

# **About the Greater Youth Volunteerism and Engagement (GYVE) Project**

## **INTRODUCTION**

The GYVE project aims to inspire young people to engage in civic activities and contribute positively to community improvement. This project recognizes the potential of youths as catalysts for change and seeks to harness their energy, creativity and passion for nation-building. The initiative will create a platform where youths can express their opinions, share their creative and innovative ideas, and collaborate on projects that address pressing community issues through access to resources. Further, the project intends to engage proactive young individuals in creative ways to volunteer their time to meaningful and positive community work. In addition, the project will be driven by a genuine desire to engage a large cross-section of the nation's youths, in particular, those with 'no income' and 'low income', in a geographically balanced and gender-sensitive manner.

## **OVERALL GOAL**

The overall goal of the Project is to address specific needs within communities by improving social, educational, cultural, civic, economic and environmental conditions. This will be facilitated through community engagement, capacity building and collaborative problem solving with the greater goal of creating positive changes, while at once empowering the youth to avoid antisocial behaviour, take ownership of the development of their communities and by extension meaningfully participate in nation building.

## **PURPOSE**

The specific purpose of the Project is to engage the youth through volunteerism in an effort to undertake desired community initiatives.

## **PROJECT BENEFICIARIES**

The main beneficiaries of the Project are as follows:

- (i) Groups comprising 6-15 young individuals ages 19 to 35 who are interested in participating in community work. This demographic encompasses youth including students, faith-based and youth organizations, community sports clubs, non-profit institutions and young professionals, who are keenly interested in contributing positively to the development of their communities.
- (ii) No-income and low-income youths

## **AREAS FOR GYVE SUPPORT**

The Project encourages groups of 6-15 young individuals to propose community initiatives to be executed such as but not limited to:

- Landscape community spaces
- Tutoring/provision of classes/including arts, crafts, music, food preparation, Mathematics and English
- Coaching in various sporting disciplines including netball, football, basketball, tennis and athletics
- Assist with the preparation of biographies of outstanding elderly persons
- Painting of murals and community buildings
- Cleaning of rivers, parks, drains, beaches, hard courts and playing fields
- Cleaning the home environment of the disabled, shut-in and elderly persons
- Any other community-related activity with a positive impact

## **PROCEDURES**

- Proposals will be submitted to the Economic Planning Division, GYVE Secretariat and the Revenue Offices in the Grenadines.
- Proposals must be accurately completed and signed by the group leader
- Materials, supplies and equipment to be used for the implementation of the proposed initiative must be clearly listed and should be accompanied by pro forma invoices.
- GYVE PIU will compile and sort and evaluate proposals and prepare reports for the Steering Committee.
- The Steering Committee will deliberate and make recommendations for support/resources to the Minister of Finance. (The Steering Committee may request additional information or interview with the group where necessary).
- Final approval of proposal by the Minister of Finance.
- Payment of stipends to groups/members of groups by the Treasury Department.

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

All proposals must be submitted with the required information necessary to allow for timely screening by the GYVE PIU for completeness. These include:

1. Name of the group if applicable
2. Completed proposal
3. List of group members (6-15)
4. Proof of identity

5. Proof of address
6. Contact information
7. Community clearly identified to undertake initiative
8. National Insurance Services (NIS) number of group members

In instances where information is missing from the proposals, the group will be contacted by email or telephone and given a maximum of five (5) business days to submit the required information.

Once all of the information is provided, the proposals will be evaluated by the PIU, before submission to the Steering Committee for acceptance. The PIU will evaluate the proposals for administrative compliance as follows:

- Age requirement of 19-35;
- Meet the required group composition of 6-15 young individuals;
- The intended proposal addresses a community need/issue;
- The required resources are available to implement the proposed initiative;
- No negative environmental and social impacts;
- Specific community engagement initiative targeted is feasible within the confines of the project; and
- The implementation period for a community project must not be longer than six (6) months

Upon completion of the evaluation process, the Steering Committee will provide acceptance and make recommendations to the Minister of Finance for approval. Thereafter, the Economic Planning Division (EPD) will make the necessary arrangements to honor the resource obligation to the groups under the project.