

Planet Youth Nipissing

Youth Impact Fund: Application Guide

What is Planet Youth Nipissing?

[Planet Youth Nipissing](#) is a community initiative to improve youth well-being and address the root causes of early substance use.

Planet Youth Nipissing focuses on four key domains of a young person's life: **Family, Peers, School, and Leisure Time**. Enhancing protective factors and reducing risk factors in these domains support youth well-being.

In spring 2024, Planet Youth Nipissing surveyed **704 local high school students** to better understand youth well-being, substance use trends, and the community factors influencing them. Survey results are [available online](#).

What is this funding opportunity?

Planet Youth Nipissing is funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada Youth Substance Use Prevention Program.

Planet Youth Nipissing has funds available to support organizations with initiatives that align with one or both of the following priorities:

- 1. Increase participation in opportunities in the community such as youth programming, activities and supports.** (Community is the sense of connection and belonging that grows in the places where youth spend time – like schools, parks, libraries, sports fields, and recreation centres.)
- 2. Increase meaningful connections experienced by youth and by caregivers.**

Details and requirements:

- Use the [Funding Request Form](#) to apply.
- Applicants may request funding up to \$2,500, or apply as one of 3-5 "Signature Initiatives" funded at \$4,000.
- Signature initiatives are projects that demonstrate exceptional community impact and innovation. These projects typically:



- Involve collaboration between multiple organizations or sectors
 - Are youth-led or co-designed with youth
 - Address a significant community need with measurable outcomes
 - Show potential for sustainability or replication
 - Prioritize equity and inclusion
 - Leverage additional resources or partnerships
- Applying under the Signature stream does not disqualify applicants from receiving the standard funding amount (up to \$2,500) if not selected as a Signature Initiative.
 - Funding requests must be submitted by **November 21, 2025**
 - Funds are intended to **improve or expand** current programs and initiatives or **start new ones**.
 - Funds could support either youth-led initiatives, or adult-led initiatives that have been informed by youth needs/voice.
 - Eligible applicants include non-profits, schools, school boards, municipalities, libraries, churches, Indigenous organizations, community centres, and local associations within North Bay, West Nipissing and Nipissing First Nation.
 - Individuals are not eligible to apply but can collaborate with an eligible group.
 - Successful applicants will be asked to complete a Vendor Electronic Payment form to be paid electronically. If required, a cheque can be provided, available for pick-up at the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit.
 - **Receipts are not required to be submitted but are required to be kept by your organization for 6 years in the event our project is audited.**
 - If for any reason you can no longer spend the funds, please let us know as soon as possible so we can reallocate it to other Planet Youth Nipissing initiatives.
 - Successful applicants are required to complete a brief survey to report back on the impact and any successes of the funding. Selected initiatives may also be contacted for an interview. Groups are also encouraged to submit photographs and/or testimonials from participants.
 - Funded projects must include the Planet Youth Nipissing logo on promotional materials.



Important dates:

- Deadline to submit your application: **November 21, 2025**
- Notification to successful grant recipients: **December 5, 2025**
- Deadline to spend funds: **March 31, 2026**
- Feedback form to be submitted by **May 15, 2026**

Contact:

For any questions or support with completing your application, email: planetyouth@healthunit.ca.

Project examples to inspire you:

- ★ Organize “try-it” days and open houses for youth activities
- ★ Create or improve spaces for youth
- ★ Offer land-based learning
- ★ Provide transportation to youth activities
- ★ Host drop-in spaces or events with time for family connection
- ★ Start or enhance a youth club or after school program
- ★ Support volunteers leading youth activities (e.g. training, honorariums)
- ★ Host family game nights, picnics, or cooking sessions
- ★ Offer intergenerational programming
- ★ Host “parent cafés”, where parents/caregivers can connect with each other
- ★ Run workshops or training sessions for youth to learn new skills
- ★ Offer parent-youth build nights
- ★ Purchase program supplies (i.e. food, clothing, equipment, etc.)
- ★ Lead a youth mural project
- ★ Develop leadership skills in youth
- ★ Drop-in sport nights