



YORKWISE GRANT FUND APPLICATION GUIDANCE

Mission: To safeguard and promote drug and alcohol prevention (including mental health awareness) and education efforts throughout the York community with an emphasis on youth.

Funding guidelines:

YORKWISE seeks to support endeavors that are directly tied to the above mission and that reflects efforts to increase protective factors and decrease risk factors among our youth.

Risk factors are characteristics at the biological, psychological, family, community, or cultural level that precede and are associated with a higher likelihood of negative outcomes. **Protective factors** are characteristics associated with a lower likelihood of negative outcomes or that reduce a risk factor's impact.

To further understand risk and protective factors:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/20190718-samhsa-risk-protective-factors.pdf>

Examples of programs/projects we've funded in the past (but we are always open to new ideas 😊 !): after school or weekend activities/events that benefit a targeted group of students or the whole school; training events for school staff that improves their ability to promote alcohol and drug prevention; sponsoring programs that teach

students about healthy lifestyle choices (including alcohol and drugs); sponsoring high-risk individuals to attend weekend or summer programs;

Grant applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis and all applications will be considered thoughtfully and thoroughly.

Additional Considerations that are not required but that **will increase the likelihood of funding**:

- If funding request seeks to decrease risk factors and/or increase protective factors within the individual or community
- If other funding sources have been considered/sought
- If additional approaches have been tried to improve the given situation and are illustrated in the application
- If funding is sought by a group/team of people which believe it would be in the best interest of an individual or a community

If your grant application is approved and if it is for more than \$500.00 there will be an **additional requirement** of a brief POST FUNDING REPORT (1-3 paragraphs) to share how the YORKWISE funds helped improve an individual or community. Personal accounts and/or pictures encouraged.

Post funding reports can be emailed to yorkwise@gmail.com and kept confidential beyond the YORKWISE Board if requested.