

Mesa Youth Climate Action Fund Grant Application 2026

Applicant Information

The City of Mesa is committed to making our programs and services accessible to everyone. If you need special accommodations, translation assistance, help with your grant, or additional information, please contact Kathrine Blomquist, MYCAF – Program Manager, at the City of Mesa, Environmental and Sustainability Department, at MYCAF@mesaaz.gov.

La Ciudad de Mesa se compromete a hacer que nuestros programas y servicios sean accesibles para todos. Si necesita acomodaciones especiales, asistencia de traducción, ayuda con su subvención o información adicional, por favor póngase en contacto con Kathrine Blomquist, MYCAF - Director de programa, en la Ciudad de Mesa, Departamento de Medio Ambiente y Sostenibilidad, en MYCAF@mesaaz.gov.

PROJECT TITLE Required

PROJECT ADDRESS/LOCATION (if applicable)

NAME OF YOUTH PROJECT LEAD #1 Required

Please provide names and ages for both project leads. All projects must be led by at least two young people aged 15-24.

NAME OF YOUTH PROJECT LEAD #2 Required

Please provide names and ages for both project leads. All projects must be led by at least two young people aged 15-24.

Expectations for Youth Project Leads

As a MYCAF Project Lead, I understand and agree:

1. Each project must be proposed, designed, and led by at least two (2) Project Leads aged 15-24. There is no limit to the number of young people on the project team, as long as the majority are between 15-24.
2. Each project must have a Project Advisor and a Sponsor Organization to receive funds.
3. Project must support one or more areas of the [Mesa Climate Action Plan](#).
4. Project must take place within the City of Mesa.
5. Project must be completed by Wednesday, March 31, 2027.
6. Final Microgrant Report must be submitted by Thursday, April 15, 2027.
7. Complete two surveys, one after project selection and at project completion.
8. The majority of MYCAF communication will be via email. I agree to read MYCAF emails in a timely fashion. For Project Leads under 18, I agree to be personally accountable for my MYCAF commitments and not rely on a parent/guardian to communicate on my behalf.
9. At least three (3) social media posts are required to document the project progress, using #MYCAF. If social media is not an option, a minimum of five (5) photos will be submitted to Stacy Bass, City of Mesa Marketing & Communications Specialist, Stacy.Bass@mesaaz.gov.
10. I will contact Kathrine Blomquist, MYCAF Program Manager, Environmental and Sustainability Department, MYCAF@mesaaz.gov, immediately should there be any changes to the team or project.
11. I am creating a more resilient future for all!

I have read and agree to the expectations of this program. (Select 1 or more options)

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Check this box to continue (Project Lead #1)

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Check this box to continue (Project Lead #2)

NAME OF PROJECT ADVISOR Required

EMAIL FOR PROJECT ADVISOR Required

PHONE NUMBER FOR PROJECT ADVISOR Required

Requirements for Project Advisor

As a MYCAF Project Advisor, I understand my role is to:

1. Ensure the Project Team is on track and meeting their MYCAF obligations.
2. Ensure Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is signed by Sponsor Organization and returned to the City of Mesa.
3. Coordinate funding with Sponsor Organization.
4. Ensure all purchased items fall within Sponsor Organization and MYCAF eligible expenses.
5. Offer guidance. I understand the project is youth-led, so my role is to offer support, feedback, and/or act as a sounding board should the need arise.
6. Reach out to Kathrine Blomquist, MYCAF Program Manager, Environmental and Sustainability Department, MYCAF@mesaaz.gov, immediately should there be any changes to the team or project.
7. Cheer on the team for creating a more resilient future for all!

I have read and understand my role as a Project Advisor. (Select 1 or more options)

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Check this box to continue (Project Advisor only)

SPONSOR ORGANIZATION Required This is the organization that will receive and manage the grant funds.

MAILING ADDRESS FOR SPONSOR ORGANIZATION Required

CONTACT PERSON AT SPONSOR ORGANIZATION Required

EMAIL FOR CONTACT PERSON AT SPONSOR ORGANIZATION Required

PHONE NUMBER FOR CONTACT PERSON AT SPONSOR ORGANIZATION Required

PROJECT DETAILS

Key Climate Priorities (choose all that apply): (Select 1 or more options) Required

MYCAF projects must be focused on one or more of the mayor's key climate impacts identified in the City of Mesa's [Climate Action Plan](#). Select which areas pertain to your project.

- ☐ Air Quality
- ☐ Energy
- ☐ Food Systems
- ☐ Heat Mitigation
- ☐ Materials Management
- ☐ Water Stewardship

PRIMARY CLIMATE FOCUS AREA (choose one): (Select 1 option) Required

Of the key climate priorities identified above, specify which city-identified climate priority your project will primarily address.

- ☐ Air Quality
- ☐ Energy
- ☐ Food Systems
- ☐ Heat Mitigation
- ☐ Materials Management
- ☐ Water Stewardship

PROJECT DESCRIPTION Required

Provide an **overview of your project**, including its main goals and objectives, along with the expected effect on the community and the environment. Describe the current issues or challenges your project aims to address and why this intervention is crucial now. (Max 300 words)

PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND TIMELINE Required

Describe the specific activities and steps your project will undertake. Include a clear timeline that shows the projects activities. Implementation will completed by April 15, 2027. (Max 300 words)

PROJECT OUTPUT(S) Required

Describe at least one measurable result that will show your project's immediate accomplishments and progress. **Include at least one numerical target**, such as number of events held. See examples below. (Max 10 words)

PROJECT OUTCOME(S) Required

Describe how your project will create changes in behavior, knowledge, attitudes or processes. **Include at least one numerical target**. See examples below. (Max 100 words)

Example Project (what happens in the project)	Example Output (what are the project activities)	Example Outcome (what happens as a result of those activities)
Organize a series of city park cleanups	Number of youth-led clean-up events	Number of bags of trash picked up
Start a newsletter on city meetings related to climate	Number of youths registered for the newsletter	Number of youths attending public city government meetings
Create and distribute home rain garden kits at school	Number of rain garden kits distributed	Number of rain gardens planted
Start a collaboration to turn food waste into fertilizer pellets	Number of fertilizer pellets created	Number of pounds of food waste repurposed

TELL US ABOUT YOUR TEAM (Youth Engagement) Required

If your project includes volunteers, please describe how young people will be involved, including their roles, responsibilities, and opportunities for leadership. (Max 200 words)

REQUESTED GRANT AMOUNT Required Specify an amount between \$1000 and \$5000.

- Must be between 1000 and 5000

ELIGIBLE AND INELIGIBLE EXPENSES AND SAMPLE BUDGETS (Select 1 option) Required

Review the list of [Eligible and Ineligible Expenses and Sample Budgets](#)

- ☐ We have reviewed the document and understand how the grant money can be spent.

PROJECT BUDGET Required Upload a copy of the itemized budget that explains how you will use the funds for your project.

Please attach all files to the end of this form before submitting it.

HAS YOUR ORGANIZATION/ADVISOR/YOUTH LEAD RECEIVED MYCAF FUNDING? (Select 1 option)

Required

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Yes

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No

Answer this question if you selected 'Yes' in *PROJECT DETAILS > HAS YOUR ORGANIZATION/ADVISOR/YOUTH LEAD RECEIVED MYCAF FUNDING?*

IF YES, FOR WHICH PROJECT?

BEFORE PHOTOS (IF APPLICABLE)

Include any "before" photos relevant to your project. Please submit photos with the highest resolution possible.

Please attach all files to the end of this form before submitting it.

VIDEO OF PROJECT PROPOSAL (OPTIONAL) Submit a video of your project proposal to better tell your story.

Please attach all files to the end of this form before submitting it.

TELL US HOW YOU HEARD ABOUT MYCAF

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS AND CONDITIONS

By signing and submitting this application, we agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the Youth Climate Action Fund and commit to using the microgrant funds responsibly and transparently to advance our project's objectives.

SIGNATURE OF YOUTH PROJECT LEAD

Required

SIGNATURE OF 2nd YOUTH PROJECT LEAD

Required

SIGN AND UPLOAD THE WAIVER OF LIABILITY Required

Before submitting, each Youth Project Lead must complete the [Waiver of Liability](#) and upload a signed copy to your completed application.

Please attach all files to the end of this form before submitting it.

SIGNATURE OF PROJECT ADVISOR Required

End of form

Don't forget to attach all files before submitting this form