

CEC Catalyst Grant 2021-2022 - Call for Proposals: Building Better Together

The 2021-2022 Catalyst Grant:

The York U-TD Community Engagement Centre is happy to announce that we will again be offering our annual **Catalyst Grants**. This year our theme is **Building Better Together**. Catalyst Grants are intended to provide start-up funding for innovative partnerships between York University and the Black Creek community. The grants can cover a broad range of ideas that respond to community need. By **Building Better Together**, we invite projects that will tackle some of the challenges that the pandemic more clearly exposed and identify some re-imagined or creative steps forward. This year we are asking for proposals that have a focus on one or both of the following:

1. Strengthen Communities: Projects which aim to strengthen a response to a community challenge and/or gap. For example, a project which addresses the gaps exacerbated by COVID-19 on the Black Creek Community
2. Enhancing Equity through Anti-Black Racism: Projects which look to improve community outcomes by applying an anti-Black Racism lens.

All projects must demonstrate a partnership between York University (faculty, staff, long standing student group etc.) and the Jane Finch Community (resident(s), non-profit, grassroots organization, resident etc.). Partnership, for purposes of this grant, should involve shared planning, implementation, and reporting of the project. Just signing off in support of the grant is not considered a partnership.

Eligible Applicants:

- Any organization, non-profit, or organized resident group, or resident who resides or supports the Black Creek community and is partnered with any faculty member, staff, long—standing student club or unit of York University is eligible to apply. The CEC can assist in identification of appropriate partners if you have an idea but are unsure of a partner. Please speak with us.
- New projects that are just starting and based on a new partnership.
- Projects which aim to address the two areas indicated above (strengthening challenges or building equity lenses).
- Projects which demonstrate potential for positive impact on community wellbeing in the Black Creek community.
- Projects which demonstrate an ability of applicants to successfully complete the project.

Please note: Applications cannot be simultaneous and there must be a minimum of one year before reapplying if you received the grant previously (i.e. if you applied and received the grant in 2020, you cannot apply in the 2021 year).

Grant Allocations

Grants are intended to provide one-time, project start-up funding usually in the \$5,000 range. Successful grants will receive funding in two installments in October 2021 and April 2022.

Process

Completed applications will be reviewed by the York-TD Community Engagement Centre Advisory Committee. This advisory committee is made up of university and community members who provide guidance to the overall work of the CEC. For more information about the Advisory Committee please see www.yorku.ca/cec. Advisory Committee members will not respond to any inquiries regarding the application process.

Applications will be accepted until Friday August 6th, 2021, at 11:59pm. Proposal should be submitted by email to talishar@yorku.ca. Please note that projects must be completed by May 31st, 2022 and will be expected to submit a report by mid-April to receive the second allocation of funding.

Two Community information Webinar will be held on:

- 1. Tuesday June 22nd at 10:30am**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlvcOGqrDsoH9aERCCJtp1T9Zin0zVvRUwl>

- 2. Wednesday July 14th at 6pm**

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://yorku.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUrfuyurjMrGN1OFSDMFNrLhSHvQygDHK-g>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Interested applicants must submit a project proposal (3 pages maximum). The proposal will include:

1. Contact details for lead applicant (Only list one partner)
 - a. Name
 - b. Title
 - c. Organization/Department
 - d. Address
 - e. Phone Number
 - f. Email
2. Contact details for partner applicant
 - a. Name
 - b. Title
 - c. Organization/Department
 - d. Address
 - e. Phone Number
 - f. Email
3. Description of project and project goal and outcomes (max.250 words)
4. Anticipated work plan (with key project milestones and dates)
5. Budget

a. Budget Example

Expenses	Budget
Wage Supplement	2,000
Printing/Photocopies	500
Meeting Facilitation	1,000
Videography	1,000
Supplies	<u>500</u>
Total	5,000
Revenue	Budget
CEC Catalyst Grant	4,000
Other	<u>1,000</u>
Total	5,000

6. Related experience and track record of applicants, and how each partner will contribute to the success of the project (max. 250 words)
7. Completed proposal signed by both partners

General Terms

- Eighty percent (80%) of the grant allocation will be distributed at the beginning of the initiative and the remaining 20% will be given upon completion of the project and final report submission.
- York University and the York-TD CEC will be recognized in any materials produced.
- Copies of any resulting research will be made available at the CEC.
- Eligible costs include project-related expenses, short-term staffing costs, honoraria, transportation etc.
- Non-eligible costs: deficit reduction, non-project related costs, capital/construction costs, funding for individuals, fundraising events, grants to a third party and computer/media equipment.
- Time period: The project grants will be decided by end of September and will be completed and reported on by May 31, 2022. Final Report Templates will be distributed once the project has been approved.
- All decisions will be documented in meeting minutes of the Advisory Committee.

For More Information

Please contact Talisha Ramsaroop, CEC Community Projects Coordinator at talishar@yorku.ca or Byron Gray, CEC Manager at byrong@yorku.ca. To read more about past grantees visit <https://cec.info.yorku.ca/catalyst-grants/>

We strongly encourage you to discuss your idea with staff at the CEC or attend one of the two webinars prior to submitting a formal application.



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