

Call for Projects

Our Place - Youth Provision 2026 – 2027

Funding Body	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Lead Authority	East Riding of Yorkshire Council
Fund	Our Place - Youth Provision 2026 – 2027
Call reference	
Call opens	Friday 29 May 2026
Call closes	Monday 13 July 2026 12 noon
Maximum application level	£10,000*
Minimum application level	£1,500*
Duration of project	Projects must not start prior to 1 September 2026 and must be financially completed no later than the end of the 30 June 2027 . This means that all project activity must have ceased by this date, and all costs must have been paid by the applicant's organisation by this date.

Call Context

The Our Place – Youth Provision Fund is designed to support community groups, charities, and youth projects throughout East Riding, with a total of £100k available for initiatives aimed at benefiting young people in the area.

We are inviting applications from new organisations that have not previously received funding through Round 2 of the Our Place Youth Provision and are not already funded for activities taking place between April 2026 and March 2027.

Applications are invited for projects scheduled to run in **September 2026 to June 2027**, specifically targeting youth-related initiatives and organisations that work with or support young people. The Youth Fund aligns with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council's youth agenda, focusing on children and young people aged 10-19 years, and up to 25 years for care leavers and those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The Our Place – Youth Provision Fund is designed around the five pillars of youth work, which are Educative, Expressive, Participative, Inclusive, and Empowering. These pillars are foundational to youth work and guide how youth workers build relationships, create learning opportunities, and support young people's development.

Your project should aim to support these five pillars through the core principles and values outlined by the National Youth Agency (NYA). These include youth-led approaches, inclusivity, respect, empowerment, and a commitment to positive relationships and social justice.

You should be willing to work collaboratively in partnership with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council to deliver the project.

- **Youth-Led:**
Young people's voices and choices are central to the provision offered to them, ensuring their needs and interests are prioritized.
- **Inclusivity, Equality, and Diversity:**
Youth work embraces and respects diversity in all its forms, ensuring that all young people feel valued and included.
- **Respect:**
Youth workers treat all young people with respect, recognizing their individual worth and promoting positive relationships.
- **Empowerment:**
Youth work helps young people develop the skills and confidence to make decisions, take action, and become active participants in their communities.
- **Voluntary Participation:**
Youth work is based on the voluntary engagement of young people, fostering a sense of ownership and agency.
- **Positive Relationships:**
Building strong, trusting relationships between youth workers and young people is fundamental to effective youth work.
- **Informal Education:**
Youth work provides informal learning opportunities that complement formal education, helping young people learn about themselves, others, and their communities.
- **Social Justice and Anti-Oppressive Practice:**
Youth work challenges inequality and oppression, promoting social justice and human rights for all young people.

- **Safety and Well-being:**

Youth work prioritizes the safety and well-being of young people, ensuring they are protected from harm and supported in their development.

1. Call Eligibility and Compliance

Before applying, applicants must be legally constituted and be able to enter into a legally binding funding agreement.

If you are not a constituted group with a bank account you can get help and advice on becoming one, by going on <https://howtodoitforeastyorkshire.org/>. This website will help you access useful information about running an event, writing essential policies, & managing volunteers. Alternatively, you can get support from HEY Smile Foundation. <https://heysmilefoundation.org/>. You will need to be fully constituted before you can apply for this funding.

The applicant will be the organisation that, if the application is successful, enters into a contract for Our Place Youth Fund and therefore carries the liability for ensuring that the terms of the funding agreement are met by them and to all delivery partners. If there is more than one organisation applying for the funds, a lead organisation must be selected to become the Applicant. It is this organisation that carries the responsibility and liability for carrying out a compliant project.

Funding is paid in two instalments. The first instalment (50% of grant award) will be paid as an upfront payment following the successful approval of your application. The second and final instalment will be paid following the submission of all defrayed (i.e. paid out) project expenditure, and approved monitoring information. Applicants may be asked to demonstrate how they are able to cash flow the project.

Projects under this call must be financially completed by **30 June 2027**. This means that all project costs must be paid out (defrayed) by this date. Projects will not be able to claim back any costs incurred beyond this date. Project monitoring information must be submitted by 30 July 2027 at the latest.

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- For items under £500 no quote is required.
- For items between £500 and £5,000 one quote is required.
- For items over £5,000 but under £75,000 three quotes are required.
- Quotes must be dated within the last 3 months at date of application and must either be on official letter-headed paper from the suppliers, on an email from the potential supplier, or a screenshot of the supplier's website with their name clearly shown.

In line with the government's net zero mission, you should ask for quotes from at least one local supplier (East Riding and Hull area) and provide justification if this is not possible.

The maximum call value for projects under this call is £5,000 (or *£10,000 for capital projects only). The Council does not intend to allocate less than £1,500 for any single project. Applications requesting an amount below £1,500 or above £5,000 (or £10,000 that include capital costs) will be rejected.

What types of activity can be funded?

The Youth grant **can be** used for a diverse range of projects, including but not limited to:

- Sport, recreation, and leisure activities
- Music and drama
- Street-based outreach work supporting the Our Place mobile bus provision
- Nature and the environment
- Digital innovation for young people
- Mental health, wellbeing, and resilience building
- Equipment to support activity delivery

What **CAN** the grant be used for:

- Core salary costs
- Sessional Staff Costs (between £12.50 and £25 per hour, depending on expertise or personal that may be required)
- Existing organisational costs
- Consultancy costs (e.g. someone delivering a cost, paid via invoice)
- Purchase small items of equipment for project activity
- Capital improvements can only be made by organisations that own the building/asset
- To encourage volunteering
- Mental health, wellbeing, and resilience building
- Sport, recreation and leisure activities
- Fund activities for young people (Our Place) including street-based outreach
- Match funding to assist with delivery of commuted sums activity

What the grant **CAN NOT** be used to fund (if you are unsure please check before applying):

- Purchase buildings or land or contributions towards
- All and any financial liabilities, provisions, contingencies, donations, gifts, and credit arrangements
- Any work on the activity prior to receiving a grant agreement – please take into consideration on project delivery timescales
- Activities of a political nature or an exclusively religious nature
- Activities for which the authority or its partners has a statutory obligation to provide
- Profit-making or fundraising activities i.e. events to specifically fundraise or prizes for fundraising activities
- Project expenditure that includes alcohol
- Recoverable VAT
- Activities that promote or benefit private enterprise
- Contingency costs
- Normal activity for churches or places of worship
- Replacement play park equipment or play park repairs/maintenance

Who Can Apply?

- Voluntary and community groups who have a set of rules and a bank account with at least two unconnected people to approve all transactions and withdrawals.
- Registered charity
- Charitable incorporated organisation (CIO)
- Not-for-profit company
- Community interest company (CIC)
- Youth groups

- Town or Parish Councils
- Faith based organisations
- Schools or friends of school organisations

Who Can NOT Apply?

- Non-constituted organisations
- Community benefit society

2. Application process

The call opens for full applications on **Friday 29 May 2026**. The deadline for applications is 12 noon on **Monday 13 July 2026**. Applications will not be considered after this date.

A decision on the awards for funding is expected to be made in August 2026.

All applications will be subject to a full assessment and appraisal undertaken by the East Riding Programme and Grant Management Team following which a final panel decision will be undertaken determine if your proposed project will receive a grant award.

You must ensure all sections of your application are fully completed before submission, as any missing information may delay the processing of your application.

Applications must be submitted via our online grants management system, Flexi-Grant®. If you have not previously applied to the Council for grant funding via Flexi-Grant® you will need to register your details. To do this please visit:

<https://eastridingofyorkshirecouncil.flexigrant.com/>.

Applications submitted via any other method will not be accepted.

If you encounter any technical difficulties completing or submitting your application via Flexi-Grant® please send an email to **external.funding@eastriding.gov.uk**.

Technical support is available Monday to Friday, from 9am to 5pm.

It is your responsibility to submit your application in good time to allow time to resolve any technical issues. Except in the unlikely event that there is a general failure of the system in the final hours, we will not normally extend the deadline for technical issues.

NOTE: All applications will be subject to a competitive process and there may not be sufficient funds to support all eligible projects.

Delivery cannot commence before applicants are notified of the outcome of their application.

3. Outputs and Outcomes

Outputs

Output indicator	
Number of organisations receiving grants	
Number of sessions (events/activities) supported	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of events or activities supported • Number of attendees • Frequency of sessions • Length of sessions
Number of volunteering opportunities supported	
Number of participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Male • Female • Ethnicity • Sexuality • Language spoken • No. of children <18 years • No of older adults 65+ • No. disabled adults • No of disabled children • young people aged <25 years with special educational needs (SEND)
Successful completion of education/training course	
Increased users of facilities/amenities	

Outcomes

Outcome indicator	
Staying Safe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour • Improved perception of safety • Reduced isolation for community members
Being Healthy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Physical Health • Improved Mental Health • Improved wellbeing through green space activity
Enjoy and achieve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased Volunteering • Improved well-being through engaging in arts, culture or heritage • Improved access to community Facilities
Achieve Economic Wellbeing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved learning & skills • Engage in education or alternative learning
Making a Positive contribution (Voice of the child)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved community belonging • Engagement in decision making
Developing positive relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Confidence • Improved Self-esteem

4. Grant Award and Claims

The Grant Funding Agreement is a standard, legally binding document. Any successful applicant will be subject to the terms and conditions contained within this agreement. Failure to meet any of the conditions of the agreement or the commitments within the application will result in claw back of funding.

Grant allocation (first instalment of 50%) is paid upfront within 30 days of receipt of the signed Grant Funding Agreement.

The grant recipient must submit a copy of all invoice(s) on Flexi-Grant®, to evidence project costs, and full bank statement(s) to evidence defrayal of expenditure for each item.

5. Additional Support & Other Funding Opportunities

All applications, supported by the local Youth Coordinator within the allocated amount, will be considered. Feel free to reach out if you need further assistance or have any questions helen.jones-brown@eastriding.gov.uk