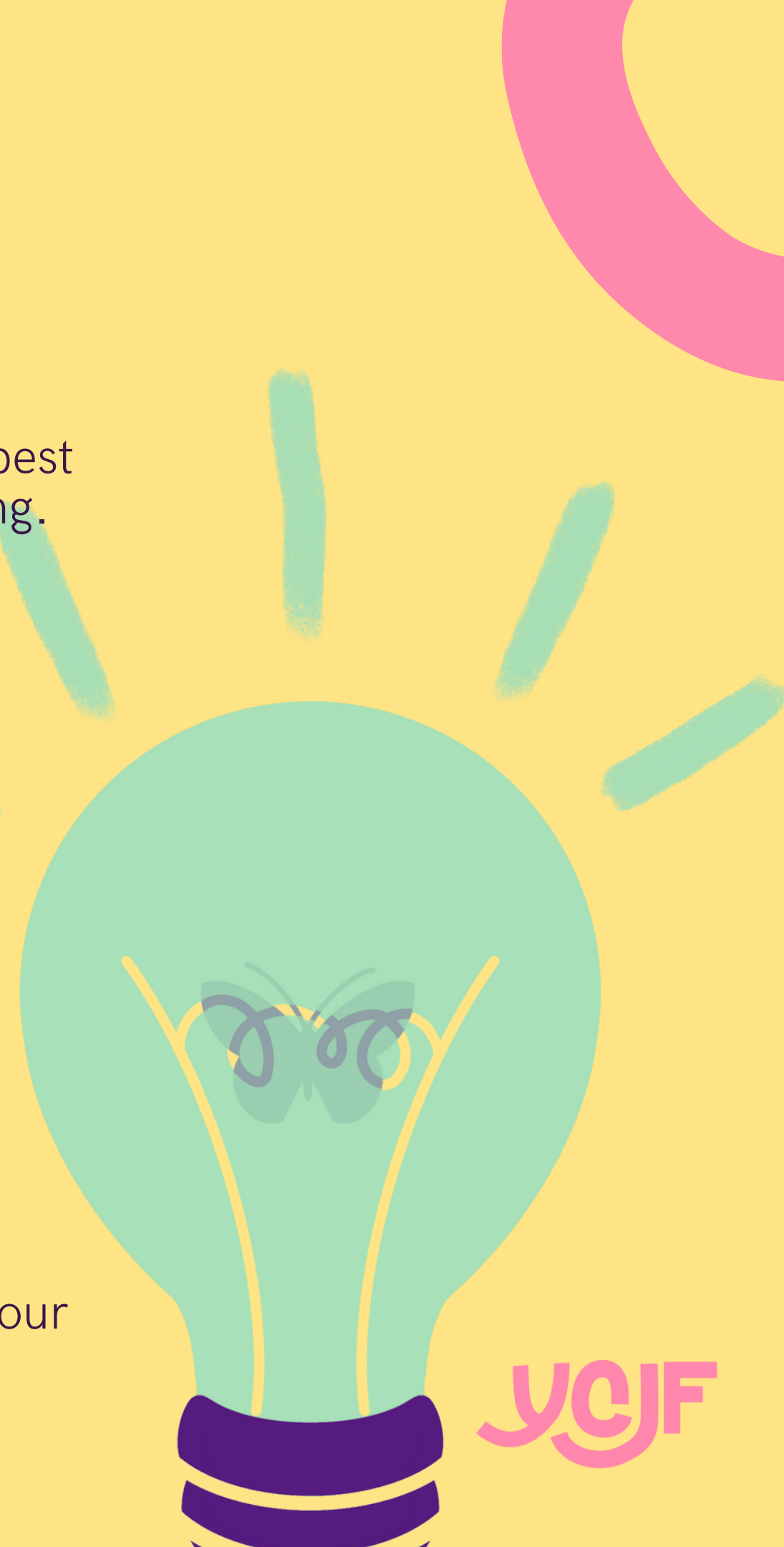
Please reach out to our Regional lead or send an email to ask@ycjf.org.

✦ How are you funded?

Our initial set-up costs and seed funding is being provided by individuals and philanthropies - rather than private or listed companies.

✦ Do applications have to be in English?

In case you need support to apply in another language, download our application package which is available in 5 languages. Additionally, you can reach out to ask@ycjf.org to be in touch with a Regional Lead who can assist you in applying in your preferred language.



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✿ Do we need to be legally registered?

No, it is not mandatory. In numerous cases, informal groups have made a substantial impact without formal registration or lacking the necessary resources to register. We are dedicated to discovering innovative ways to support such groups.

✿ We can't access the online application form, can we get support?

Of course, email ask@ycjf.org and we will do our best to support you.

✿ When is the deadline to submit my proposal?

You can submit your application between the 21st of August and 24th of September.

✿ We can ask up to \$10.000 USD, but can we apply even if our collective needs more funding?

We are aware that groups might need more funding to achieve certain outcomes, in case you need more funding support, please email ask@ycjf.org.



READY TO APPLY?

Here is what we ask in our application form

*** SECTION A - ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- **Are you a youth-led organisation/collective or group?**
 - Yes/No
- **Which region is your organisation based?**
- **Does your organisation have an annual budget?**
 - Yes/No
- **If yes, how much is your annual budget?**
 - Range of budgets in USD
 - 0 - 10,000
 - 10-25,000
 - 25-50,000
 - 50,000 - 100,000
 - 100,000+

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✦ SECTION B - GROUP/PROJECT DESCRIPTION

- **Name of your Organisation/Group**
(Short answer)
- **What is the primary location of your organisation's work?**
(Short answer)
- **Name of Proposal Lead**
(Short answer)
- **Position of the Proposal Lead in the organisation**
(Short answer)
- **Date of Birth**
- **Point of contact**
(email/WhatsApp-Telegram-Signal/phone call)



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- **What is the primary objective and strategic vision of your group?**
(Short answer)
- **How much are you requesting in funding?**
(Short answer)
- **What will you spend money on?**
(Short answer, max 100 words - please upload your detailed budget in the last question)
- **What capacity building needs do you require in addition to the funding?**
(How can we support you beyond this grant - Short answer)



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- **Briefly describe the main project/activity you're seeking support for.**

(Short answer, max 200 words - this can be anything from specific activities of your organisation or simply maintaining your staff and operational costs)

- **What have you achieved so far and how will this fund build upon your existing achievements?**

(Short answer - briefly describe a problem you identified and tackled in the past, and how those experiences can be deepened with this grant)

- **List any partners or allies you are / would like to work with on this initiative.**

(Short answer, max 100 words)



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- **How does your organization incorporate or plan to incorporate principles of justice, diversity, and inclusion into your efforts aimed at supporting underserved groups?**

(Short answer, max 100 words)

- **Where do you see your group 3 years from now?**

(Short answer, max 100 words)

- **Please share any document, link, or file that represents your work or your application**

(If applicable and where suitable: for example a detailed budget, a report on recent activities)





Ready to submit an application?
Visit this [link](#) to submit.



If you need any help completing your application due to language or technology constraints, or lack of clarity, **please contact our Regional Leads via ask@ycjf.org**

