

Advocacy Grants

Call for proposals

Be a leader in one of the largest regional youth-focused campaigns and harness the power of youth in advocating for decent housing for all!

The Habitat for Humanity Young Leaders Build 2019 campaign brings together young people from across the Asia-Pacific region to support families in need of decent housing. Young people volunteer, fundraise and speak out for the need for decent and affordable housing as a way out of poverty and toward self-reliance.

As part of the 2019 campaign, Habitat for Humanity is inviting eligible youth organizations and individuals to apply for grants, each worth up to US\$1,000, as financial support for advocacy activities.

Objectives

- Motivate young people to undertake policy-oriented advocacy activities during the HYL B campaign from December 2018 to April 2019;
- Encourage and support youths to raise their voices on public policy issues on land and housing; and
- Provide opportunities for young people to make policy asks through creative and innovative tactics.

Who can apply for a grant?

Youth organizations, groups and individuals in the Asia-Pacific region where Habitat for Humanity has offices are eligible. Habitat for Humanity's national organizations can also encourage and facilitate the participation of potential applicants.

Advocacy thematic areas

The grants will support advocacy activities that aim to impact policies by influencing decision makers, or change practices or systems in the following thematic areas:

- **Housing** — How can decent and affordable housing be part of the design of sustainable, inclusive communities in both urban and rural areas? What laws at the local or national level guarantee every person's right to decent housing?
- **Disaster resilience** — Are existing laws and regulations providing efficient and effective support to people affected by disasters? How can governments consistently provide resources so communities and families are empowered to reduce their disaster exposure and vulnerabilities?
- **Gender** — How can communities and policy makers ensure that gender discrimination in land and property rights due to patriarchal attitudes and cultural practices is eliminated? How can communities work with other stakeholders to eliminate gender-based violence at home? How can women be more empowered economically to access adequate housing?
- **Slum upgrading** — Can communities dialogue with and get the assurance of local authorities that people living in slums will have tenure security? What resources can be made available to urban slum dwellers so they can upgrade their homes and communities?
- **Security of tenure** — What can policymakers do to ensure that everyone has access to land for shelter without fear of eviction?

Grant amount

Individuals and/or organizations can submit proposals for funding of up to US\$1,000 per application. Each applicant may send in more than one application for consideration.

How to apply?

1. Interested applicants must completely fill out the application form for HYLB advocacy grants with details of their proposed project/activity. The application form can be downloaded from the HYLB Facebook page bit.ly/HabitatYLB.
2. Submit the complete application form to JdeCastro@habitat.org. In the email's subject field, please indicate: "Advocacy Grant 2019 – [project name]" to facilitate monitoring and receipt of application.
3. A Habitat for Humanity representative in your country might contact you/your organization for clarification concerning details of the proposal. For information on where Habitat for Humanity operates in Asia-Pacific, please visit habitat.org/where-we-build/asia-pacific.
4. We will keep accepting applications until grant funds are expended. The deadline for receiving the first batch of applications is December 5, 2018.
5. The final decision on the award of grants rests with a review committee comprising staff members of Habitat for Humanity's Asia-Pacific Area Office.
6. Successful applicants will be notified through the Habitat for Humanity office in their respective countries. Those who have received grants are expected to complete their activities within the HYLB 2019 campaign period (by May 31, 2019). However, with sound justification, an activity may be completed past the stated period. Grant recipients are advised to check with Habitat before such an extension. Upon completion of their advocacy activities, grant recipients will each have to submit a post-activity report using a template provided by Habitat for Humanity.

Apply now! For any questions or clarifications, please contact ap_info@habitat.org and JdeCastro@habitat.org.