



FY12 Youth Innovation Fund (YIF): Call for Proposals

Grants of up to \$10,500 by the Youth Innovation Fund for innovative development projects

Are you 33 or under and work for the World Bank Group? If so, then this is your chance!

The Youth Innovation Fund is proud to announce a new round of funding for this fiscal year to support young staff's implementation of innovative approaches to international development. Funding will be awarded on a competitive basis to the 4 proposals which best meet the judging criteria and areas of focus described below.

1st Place: \$10,500

2nd Place: \$9,000

3rd Place: \$8,000

4th Place: \$7,500

Areas of focus

Projects should target the areas of **youth development in World Bank client countries** across a range of issues including but not limited to:

- Education
- Information Technology and Communication
- Governance
- Youth Entrepreneurship / Employment
- Girls / Young Women
- Health

We highly encourage projects to be innovative and to utilize technology and social media platforms.

Past YIF Projects have included:

- ***Inisyativ Ayiti (2011)***: The project aimed to strengthen the entrepreneurship potential of approximately 25 vocationally trained Haitian young professionals in the construction sector through a targeted training program.
- ***Peer2Peer Community for Youth Integration (2010)***: This project aimed to promote employment and social inclusion of vulnerable youth through peer to peer learning and the development of a virtual platform for information sharing.
- ***Youth Empowerment through Digital Media Training (2008)***: This Project aimed to channel energies of youth in refugee camps in the West Bank into constructive activities to empower them, harness their creativity and get their voices and stories heard. By training youth in the 16-22 age-group in the use of digital media, the Youth Camera Project contributed to improving their technical and employability skills.



- **Creating entrepreneurial capacity among young indigenous women in the Caribbean coast of Nicaragua (2008):** This project focused on training indigenous women in Nicaragua with basic entrepreneurial skills in order for them to create their own business and market their goods to the public.

Selection Criteria

The proposals will be judged on the following criteria:

- **Relevance** – Follows the loose guidelines set forth in the “Areas of Focus.”
- **Partnering** – Partnership with World Bank country office and an organization in the country or one that works in the country is strongly encouraged, including some mirroring or matching of funds (can include in-kind support). Collaboration with non-traditional Bank partner organizations, such as NGOs, tech companies, media, etc in the form of support and funding is encouraged.
- **Actionable** – Clear implementation plan; can be launched and money can be disbursed in FY12.
- **Measurable** – Clear methodology and plan for measuring results.
- **Scalable & Sustainable** – the concept is scalable and can be built on.
- **Expected Impact** – The idea has the potential for significant development impact to the targeted region, community, or demographic group.

How to Submit:

Timeline: Proposals are due by Monday, January 9, 2012. Winners will be announced by early January with funds available for transfer in mid-January and final disbursement by the end of June 2012.

Eligibility: Everyone who works for the WBG and is 33 and under as of 6/30/12. Candidates are required to have a “manager mentor” who is willing to provide guidance on the project. Candidates must still be under the employ of the World Bank Group as of 06/30/2012.

Amount of Funds per project: First Prize: US\$10,500; Second Prize: US\$9,000; Third Prize US\$8,000; Fourth Price: US\$7,500

Monitoring and Evaluation: Winners are required to file a final evaluation of project with the YIF co-chairs.

Submission: Proposals should submitted no later than cob, Monday, January 9, 2012. Proposal forms can be accessed at the following website: <http://bit.ly/vjIQ2Z> and when completed should be sent to y2y-yif@worldbank.org.

Questions?

The FY12 call for proposals is administered by the YIF Team. If you have any questions or concerns, please send an email to y2y-yif@worldbank.org and we will try to respond to your question promptly.