

## CEC Catalyst Grant 2024-2025 Call for Proposals

York U-TD Community Engagement Centre is proud to announce the 2024-2025 round of the Catalyst Grants. Catalyst Grants are aimed at providing **start-up** funding for **collaborative projects** between York University and the Black Creek community. This grant seeks to empower innovative solutions that address community challenges, enhance local resources, and promote sustainable development in partnership with York University.

The Catalyst grant is valued between **\$2,500-5,000** per project.

**All projects must demonstrate a partnership between York University (faculty, staff, long standing student group etc.) and the Black Creek Community (resident(s), non-profit, grassroots organization, etc.).** Partnership should involve shared planning, implementation, and reporting of the project. Just signing off in support of the grant is not considered a partnership. Please see below for eligibility:

- Any organization, non-profit, or organized resident group, or resident who resides or supports the Black Creek community and is partnered with any faculty member, staff, long-standing student club or unit of York University is eligible to apply. The CEC can assist in the identification of appropriate partners. If you have an idea but are unsure of a partner, please speak with us.
- New projects that are just starting and based on a new partnership.
- Projects which aim to address the areas indicated above.
- Applications that were not previously funded by Catalyst the year prior (i.e. if you applied and received the grant in 2023, you cannot apply in 2024).

### Grant Details

- **Funding range:** from \$2,500-5,000
- **Number of Grantees:** Two projects will be selected this year
- **Duration:** Projects must be completed by March 30, 2025

### Application Process

Completed applications will be reviewed by the York University-TD Community Engagement Centre Advisory Committee. This Advisory Committee consists of university and community members who provide guidance to the overall work of the CEC. For more information about the Advisory Committee please see [www.yorku.ca/cec](http://www.yorku.ca/cec). Advisory Committee members will not respond to any inquiries regarding the application process.

**Applications will be accepted until August 30th. Proposals should be submitted online via this [link](#). Please note that projects must be completed by March 30<sup>th</sup> 2025.**

**Two Community Information Webinars will be held via Zoom on:**

- Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm
- Monday August 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm
- [Register in advance to attend](#)

We encourage you to discuss your idea with staff at the CEC or attend one of the two webinars before submitting a formal application.

### **Application**

Interested applicants must submit a project proposal here: [Catalyst Application](#)

### **General Terms**

- Eighty percent (80%) of the grant allocation will be distributed at the beginning of the initiative and the remaining 20% will be given upon completion of the project and final report submission.
- York University and the YorkU-TD CEC will be recognized in any materials produced.
- Copies of any resulting research will be made available at the CEC.
- Eligible costs: project-related expenses, short-term staffing, honoraria, transportation etc.
- Non-eligible costs: deficit reduction, non-project related costs, capital/construction costs, funding for individuals, fundraising events, grants to a third party and computer/media equipment.
- All decisions will be documented in meeting minutes of the Advisory Committee.

### **For More Information**

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