



Funding Call

Youth Climate Action Fund

Micro-Grants for Youth Climate Action

Supporting young people in creating local solutions to climate change

The Municipality of Kalamata, as part of its participation in the Youth Climate Action Fund, announces a call for proposals to fund innovative actions designed and implemented by young people aged 15 to 24, with the aim of addressing local climate change challenges.

Through the program, financial support is provided to youth groups and organizations wishing to turn their ideas into real actions with a positive environmental and social impact on the local community.

The program is funded by Bloomberg Philanthropies, with Inter Alia AMKE acting as the intermediary funding management organization.

Objective of the Call

The objectives of the initiative are:

- to strengthen youth participation in decision-making and in addressing the climate crisis;
- to support new ideas and initiatives for the environment;
- to create partnerships between young people, local government, and civil society;
- to develop practical solutions that contribute to the sustainable development of the city.

Who Can Apply

Proposals must come from projects that:

- are designed and implemented by at least two young people aged 15–24;
- have a clear connection to the Municipality's climate priorities;
- are implemented within the geographical area of the Municipality of Kalamata.

Funding is not provided directly to individuals. Grants will be awarded through eligible organizations, such as:



- youth organizations and youth groups;
- non-profit organizations;
- schools or educational institutions;
- cultural or community organizations;
- other legally registered entities that can act as implementing organizations.

Organizations receiving funding must:

- be legally registered;
- have a bank account in the name of the organization;
- operate as non-profit or public-benefit entities in accordance with applicable legislation.

The following are not eligible:

- private businesses;
- political parties or politically affiliated organizations;
- activities related to political campaigns.

Funding Amount

Each selected project may receive a micro-grant of:

€1,000 to €4,500

Funding may cover expenses such as:

- materials and equipment necessary for implementing the action;
- educational activities, workshops, and events;
- informational materials and communication;
- travel directly related to project implementation;
- youth participation and education activities.

Eligible Expenses for Micro-Grant Projects

1. Project supplies and materials, including the rental or purchase of items directly necessary for project implementation, such as equipment, tools, artistic materials, or technological equipment.
2. Costs for organizing community events, workshops, or educational activities, such as venue rental, printing informational or educational materials for participants, and providing basic refreshments.
3. Costs for obtaining the necessary permits, where required for project implementation in accordance with applicable legislation and local regulations.



4. Reasonable travel expenses, such as public transportation, ride-sharing services, or taxis, for participating young people or team members directly involved in implementing the project.
5. Promotion and communication expenses for informing and raising public awareness about the project, increasing stakeholder and local community participation, and disseminating project results, including photography, copy-editing, and video production services.
6. Reasonable fees for trainers, mentors, or consultants who provide training and guidance to young people as part of workshops or educational activities.
7. Administrative expenses that may be charged by local non-governmental organizations, citizen groups, neighborhood associations, schools, or other organizations for managing a micro-grant on behalf of the youth project leaders. These expenses may not exceed 15% of the total micro-grant amount.
8. Small expenses facilitating youth participation, such as daily meal allowances or gift cards, provided that they are reasonable and proportionate to the project's activities. Under no circumstances may these expenses constitute the majority of the micro-grant.
9. Investments in fixed equipment or infrastructure, provided that they do not exceed 50% of the total micro-grant amount and constitute an essential and necessary part of the project designed and implemented at the initiative of young people.

Ineligible Expenses for Micro-Grant Projects

The following expenses are not eligible for funding:

- Services or expenses already covered by existing Municipality initiatives or programs.
- Rent or operating expenses, such as utility bills, unless explicitly provided for as eligible expenses under the categories above.
- Costs associated with establishing or incorporating non-profit organizations/NGOs.
- Fees, honoraria, or expenses for speakers.
- Scholarships.
- Direct financial support to individuals or families.
- Political contributions, donations, or expenses benefiting political parties or political organizations.
- Expenses related to political campaigns, fundraising events, or political projects.
- Expenses related to lobbying activities intended to influence legislation or voter registration activities.
- Expenses related to commercial or for-profit activities.
- Fundraising campaigns for the creation of reserves, capital funds, or permanent funding programs.
- Payments or fees to government or public officials.
- Fundraising events or activities that are not directly related to youth climate action.
- Re-granting or subcontracting the grant to other organizations or individuals.



Proposal Requirements

Each proposal must include:

1. Action Description

Applicants should present:

- the problem addressed by the action;
- the solution they propose;
- how the action will be implemented;
- the role of young people in the action.

2. Expected Results

Each project must define:

One or more outputs, meaning what will be delivered or carried out directly as a result of the project.

Examples:

- number of workshops to be conducted;
- number of young participants;
- number of clean-up activities.

One or more outcomes, meaning the change that will result from the action.

Examples:

- amount of waste removed;
- number of young people who gain climate-related knowledge;
- number of green spaces created.

Evaluation Criteria

Proposals will be evaluated based on:

- youth participation and leadership;
- connection to local climate priorities;
- clarity and feasibility of the plan;
- social and environmental impact;
- effective use of funding;



- potential for continuation or expansion of the action.

Application Procedure

Interested applicants are invited to submit their proposal online through the application form.

Application deadline: 10 October 2026

The application must include:

- project description;
- details of the responsible organization;
- participating youth team;
- implementation timeline;
- detailed budget;
- expected results.

Applications will be reviewed by an evaluation committee consisting of representatives of the Municipality and independent partners with experience in youth and climate action.

Beneficiary Reporting and Accountability Requirements

Organizations and entities receiving funding under this Call are required, after completion of the approved action, to submit a final implementation and financial report to the Municipality of Kalamata.

The final report is a necessary condition for completion of the funding and aims to document the implementation process, use of resources, and results achieved.

The final report will include the following:

1. Description of Action Implementation

A detailed presentation of the project's implementation process, including:

- the activities and actions carried out;
- the methodology followed;
- the participation and role of young people in the design and implementation;
- any partnerships developed with organizations or the local community.

2. Final Financial Report

The beneficiary must submit a detailed financial report including:



- expenses incurred;
- correspondence of expenses with the approved budget;
- relevant invoices, receipts, and supporting documentation, in accordance with the program requirements.

Expenses must be directly connected to the implementation of the approved action and comply with the program's eligibility rules.

3. Youth Participation Data

The report must include:

- the total number of young people who participated;
- the age group of the participants;
- the way in which they participated in the action;
- the role of young people in the design, implementation, or evaluation of the project.

4. Documentation of Implemented Activities

The beneficiary must present:

- the activities that were carried out;
- the number and type of activities;
- the target groups that participated;
- photographic or other supporting material, where available.

5. Measurable Results and Impacts

The final report must include quantitative and qualitative information regarding the results of the action, such as:

- indicators and targets achieved;
- number of beneficiaries;
- environmental results;
- social impact;
- changes or improvements resulting in the local community.

Beneficiaries are expected to clearly present the measurable changes that resulted from the funded action.

Final Report Submission Deadline



The final implementation and financial report must be submitted to the Municipality of Kalamata no later than 30 April 2027.

Failure to submit the final report within the specified deadline may constitute grounds for the funding not being considered complete and for the related expenses not being accepted.

Timeline

Stage	Date
Call Launch	3 September 2026
Proposal Submission Deadline	10 October 2026
Announcement of Results	30 October 2026
Funding Disbursement	13 November 2026
Completion of Actions	17 April 2027
Project Report Submission	30 April 2027

Be Part of the Change

Young people are not only the citizens of tomorrow. They are the creators of today's solutions.

With the support of the Youth Climate Action Fund, the Municipality of Kalamata invites young people to design, create, and implement actions that make our city greener, more resilient, and more sustainable.

Questions

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