



New Orleans

YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND



Application Help Session – August 20, 2026
Meeting will begin at 3:35 PM





MEET THE YCAF TEAM



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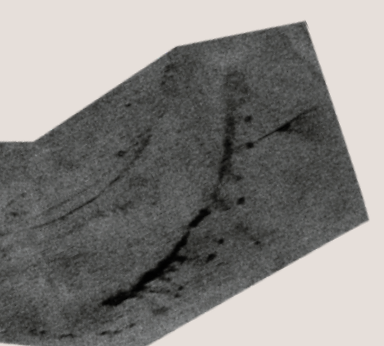
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WHAT IS THE YOUTH ACTION CLIMATE FUND???



Awarded to the City of New Orleans from Bloomberg Philanthropies to disperse to youth-led climate projects to be completed by April



Teams of at least 2 youth leaders ages 15–24 years create their own project plans with guided assistance from NOHHS and 501(c)3 of choice, and apply to receive a grant of \$1000–\$5000 to bring project to life





SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- Build a team of at least 2 team members (15–24 years old)
- Identify a problem that impacts your community
- Align proposed solution to problem with a Climate Action Plan area
- Work with an organization who has some experience in the problem or solution area
- Name at least one:
 - Output (direct deliverable)
 - Outcome (the result of the activities)
 - Target for both your output and outcome (#)





OUTPUTS VS OUTCOMES



Project Idea

- Training high school students to sort food waste and compost into soil for community gardens

Possible Output

- # of students trained
- # of bags of soil produced

Possible Outcomes

- Amount of money saved on buying soil
- # of pounds of food waste diverted

Possible Output Target

- Train at least 10 students
- Create at least 10 20-lb bags of composted soil for community garden

Possible Outcome Targets

- Save \$500 in funding for community garden soil
- Divert at least 400 lbs of food waste





SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

- Show a detailed project timeline – showing progress in increments of months.
- Create a detailed budget and make sure the amount is the same as your microgrant request.
- Explain what the budgeted money will be used for during the project.





BUDGET & JUSTIFICATION



Item	# Needed	Cost per Item	Total Amount
Airtight plastic bins	20	\$50	\$1,000
Carbon balancing blocks	5	\$10	\$50
Reusable yard waste bags	40	\$15	\$600
Total			\$1,650

Justification

- Airtight bins for sorting and storage of food waste – Walmart, \$50 per bin, will need 20 to spread across 4 school lunch times
- Carbon balancing blocks – will be used to absorb moisture and maintain carbon-to-nitrogen ratio – Home Depot, \$10 per 10 pack, will need 5 packs
- Reusable yard waste bags – will be used to transport soil from school to community garden – Lowe's, \$15 per bag, 40 bags needed for transport





IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION!

Questions? Email oyf@nola.gov



Make sure all submissions are completed
by 5:00PM on Thursday, September 10th!

