

PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Youth Climate Justice Micro-Grant Program

Call for Proposals — Yemen

Arab Youth Sustainable Development Network (AYSDN)

Funded by the Youth Climate Justice Fund (YCJF)

5	\$500	\$2,500	3
GRANTS AVAILABLE	PER GRANT (USD)	TOTAL ENVELOPE	THEMATIC PILLARS

CFP Reference	YCJF-YEM-CFP-2026
Geographic Focus	Yemen — all governorates
CFP Window	July – August 2026
Submission Deadline	August 5, 2026, 23:59 Yemen Time (YT)

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1. About AYSDN

The Arab Youth Sustainable Development Network (AYSDN) is a distinguished youth-led organization and regional network dedicated to advancing the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region. Established in 2018, AYSDN operates as a legally registered entity in Yemen. Complementing its regional efforts, AYSDN Canada (AYSDNC) is formally registered in Canada, focusing on engaging Arab diaspora youth in Canada and the MENA region. Both entities are committed to empowering Arab youth as catalysts for sustainable development, fostering cross-cultural collaboration, leadership, and actionable solutions rooted in principles of inclusivity and innovation.

AYSDN actively collaborates with local governments, domestic and international organizations, and private sector entities to support the United Nations' agenda of achieving the 17 SDGs throughout the Arab World. The organization distinguishes itself through the implementation of numerous ground-level projects and programs that directly address sustainable development challenges in the region. These on-the-ground initiatives serve as practical demonstrations of AYSDN's commitment to translating global sustainability goals into tangible local impact.

The network's mission extends to educating, engaging, and empowering youth regarding the SDGs, while providing practical opportunities to develop their potential as active global citizens. AYSDN strives to establish a unified, multi-tributary platform that effectively harnesses youth energies in a constructive manner, fostering cooperation and knowledge exchange to create an environment that stimulates and supports youth participation in the UN 2030 agenda. Through its work, the network develops effective strategies and solutions that enhance youth participation, promote their leadership role in societal development, and contribute to increased prevention and resolution of conflicts, particularly involving women and young women in crisis and conflict settings.

Since its inception in 2018, AYSDN has implemented a diverse portfolio of ground-based programs, projects, capacity-building sessions, advocacy initiatives, and campaigns in Yemen and across multiple countries in the MENA region. The organization's field operations span various sustainability domains, delivering direct impact to communities while building local capacity for long-term development. These implementation projects represent the cornerstone of AYSDN's approach to sustainable development, demonstrating the organization's commitment to practical action beyond policy advocacy.

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Our Mission

To equip, fund, and amplify young change-makers across the Arab region so that youth-led solutions to climate change and sustainable development challenges can grow from local ideas into lasting, community-rooted impact.

Our Vision

An Arab region in which young people are recognized, resourced, and empowered as leading actors in building a more just, sustainable, and climate-resilient future.

Our Approach

- Youth-led: young people design and lead the initiatives we fund and support, not simply implement someone else's plan
- Community-rooted: solutions are grounded in local context and lived experience, particularly in underserved and conflict-affected areas
- Capacity plus capital: we pair funding with practical skills-building, so grants translate into durable, well-managed impact
- Transparent & accountable: clear eligibility, evaluation, and reporting standards govern every program AYSDN administers

2. Introduction & Background

The Arab Youth Sustainable Development Network (AYSDN) invites qualified individual youth and youth-led organizations in Yemen to submit proposals under the Youth Climate Justice Micro-Grant Program. This Call for Proposals (CFP) is issued under CFP Reference YCJF-YEM-CFP-2026 and forms part of AYSDN's sub-grant commitment within the Youth Climate Justice Fund (YCJF).

Yemen is among the world's most climate-vulnerable countries, with communities disproportionately affected by drought, flooding, food insecurity, and displacement. Young people are both primary victims of this crisis and indispensable agents of locally-driven solutions. This program seeks to unlock that potential by providing direct financial support to youth-led climate initiatives across three thematic pillars.

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3. Program Objectives

This CFP seeks to fund youth-led proposals that contribute to the following objectives:

- Strengthen the capacity of young climate leaders in Yemen to design and implement impactful environmental initiatives
- Support community-based climate action with direct, measurable benefits for vulnerable populations
- Amplify youth voices in climate policy and advocacy processes at local and national levels
- Build a documented evidence base of youth-led climate interventions for wider replication and advocacy
- Foster peer learning and collaboration across youth organizations and initiatives in Yemen

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4. Available Funding & Grant Structure

Pillar	Grants Available	Indicative Focus
Pillar 1 — Capacity Building & Leadership Development	1 grant (\$500)	Training, mentorship, climate literacy, and skills-building for youth leaders
Pillar 2 — Community-Based Climate Initiatives ★	3 grants (\$1,500)	Hands-on local climate action with direct, measurable community impact
Pillar 3 — Policy Advocacy & Movement Building	1 grant (\$500)	Youth-led advocacy campaigns, policy briefs, and coalition building
TOTAL	5 grants (\$2,500)	All grants equal at \$500 per award — Yemen only

★ **Pillar 2** carries 3 of the 5 available grants given its potential for direct, measurable community impact and its centrality to AYSDN's reporting obligations to the Resource Partner Agency (RPA).

Important Funding Conditions

- All grants are equal at \$500 USD — partial awards will not be made
- Budgets must be denominated in USD and rounded to whole numbers
- The grant covers project implementation costs only — no overhead, or institutional costs
- Disbursement will be made via bank transfer

5. Thematic Pillars & Eligible Activities

Proposals must be submitted under one of the following three thematic pillars. Applicants must select the pillar that best describes the primary nature of their proposed project.

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Pillar 1 — Capacity Building & Leadership Development	Pillar 2 — Community-Based Climate Initiatives ★ PRIORITY PILLAR (3 grants)	Pillar 3 — Policy Advocacy & Movement Building
- Youth climate leadership workshops & peer-training - Mentorship with climate professionals - Low-cost production and distribution of simplified, locally printed climate-awareness posters and flyers - Climate literacy in schools & universities	- Voluntary youth campaigns to clear and clean local flood channels (Magra Al-Sayl) before the rainy season. - Deploying traditional clay water pots (Ziyyar/Mashareb) in public spaces as an eco-friendly, electricity-free cooling solution. - Small-scale distribution of local seeds and basic tools for household micro-gardening and food security. - Block-level solid waste separation pilots using basic, low-cost neighborhood trash bins. - Urban greening, tree planting & restoration	- Youth advocacy campaigns (local & national) - Low-budget, smartphone-shot short videos (Mobile Journalism) documenting local environmental issues or traditional climate adaptation - Youth-authored participatory research & policy briefs - Digital & media climate justice campaigns

Ineligible Activities

Proposals including the following will be disqualified:

- Scholarships or personal academic fees - Personal travel unrelated to the project	Activities fully completed before the award date
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6. Eligibility Requirements

6.1 Individual Applicants

- Aged 18–35 years at the time of application
- Currently residing in Yemen
- Proposing a project aligned with one of the three thematic pillars
- Able to implement and complete the project within the grant period (Sep 2026 – Mar 2027)
- No prior AYSDN affiliation required

6.2 Youth-Led Organizations, Groups, NGOs, Initiatives & Platforms

- Group of 5–15 members, with a majority aged 18–35
- Must designate a lead contact who will sign the sub-grant agreement
- The organization or group must be based and operating in Yemen
- Project must fall within one of the three thematic pillars
- Able to complete all activities and submit a final report by March 15, 2027

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7. CFP Timeline & Key Dates

Phase	Dates	Description
Launch & Publication of CFP	Jul 10–17, 2026	CFP published via AYSDN website, social media, partner networks, universities, and youth organization networks across Yemen
Proposal Submission Window	Jul 19 – Aug 5, 2026	Applicants submit full proposal packages via the online portal. Clarification requests accepted until August 1, 2026
Technical Review	Aug 5 – Sep 5, 2026	3-member AYSDN review panel evaluates all proposals against the published scoring rubric on a per-pillar basis
Selection & Notification	Sep 6–12, 2026	Top-scoring proposals selected per pillar (1/3/1); all applicants notified; a waitlist maintained
Leadership Academy	September 2026	The 15 shortlisted applicants complete days Leadership Academy and submit their Project Implementation Plans
Award & Disbursement	Sep 22–30, 2026	Sub-grant agreements signed; \$500 disbursed to each of the 5 final grantees via bank transfer
Implementation & Support	Sep 2026 – Mar 2027	Monthly group check-ins per pillar; peer exchange WhatsApp group; AYSDN technical support throughout
Final Reporting Deadline	March 15, 2027	All grantees submit 1-page narrative report and receipts-based financial report to AYSDN
RPA Consolidation Report	Apr – Jun 2027	AYSDN synthesizes all outcomes into the Final Report submitted to the Resource Partner Agency

8. Proposal Requirements & Submission Package

A complete proposal submission package must include all of the following components. Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

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#	Component	Requirements
1	Completed Proposal Form	All application questions listed on the webpage (aysdn.org/micro-grant-program) must be completed in full and submitted directly through the online form.
2	Concept Note	A concise description of the problem, proposed solution, activities, expected outcomes, and target beneficiaries. To be entered directly into the online form
3	Itemized Budget (\$500 USD)	A line-by-line breakdown of how the grant will be spent, entered directly into the designated table/section of the online form. The total budget must equal exactly \$500 USD.
4	Applicant Profile	A brief biography (for individuals) or a description of the group (including membership, previous experience, and operational location in Yemen), to be filled out in the online form.
5	Signed Declaration	Review and check the declaration/certification box at the bottom of the online form to confirm the accuracy of the provided information and agree to the terms.

NOTE

All submissions must be in English.

How to Submit

- **Online portal:** <https://aysdn.org/micro-grant-program/>
- **Clarification questions** may be submitted to microgrants@aysdn.org by August 1, 2026. Responses will be shared with all applicants via the AYSDN website

9. Proposal Evaluation & Selection

All eligible proposals will be reviewed by a 3-member AYSDN panel including at least one external youth leader. Each proposal is scored independently against the rubric below.

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The minimum qualifying score is 60 out of 100. Shortlisted applicants may be contacted for clarifications.

Evaluation Criterion	Score	Evaluation Guidance
Relevance to Pillar & YCJF Priorities	25	Proposal clearly addresses the chosen pillar and YCJF strategic goals
Feasibility within \$500 & Timeline	25	Plan is achievable within 6 months and the \$500 budget is realistic
Youth Leadership & Community Engagement	20	Genuine youth agency is central; target beneficiaries are engaged in design
Budget Clarity & Justification	15	All budget lines are itemized, specific, reasonable, and proportionate
Equity, Inclusion & Reach	10	Prioritizes underserved youth, women, persons with disabilities, or conflict-affected communities
Sustainability & Replicability	5	Impact continues post-grant or the model can be replicated elsewhere
TOTAL	100	Minimum qualifying score: 60 points

10. Grant Management, Compliance & Reporting

10.1 Sub-Grant Agreements

- All selected grantees must sign a sub-grant agreement with AYSDN before disbursement
- The agreement sets out deliverables, reporting obligations, prohibited use clauses, and repayment conditions
- Grantees must maintain receipts for all expenditures and submit them at project close

10.2 Financial Controls

- All \$500 disbursements tracked individually in AYSDN's accounting system
- Grantees must submit a receipts-based financial report at project completion

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- Unspent funds must be returned to AYSDN; AYSDN will return uncommitted funds to the RPA

10.3 Prohibited Use & Compliance

- Funds may not be used for lobbying, political campaigning, voter registration, or personal benefit
- Projects engaging children or vulnerable adults must submit a safeguarding plan for AYSDN review prior to disbursement

10.4 Reporting Requirements

- Mandatory 30-day milestone check-in with AYSDN program staff
- Monthly participation in group calls organized by pillar
- Final submission by March 15, 2027: 1-page narrative report + receipts-based financial report
- Grantees grant AYSDN permission to publish anonymized project summaries and success stories in the RPA Final Report

11. General Conditions

- AYSDN reserves the right to cancel or modify this CFP at any time without prior notice
- Submission of a proposal does not guarantee award of a grant
- AYSDN is not liable for any costs incurred in preparing or submitting proposals
- Successful applicants may be required to participate in a brief orientation session before disbursement
- AYSDN may reallocate up to 1 grant between pillars (within the 20% threshold) with director approval if a pillar receives insufficient qualifying applications
- Applicants who provide false or misleading information will be immediately disqualified and may be required to repay any disbursed funds

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Contact & Further Information

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OUR COMMITMENT

AYS DN is committed to transparency, equity, and the empowerment of Yemeni youth. We strongly encourage applications from women, youth with disabilities, and applicants from underserved and conflict-affected governorates.

Yemen's youth are already leading the response to the climate crisis.

This program exists to fund them, train them, and amplify their voice.

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