

Youth-Friendly North Shore Youth Action Grants

Examples of eligible projects

The Youth Action Grants are a limited funding opportunity for youth who identify a need in the community and want to take meaningful actions that address the need. Youth aged 12 to 20 years, living or attending school on the North Shore are eligible to apply, provided they have the support of a responsible adult mentor. The grant supports youth-led projects that build on the youth recommendations from the [WelcoME cohort 1 report](#). This includes initiatives that:

- Improve safety for young people in public and online spaces
- Create or improve spaces and programs just for youth
- Strengthen bonds within communities
- Give young people more chances to get involved in their communities

Please see the following examples of eligible projects that may be considered for grant funding:

1. A group of youth creating an accessible digital database to showcase diverse North Shore youth through photos and personal stories. This project could aim to reflect the true diversity of youth identities, backgrounds, and experiences on the North Shore. Youth-serving organizations can use this resource to design digital spaces that are welcoming and inclusive for all youth.

Example: [Buffalo Commons Photo Bank](#)

Related WelcoME Recommendation: Ensure inclusion and accessibility, Design youth-friendly digital spaces

2. Youth identify safety concerns around a high-traffic crosswalk in their community and implement pedestrian crossing flags to increase visibility and driver awareness. Such projects empower youth to take an active role in the community based on their identified needs.

Example: [See Me Flags](#)

Related WelcoME Recommendation: Create a safer physical space

3. A group of youth create culturally reflective art-work such as a mural or graffiti that not only enhances the aesthetic appeal of a space but also promotes feelings of connection to that space for youth. It allows youth to creatively express themselves whilst fostering a sense of ownership and pride, contributing to youth feeling more integrated into their community.

Example: [Eco Art Action](#)

Related WelcoME recommendation: Ensure inclusion and accessibility, Promote community connections

4. Youth host a skills exchange event at a seniors' home exploring their talents as they strengthen intergenerational bonds within the community. This helps build respect, understanding, and positive connections between youth and seniors in the community while youth get a chance to explore their hobbies or interests in a low-pressure setting.

Example: [Intergenerational Activity Ideas](#)

Related WelcoME recommendation: Promote community connections, Offer dedicated youth programming

5. A school based journalism club interviews their peers from different ages on their favorite after-school spots and activities on the North Shore, creating a guide of safe, popular spaces and highlighting youth-requested activities. It provides valuable insights for local organizations to invest in these spaces to ensure they meet youth needs. It can also promote other youth to get more involved and connect with other youth in those spaces, fostering a stronger sense of community and belonging among youth.

Example: [Community Youth Mapping](#)

Related WelcoME recommendation: Encourage youth voice, Advertise youth programs and spaces

Projects previously approved for funding through the grant:

- [North Shore Live](#): a group of youth hosting performing arts events to help high school students from West and North Vancouver build community connections and confidence.
- Youth organizing [safeTALK](#) workshops to learn how to identify and support their peers through a mental health crisis.