

# Youth Climate Action Grants

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# Agenda

- **Background**
- **Grant Guidelines**
- **How to apply**
- **Project examples**

# Youth Climate Action Fund is Global

92 cities, 38 countries, six  
continents, > 62 million  
residents

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Asia & Oceania

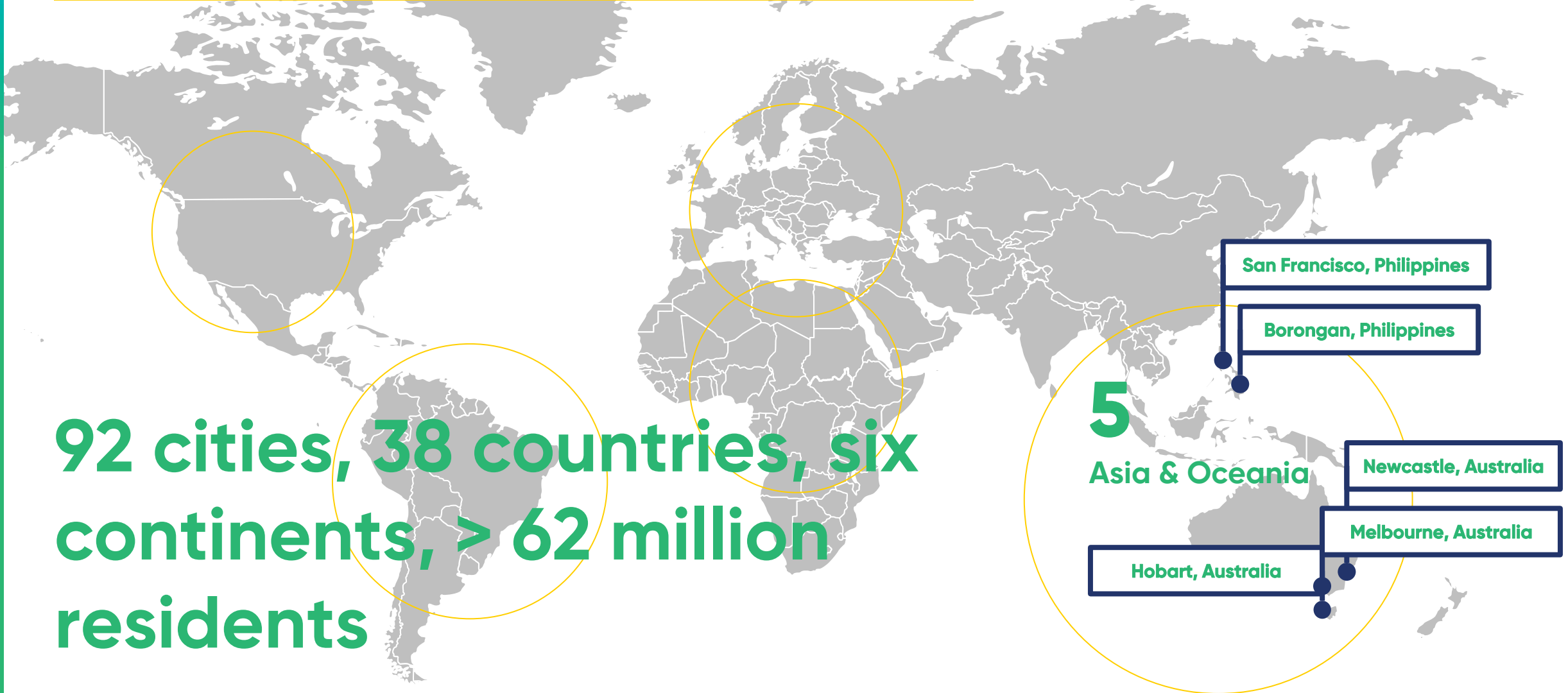
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# \$1,500 to \$7,500 microgrants available for projects that:



**Encourage clean technology**  
(solar, batteries, renewables)



**Build a circular economy**  
(waste reduction, sustainable materials)



**Enhance urban green & blue spaces**  
(biodiversity, wetlands, tree planting)



**Support electric transport**  
(EV charging, active transport)



**Advance new zero emission industries**  
(low-emissions technology)

**Open to young people aged 15-24 and organisations that represent them.**  
**Applications close 13 April.**



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# Objectives



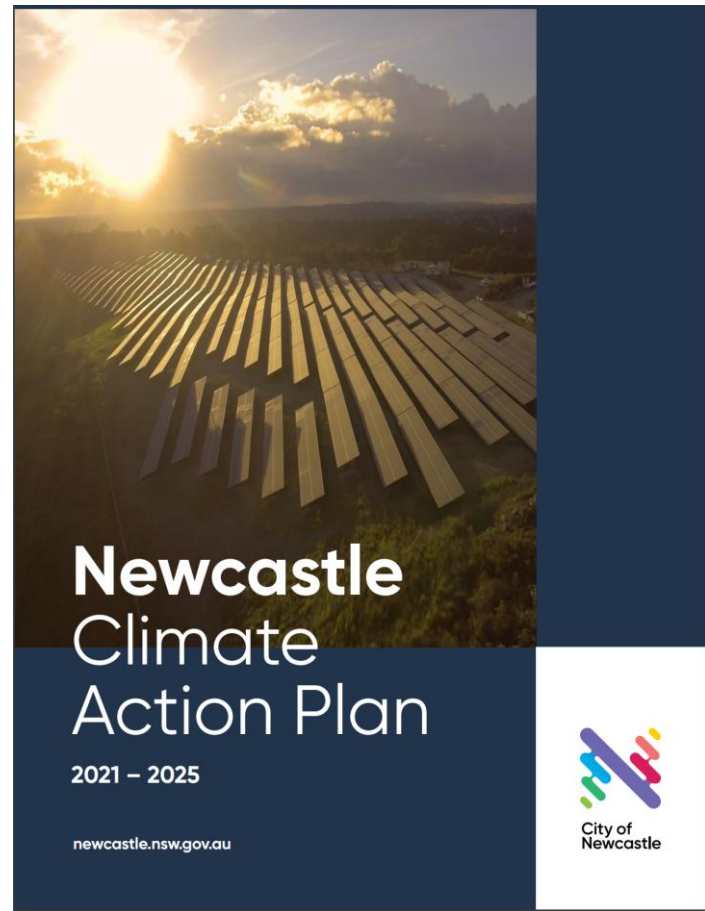
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**Support young people to design, produce and govern urgent climate solutions that advance our Newcastle Climate Action Plan target of a net zero emissions community by 2040.**



# Priorities



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# Priorities

**Activities that increase knowledge and encourage:**

- **Clean technology such as energy efficiencies, solar, batteries, electric vehicles**
- **Sustainable procurement and waste avoidance**
- **Tree planting and biodiversity**
- **Low emissions technology and industries**



# Application Process

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## **Who Can Apply?**

- **Not for profit youth organisations supporting youth between 15 and 24 years of age.**
- **Small businesses (20 employees or less) that represent youth between 15 and 24 years of age.**
- **Individuals must be auspiced by an eligible entity.**



## Who Can Apply?

- Be held in or benefit the Newcastle Local Government Area
- Received on or before due date
- Project must begin after the grant funding commencement date.
- Must be insured and meet approvals as required. For example, public liability insurance. 'Working with Children' checks.
- Details can be found in the [Community Grants Guidelines](#).

## Who Can Apply?

- If you have previously received funding under the grants, you need to demonstrate a significant change of concept between your 2024 and 2025 application.

# Auspicing

- **CN accepts applications from organisations that are providing auspice arrangements to groups or individuals that would otherwise not be eligible for funding.**
- **Auspicing is the provision of support and guidance**
- **The auspice organisation may offer skills, infrastructure, resources, legal and insurance protection, and management assistance for your activity**
- **The organisations providing auspice should complete the application form as the "Applicant Organisation"**



# Budgets

- **Details to be provided in the Application Form**
- **Information will be used to determine the value for money of your proposed Activity.**
- **Include if your Activity will include income from other sources. i.e., other grants, sponsorships, predicted income from tickets sales or payment for attending the Activity, donations or contributions from your organisation.**
- **Read Community Grants Guidelines for verification of eligible expenses.**
- **Activities that supplement, increase or continue ongoing service delivery or fund the 'core' business of an organisation, travel, accommodation, salaries, private expenses, the purchase of alcohol and gift cards are all ineligible expenses.**

# Budgets

- **A maximum of 15% is allowed within your budget to cover relevant administrative costs**

# Quote Requirements

Value of Goods/Services	Quote Requirement
Under \$3,000 (inc GST)	No written quote required
Between \$3,000 and \$150,000 (inc GST)	*Two written quotes required
Consultancy/Contractor fees under \$30,000 (includes works requiring licensed tradespersons)	**One written quote required
Services provided by applicant	***Hourly rate to be provided and must not exceed capped resource rate



# Assessment Criteria



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# **Assessment Criteria**

**Tangible climate action for young people – 25%**

**Demonstrated reduction in impact from climate change, or improved climate outcomes for or by those aged 15-24.**

**Priorities – 25%**

**The degree to which the Activity addresses CN's priorities from the Community Strategic Plan.**

**Capacity building and impact – 20%**

**The extent to which the proposed activity can be a catalyst to kick-start an idea with potential to grow and/or the potential of the activity**

# **Assessment Criteria**

## **Delivery – 15%**

**Ability to demonstrate the delivery of the Activity outcomes can occur on time and within budget**

## **Value for money – 15%**

**The ability to demonstrate value for money through careful consideration of costs, benefits, options and risks. Funding co-contributions from applicant and organisations are encouraged**



# Project Examples



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- **Youth Climate Networks**
- **Food organics and single use plastics recycling**
- **Energy Efficiency and electrification projects**
- **Awareness projects**
- **Climate Mitigation and adaptation projects**





# Surfers for Climate

## Blue Minds Youth Ocean Leadership Summit



# Summer Swap

## Youth-led clothes swap and repair event





# Tighes Hill Community Garden

## Native edible garden





# Successful projects

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# **Funding Agreement**

- **Successful applicants are required to enter into a Funding Agreement**
- **Activities are not to commence until funds are released.**
- **CN will provide Grants as cash.**
- **The Recipient is required to publicly acknowledge CN for all Activities funded**
- **Projects need to be completed by October 31.**

# Acquittal

**Due by November 15.**

**May include:**

- **Evidence of use of CN funds – verified by invoices, receipts or final accounts**
- **Evidence of how CN was acknowledged**
- **Assessment of the outcomes or the outcomes anticipated**
- **Advice if funds not spent (funds not expended for the purpose must be returned)**

# How to Apply

Online

[Youth Climate Action  
Grant - City of Newcastle](#)



## **Key Dates**

**Grants Open for applications – March 11**

**Webinar – Wednesday April 2 12pm**

**Grant Closes – Sunday 13 April**

**Grant Notification/s – Late May**

**Project Commencement– June 2025**

**Project Completion – 31 October 2025**

**Acquittal – 15 November 2025**



# Hints and Tips

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- 1. Get in touch to discuss your project!**
- 2. Demonstrate how this project is led by or supports ages 15 – 24 years.**
- 3. Demonstrate how the activity provides good climate action outcomes.**
- 4. Use clear language; avoid abbreviations and jargon.**
- 5. Have someone who doesn't know your project review your application.**
- 6. Support your application with as much information as possible.**
- 7. Are there more appropriate grants? [Check out CN Grants](#)**

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# Q and A

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