

Youth Action Grants

GRANTS UP TO \$750 FOR YOUTH-LED PROJECTS

A project of McCreary's Youth Advisory & Action Council &
the BC Adolescent Health Survey



About the Youth Action Grants

YOUTH ACTION GRANTS

The Youth Action Grants (YAG) were created by McCreary Centre Society's Youth Advisory & Action Council (YAC). The purpose of the YAGs is to provide BC youth (ages 12–19) from school districts that participated in the BC Adolescent Health Survey the opportunity to deliver a project to improve youth health in their school or community.

Priority will be given to applications from students in schools that have not previously received a grant.

McCREARY CENTRE SOCIETY

McCreary is a BC charity committed to improving the health of BC youth through research and youth-led projects.

YOUTH ADVISORY & ACTION COUNCIL (YAC)

The YAC is a group of youth aged 15–24 who promote youth health and youth engagement through the YAGs, as well as through projects, workshops, and the creation of resources.

BC ADOLESCENT HEALTH SURVEY



In 2023, about 38,500 youth in Grades 7–12 across the province completed the BC Adolescent Health Survey (BC AHS), and shared what they know, think, and do about their health. Findings from the 2023 BC AHS are available at mcs.bc.ca/pdf/2023_bcahs_the_big_picture.pdf.

The YAC are looking for new members! The YAC is open to youth aged 15–24 who have an interest in improving youth health in BC.

For more information, contact Katie:
katie@mcs.bc.ca | 604-291-1996 ext. 235

Also, check out McCreary's website (mcs.bc.ca/about_bcahs) to learn more about the BC AHS and to access other resources.



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Have an idea? Tell us about it!

STEP 1:

Tell us about your project by filling out an application form.

STEP 2:

Turn in your completed application form one of two ways:

- 1 Email application to:
yag@mcs.bc.ca
- 2 Print and mail application to:
McCreary Centre Society
ATTN: Youth Action Granting Committee
3552 East Hastings Street
Vancouver, BC V5K 2A7

STEP 3:

The YAC will review your application and let you know if it has been successful within 4 weeks of receiving it.

If you have any questions about your project idea, the application process, or would like help preparing your grant application, email yag@mcs.bc.ca or call Karen at **604-291-1996 ext. 230**.

If the YAC has any questions about your application, we may contact you or your adult support for more details.

YOUR PROJECT SHOULD BE:

- Youth-led.
- Focused on one or more of the findings from the 2023 BC AHS.
- Benefitting youth in your school and/or community.
- Supported by at least one adult (such as a teacher, counsellor, youth worker, etc.).

A STRONG APPLICATION WILL INCLUDE:

- An explanation of why the project is needed in your school or community.
- A clear link to one or more of the findings in the 2023 BC AHS.
- A realistic budget and timeline.

A STRONG PROJECT PROVIDES YOUTH WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO:

- Build connections.
- Gain valuable skills and knowledge.
- Make a positive impact in your school and/or community.



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Application form

PART 1: GENERAL INFORMATION

1 Youth project leader information

Project leader must be a youth aged 12–19

NAME (first and last)

AGE

SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME AND NUMBER

EMAIL

2 Adult support information

Adult support must be 25 years old or older and be affiliated with a school or organization (e.g., teacher, counsellor, youth worker).

NAME (first and last)

AGE 25+ ☐ Y ☐ N

RELATIONSHIP TO YOUTH PROJECT LEADER

AFFILIATION (e.g., organization, school)

MAILING ADDRESS:

CITY

STREET

OR PO BOX

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

TELEPHONE

EMAIL

PART 2: PROJECT INFORMATION

- 1 Title of project
- 2 Tell us about your project. *Be sure to include how many people will be involved, when your project will take place, and which adult(s) will support you.*
- 3 Link to the BC AHS. *These grants aim to improve youth health by addressing findings from the 2023 BC AHS. How does your project support this? (If you are unsure, you can check out the report here: mcs.bc.ca/pdf/2023_bcahs_the_big_picture.pdf).*
- 4 How will you know your project has been a success? *For example, you might create and hand out feedback forms and count how many youth attended your youth health event.*
- 5 How will you share the project results with us? *For example, by sending us photos of an event you hold.*

PART 3: PROJECT BUDGET & TIMELINE

- 1 Project budget.** *Provide a budget, outlining the amount of money you are requesting from the YAG (max. \$750) and how it will be spent. Please note we may request copies of receipts for project expenses.*

EXPENSES & DESCRIPTION	TOTAL AMOUNT NEEDED (\$)	REQUESTED YAG AMOUNT (\$)	ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES (\$)
TOTAL (\$) :			

ITEMS THE GRANT MONEY **CAN** BE USED FOR:

- ☐ Equipment/venue rental.
- ☐ Food for participants.
- ☐ Project supplies (e.g., markers, flip charts, display boards).

ITEMS THE GRANT MONEY **CANNOT** BE USED FOR:

- ☐ Projects that are planned and led by adults.
- ☐ Trips/activities that take place outside of the project.
- ☐ Regular costs for your school/community group such as gas bill, or staff wages.
- ☐ Activities or supplies purchased BEFORE the grant has been approved.
- ☐ Costs that are covered by other funding.

- 2 Project timeline.** *Provide a timeline including details of what you will do in your project, when you will do it, when you plan to complete your project, and when you will share project results with McCreary.*

DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY/TASK	STARTING DATE	COMPLETION DATE
ANTICIPATED PROJECT COMPLETION DATE:		

Think of your timeline as a TO DO list by outlining the tasks you will need to carry out to successfully finish your project.

PART 4: GUIDELINES CHECKLIST & AGREEMENT

1 Guidelines checklist. *Go through the list below and check the boxes to ensure that your project is in line with YAG guidelines.*

- My project is youth-led (youth ages 12–19).
- My project aims to improve youth health in my school and/or community.
- My project is supported by at least one adult.
- My project shows a clear link to one or more of the findings from the 2023 BC AHS.

2 Agreement. *Please check the boxes below and sign to indicate you and your adult support have read and agreed to them.*

- All the information I have provided in this YAG application is correct.
- I understand that I may be asked to provide documentation of my project through photos, video, a short report, and/or receipts for project expenses.
- I give permission for details of my project to be displayed by McCreary Centre Society on their website or in other print/electronic forms.

YOUTH PROJECT LEADER’S NAME (first and last)

DATE

SIGNATURE

ADULT SUPPORT’S NAME (first and last)

DATE

SIGNATURE

THANK YOU.

We look forward to reading your application!