Association of Youth Organisations Nepal (AYON)

Call for Proposals

Climate Action Grants

Youth For Climate Action Project

Association of Youth Organisation Nepal (AYON) announces call for proposals from young individuals and youth organizations to submit their formal application for Climate Action Grants

Information Summary	
Application Deadline	17/01/2024
Budget Range	Categorical (see full document for details)
Project Duration:	February 2024 till April 2024

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Context

Nepal is one of the lowest carbon emitting countries in the world, yet it is one of the most vulnerable to the effects of climate change. The climate risks and vulnerability in Nepal is high due to its geography and its exposure to risk of natural disasters and impacts on the lives and livelihoods of Nepali people due to effects of climate change. It will also adversely affect Nepal's development ambitions since its economic growth is highly dependent on climate-sensitive sectors - be it tourism, agriculture, or hydropower. In response to global climate conventions, Nepal has devised legislation, policies, programs, and institutional and financial arrangements towards climate resilience, but their effective implementation remains a challenge. Climate change is a shared responsibility of individuals, communities, nations, and generations - to raise voice and act for green growth and climate action. Young people have a special role to play in post covid recovery, tackling climate challenges and advocating and acting for green growth. Although young people are most affected by climate change, and their involvement on the agenda is crucial, representation of their voices at policy making level is limited. On the other hand, women and girls are disproportionately affected by the effects of climate change. Youth need more capacity, networks, and resources to engage on climate issues creatively and effectively from multiple dimensions – ethical, political, economic, social, or human rights perspectives.

Nepal's 15th Development Plan has recognized climate change as a major issue and provides direction and strategies to tackle it with a vision of "building a climate-resilient society". Nepal has ratified Sustainable Development Goals, and Paris Agreement on climate change and the roadmap for its implementation. National Climate Charge Policy 2019 identifies eight thematic and four cross-cutting areas including gender equality and social inclusion, awareness raising and capacity building, research, and climate finance. Roles for youth, civil society and the private sector have also been highlighted in the policy. Youth civil society has a major role to play to support government to effectively implement climate related policies and programs as well as to monitor and hold government to account. Youth mobilization for country's development agenda including on tackling climate change have been prioritized in number of Nepal's plans and policies. One of the five pillars of National Youth Strategy 2025 is related to mobilization, participation and developing leadership capacity of youth.

Youth for Climate Action Project

Association of Youth Organizations Nepal (AYON) and the British Council is implementing Youth for Climate Action (YCA) project in Nepal. The project places a distinct emphasis on empowering young people to take an active role in positive climate action. Through this project, young individuals will have the chance to get involved in local-level climate initiatives. They will have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge, acquire valuable skills, and expand their networks, all of which will equip them to lead efforts aimed at fostering gender equality in their respective sectors and communities. The project's approach to leadership development for climate action involves aspiring young leaders

with an opportunity to network and action against climate issues in their communities through small scale social action projects.

Under the project, we are calling for applications for small scale climate action grants to support youth leadership for climate actions.

Climate Action Grant

Climate action grants are monetary and/or non-financial award to an individual or institution to support their exemplary work in climate action. Grantees go through a competitive process which requires application and submission of supporting documents.

AYON provides grants to encourage social leadership skills of young leaders in important social discourses and interventions. Grants usually comprise of financial, mentoring and platform support. A grant contract outlining the specifications of support and the proposed activity/project is required to process the distribution of the award.

Grant Scope

We are announcing grant contracts under three categories to support young men and women to demonstrate their social leadership skills and action to address climate issues.

This year's climate social action projects would focus on these areas:

A) **Policy Advocacy and Social Accountability on Climate**
Projects in this area could concentrate on engaging young leaders to advocate for policies and measures that address climate change at federal or local levels. It may involve activities or campaigns aimed at influencing governmental plans and policies related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. At local level, actions using social accountability mechanisms for youth and government engagements to act on climate issues will be eligible for grants under this category.

B) **Gender and Climate**
Project in this segment can emphasize on the intersections between gender and climate change. It can focus on exploring the disproportionate impacts of climate change on different genders, empowering women and marginalized groups in climate action, and developing strategies that consider gender-specific vulnerabilities and strengths in combating climate change. Initiatives designed here could be aimed at empowering women and marginalized genders in climate resilience and mitigation efforts.

C) **Innovative Climate Actions**
This category encourages creative and innovative approaches to addressing climate change. It can encompass a wide range of activities, including technological innovations, community-based initiatives, sustainable business models, educational programs, or artistic endeavours that contribute to climate

action. Projects here could involve use of new and modern technologies, community engagement strategies, or any inventive solutions that have the potential to positively impact climate change mitigation or adaptation.

Applicants for these grants would be expected to propose projects or initiatives on any one of the three areas. The goal is to support and empower young leaders who demonstrate a commitment to driving change in the realm of climate action, encouraging them to implement practical solutions, raise awareness, and advocate for impactful policies related to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

What support does the grant award include?

The British Council through AYON will provide a monetary award for your accepted proposal.

Support provided include:

- **Financial grant** to support your creative action.
- **Mentorship:** This will be designed to help you improve on the planning and implementation of your climate action. Mentors will also help grantees build their capacity in implementing projects and support in producing the required output.
- **Presentation/Showcase platform:** We will be able to provide you with platforms to help you promote, communicate, and showcase your work to a larger audience.
    - AYONs and The British Council social media platform will help you communicate your activity(s)
    - AYON and British Council organized events could be a platform to present on and showcase your work as part of this grant project.
- **Documentation support:** Selected Mentors will be helping you to compile documentation of your project activities to tell the story of your work and the impact it has in the community.
- **Marketing and communication:** Promotional and marketing material of your project will be promoted through the British Council social media channel, newsletter and through targeted mass emails.
- **Evaluation support:** We will be sharing with you an impact framework that can be adapted to your project and will also help get the required data and information to evaluate your work.

Grant Timeline

SN	Milestones	Jan	Feb	Mar	April
1.	Climate Action Grant call and Grantees selection				
2.	Grant Activities				
3.	Grant closure, reporting and learning event				

Grant value and categories

Applicants can apply for small-scale grants ranging from NPR 100,000 to NPR 350,000.

Applicants who intend to apply for the following categories should intend to keep their applications under the budget limit as stated below:

S. No.	Thematic Areas	Maximum budget allocated
1	Policy Advocacy and Social Accountability on Climate	NPR 300,000
2	Gender and Climate	NPR 250,000
3	Climate Innovation Grant	NPR 350,000

Applicants are encouraged to carefully assess their project needs and ensure that their budget requests are as pragmatic as possible.

Co-financing

Having co-financed contributions from the applicant or another source is not mandatory. However, such commitments can create scale and wider reach which is considered in the selection panel's final judgement.

Eligibility Criteria

Category 1: Policy Advocacy and Social Accountability- This category of grant will open to all interested youth individuals, groups or Youth Organizations. Individual applicants and groups must comprise between the age of 18-35.
Youth institution must have at least 70% youth representative in their executive board to be eligible in addition to being registered at their DAO and renewed their organization until 79/80.
The total pool of grants applicants can draw from will be **NPR 3,00,000** with a maximum of up to **2 grants** to be selected. The grants amount will be allocated and awarded by the Proposal Evaluation Committee on the scope and merit of proposal submitted under the following areas of support.

i. Advocacy and implementation of social accountability tools at local level for mitigation and adaptation.
ii. Provincial or federal level discourse between Nepali youth, private entities and federal level planners and policy makers regarding Nepal's global position and national capacity and vulnerability in terms of climate change mitigation and adaption.

Category 2: Gender and Climate- This category of grant will open to all interested youth individuals, groups or youth organizations. Individual applicants and groups must comprise between the age of 18-35. Youth institution must have at least 70% youth representative in their executive board to be eligible in addition to being registered at their DAO and renewed their organization until 79/80.

Up to 2 Grant is available of up to **NPR 2,50,000** to be selected. The grants amount will be allocated and awarded by the Proposal Evaluation Committee on the scope and merit of proposal submitted under, but not limited to, the following areas of support.

i. Initiatives that improve the lives of women and gender minorities that are disproportionately vulnerable to the effects of climate change.
ii. Identification of policy gaps in various federal levels with a gender perspective in terms of climate resilience and take advocacy initiatives to fill those gaps.
iii. Creation of knowledge products to highlight intersections between gender and climate change.

Category 3: Climate Innovation Grant- This category of grant will open to all interested youth individuals, groups or youth organizations. Individual applicants and groups must comprise between the age of 18-35. Youth institution must have at least 70% youth representative in their executive board to be eligible in addition to being registered at their DAO and renewed their organization until 79/80.
Up to 2 Grant is available of up to **NPR 3,50,000** to be selected. The grants amount will be allocated and awarded by the Proposal Evaluation Committee on the scope and merit of proposal submitted under, but not limited to, the following areas of support

i. Innovative climate mitigation measures to reduce emission of greenhouse gases, promote renewable sources of energy and promote environmentally sustainable lifestyle.
ii. Prototyping of scalable innovation in climate change mitigation.

Proposal Evaluation Criteria

If a proposal meets the above scope, then a Proposal Evaluation Committee will review the application for the following:

Application in Categories stated above will be evaluated with the following scoring weightage:

- Proposal's relevancy and alignment with one of the proposed **thematic areas**– 30%
- Creativity and innovation in the proposed activity, its design and approach – 30%
- Institutional/Individual portfolio (relevant experience/background) of the applicant – 20%
- Pragmatic budgeting – 20%

In case of clarification requests, the panel will be in touch with the applicant directly to source additional information as required for the final decision.

Requirements of project management.

There are few requirements that all proposals should account for:

- Each project must have a team member responsible for coordinating with AYON /British Council. Designated mentors separately recruited by the British Council will provide advice on project planning and implementation.
- Grantees are expected to produce a closing report of their project. Reporting can be text based, or could make use of another media, but should follow a British Council template that will be provided once the grant proposal is approved. Grantees are also encouraged to publish stories of their work on social media and through other mass media channels. AYON will conduct an orientation on communication and documentation for the actions undertaken under the grant to selected applicants.
- The outputs and outcomes of the grant activity will need to be presented during a sharing event. This may require physical participation from at least

one representative of the grantee. Costs associated with participation will be covered by AYON/ British Council.

- Grantee shall cooperate and work with a British Council appointed mentor to apply feedback tools and mechanisms ensuring that the project is on track and achieving its intended goals.
- Proposed budget should not include more than 10% overhead.
- Selected project will have to produce original bills and financial documents of expenditure incurred during implementation. AYON will conduct orientation on all administrative and compliance requirements to selected applicants.
- Buying of equipment's such as laptops, cameras, furniture will not be covered under the project
- Recruitment of full-time staff and sub-leasing the project actions to a third party will not be allowable under the grant. However, the grant can cover stipends and consultant cost under the scope of action under the grants.

Interested individuals, youth groups and youth organizations are required to send their proposals through email addresses provided below, in respective template provided in ANNEX I, ANNEX II and ANNEX III by, no later than **17th January 2024**

Email Documents to:	Program@ayon.org
CC' Email to:	Ayon@ayon.org
For Phone inquiries:	014102065

ANNEX I

Proposal Template for <u>Individual</u> Grant Applicant

I. INTRODUCTORY SECTION

Project Title:	
Target Location: (Province, Local Level, Community)	
Team Lead/Coordinator:	
Team Members	1) 2) ….
	Please attach a CV of the proposed team lead and team members while sending in the proposal.
Email of Team Lead:	
Mobile Number of Team Lead:	
Proposed Project Duration	**Start Date:** **End Date:** (please do not exceed end of March 2024)
Total Proposed Budget	

II. NARRATIVE SECTION- (This section should not exceed 4 pages excluding budget)

1. **BACKGROUND (**brief background and problem that you are trying to solve and justification for the proposed activity)
2. **PURPOSE AND EXPECTED OUTCOME (**be concise and clearly describe the purpose of the project (why?) and expected results (what will be achieved as a result of the project?)
3. **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES: (**describe proposed activities under the project, target groups and methodology divided into subsections as per need**)**
4. **INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY AND OTHER ACTORS** (Describe how the applicant assures the engagement of respective local government you're advocating to, who are your partner in your community, and other actors in this action)
5. **MONITORINGD EVALUATION and LEARNING (**describe how the activities will help you achieve the project purpose and outcomes, how will it be monitored, how learning will be captured and shared.)
6. **BUDGET** (a detailed activity-wise breakdown): This should not exceed 2 pages and should be as per the provided template.

(The submitted Concept should not exceed the maximum of 7 Pages without the cover page: 3 Pages for Introduction and Budget, 4 pages for Narrative section)

ANNEX II

Proposal Template for <u>Youth Organizations</u> applying for the Grant

II. INTRODUCTORY SECTION

Project Title:	
Target Location: (Province, Local Level, Community)	
Organization Name:	
Organization Address:	
Name Primary Contact Person from the Organization:	
Email of Primary Contact Person from the Organization	
Mobile of Primary Contact Person from the Organization	
Team Lead Name:	
Email of Team Lead:	
Mobile Number of Team Lead:	
	Please attach a CV of the proposed team lead while sending in the proposal.
Proposed Project Duration	**Start Date:** **End Date:** (please do not exceed end of March 2024)
Total Proposed Budget	

II. NARRATIVE SECTION- (This section should not exceed 4 pages excluding budget)

1. **BACKGROUND (**brief background and problem that you are trying to solve and justification for the proposed activity)
2. **PURPOSE AND EXPECTED OUTCOME (**be concise and clearly describe the purpose of the activity (why?) and expected results (what will be achieved as a result of the activity?)
3. **DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITIES: (**describe proposed activities, target groups and methodology divided into subsections as per need**)**
4. **INVOLVEMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, COMMUNITY AND OTHER ACTORS** (Describe how the applicant assures the engagement of respective local government you're advocating to, who are your partner in your community, and other actors in this action)
5. **MONITORINGD EVALUATION and LEARNING (**describe how the activity will be monitored, how learning will be captured and shared. Also, Include a log-frame of your project.)
6. **BUDGET** (a detailed activity-wise breakdown): This should not exceed 2 pages and should be as per the provided template.

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ANNEX III

SUGGESTED BUDGET FORMAT

Costs (Examples)	Unit (Define Unit)	No of Unit	Rate/Unit	Total cost
A) Activity Cost				
1. Campaigns (please specify and add cost associated with the activity under here)				
2. Community level small scale mitigation measures (Add cost associated with the activity under here)				
3. Travel and Logistics (incl. stipends, consultants, mobilization costs)				
4.				
B) Operational Cost (up to 10% of total budget)				
1. Part Time Staff				
2. Small scale partial office operation support (stationary, communications, etc.)				
3. Other costs (as appropriate please specify)				
…				
Total funds requested (Grant)				
Match funding from Applicant (if any)				
Total costs				