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YOUTH CLIMATE ACTION FUND

The **City Government of Baguio**, through the **City Planning, Development and Sustainability Office** seeks support in the conduct of the **Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF)** inviting all public and private secondary schools in the Schools Division of Baguio City to participate.

The **Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF)** is a global initiative that provides microgrants to youth-led climate action projects that address local environmental challenges. The program aims to empower young people to develop innovative, community-based solutions that promote climate resilience, environmental sustainability, and active youth participation.

Schools are encouraged to disseminate this information to eligible learners, youth groups, and school communities who may wish to participate in the program.

Attached to this Advisory is the **Youth Climate Action Fund Information Sheet**, wherein interested participants are advised to accomplish the registration form **on or before September 1, 2026**: <https://bit.ly/ycaf2026> .

Enclosed are the communication details of the event for your reference and information. Participation and expenses on the said activity is personal and voluntary, and shall be subjected to the “no-disruption-of classes” policy stipulated in DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2005, titled “Instituting Measures to Increase Engaged Time-On-Task and Ensuring Compliance Therewith”.

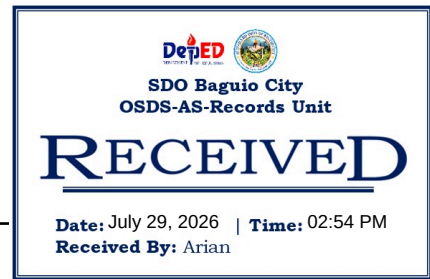
For further information or clarification regarding the program, interested parties may directly contact the City Planning, Development and Sustainability Office through s2cbaguio@gmail.com .

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OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR
City Government of Baguio



July 28, 2026

Dr. SORAYA FACULO, PHD, CESO V
Superintendent
Schools Division Office of Baguio City

Dear Dr. Faculo:

The City Government of Baguio, through the City Planning, Development and Sustainability Office (CPDSO), respectfully seeks the support of the Schools Division Office of Baguio City in disseminating information about the **Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF)** to eligible students, youth organizations, and school communities.

The **Youth Climate Action Fund** is a global initiative that provides microgrants to youth-led climate action projects addressing local environmental challenges. Through this program, young people are empowered to develop innovative, community-based solutions that promote climate resilience, environmental sustainability, and active youth participation.

In this regard, we respectfully request your office to issue a **Division Memorandum or Advisory** encouraging all public and private secondary schools in Baguio City to share this opportunity with eligible learners and student organizations.

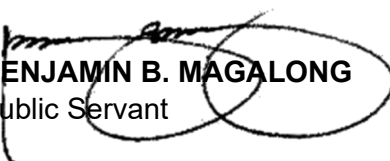
Attached is the **Youth Climate Action Fund Information Sheet**, which contains the program overview, eligibility requirements, application timeline, and other information to guide interested applicants.

All selected participants must complete the registration form on or before **September 1, 2026**: bit.ly/ycaf2026.

Should your office require additional information, clarifications, or coordination regarding the **Youth Climate Action Fund**, you may directly reach out via email at s2cbaguio@gmail.com.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in empowering the youth of Baguio City to become active leaders in climate action and sustainable development.

Very Truly Yours,


BENJAMIN B. MAGALONG
Public Servant





PROGRAM BRIEF

Program	Youth Climate Action Fund (YCAF) - City of Baguio
Key Information	The Youth Climate Action Fund provides capital and capacity to help cities mobilize young residents ages 15–24 to design and deliver solutions aligned with citywide priorities. Through the Fund, city halls open innovation competitions, inviting young people's ideas, selecting the strongest proposals, and funding the projects with a total of \$50,000 and technical assistance from Bloomberg Philanthropies. The City of Baguio is seeking climate-related youth projects and will provide microgrants ranging from \$1,000.00 to \$5,000.00. The city government will support implementation, helping young residents see their plans through to completion — creating public space, strengthening infrastructure, mitigating disasters, and building resilience. Cities that move quickly and successfully receive an additional \$50,000 to support more youth-driven projects and expand participation. To date, more than 300,000 young people across five continents have taken part in the Bloomberg Philanthropies Youth Climate Action Fund — working with their city halls to create over 1,600 green spaces, plant over 1.8 million plants and 235,000 trees, develop nearly 5,000 gardens, launch 268 composting stations, and collect more than 405,000 pounds of trash and recyclables — producing visible improvements and bettering quality of life in their communities.
Eligibility	• Ages 15 - 24 years old • Project is led by at least two young people • You're part of an organization, like a school, a university, or a community group. • A single organization is eligible to receive a maximum of three microgrants, provided each grant funds a separate and distinct youth-led climate project. • Eligible organizations are legally registered and not-for-profit or charitable trusts, such as: ○ Schools or universities (e.g. youth clubs or groups) ○ Community trusts or charities (adult-led organizations that support young people) ○ Incorporated societies or social enterprises ○ You can't apply as an individual or through private companies or political groups.





Registration	Youth will propose projects and partner with the city and local nonprofit partners to implement microgrant-funded projects. Register at bit.ly/ycaf2026
Key Climate Priorities	Microgrant applications must address one or more goals or priorities defined in the City of Baguio Research & Innovation Agenda 2026, with a focus on Climate. We have selected the following priorities from the action plan for the program: 1. Baguio Builds Green Focus: Urban greening, optimal land use, and nature-based solutions. 2. No Waste Baguio Focus: Circular economy and the "12R" principles. 3. Go Baguio Focus: Smart Mobility and reaching Net Zero emissions by 2050. 4. Baguio Grows Local Focus: Urban agriculture and food security. 5. Secure Baguio Focus: Resilience, Climate and Disaster Risk Assessments (CDRA), and resource security. 6. Lead Baguio Focus: "Governance, not Government" and inclusive policy design. *** See next page for more information.
Timeline	Application opens: July 21, 2026 Application closes: September 1, 2026 Global Announcement on Earth Day: April 22, 2027 Note: All microgrant funds must be disbursed by November 13, 2026, and selected projects must be completed by April 15, 2027.
City's Youth Climate Action Fund website	www.baguiocpdso-siglat.com/ycaf
City's social media page and program	www.facebook.com/siglat





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Key Climate Priorities

1. Baguio Builds Green

- **Focus:** Urban greening, optimal land use, and nature-based solutions.
- **Example Projects:** Adopt-a-sidewalk tree planting drives in your school street or barangay, Build small "pocket gardens" in unused corners of school campuses or community spaces, Map and document existing trees in your neighborhood using a simple app or hand-drawn map, Design and paint "green path" markers on walkways to promote shaded, tree-lined routes
- **City Impact:** Restoring Baguio's heritage by maintaining a **75:25 ratio** (75% open/green space to 25% built areas) and utilizing **green setbacks** (mandatory planting areas) to cool the city.

2. No Waste Baguio

- **Focus:** Circular economy and the **"12R" principles**.
- **Example Projects:** Shifting from a "throw-away" culture by implementing the full 12R cycle, Run a "swap shop" at school — trade clothes, books, or supplies instead of buying new, Organize upcycling workshops to turn plastic bottles or packaging into usable items, Create a class or barangay composting corner for food scraps and garden waste, Lead "refuse first" campaigns — distribute reusable bags or containers at local events
- **City Impact:** Directly supporting the city's transition to a circular economy to reduce total waste and repurpose materials effectively.

3. Go Baguio

- **Focus:** **Smart Mobility** and reaching **Net Zero emissions by 2050**.
- **Example Projects:** Start a "Walk to School" or "Bike Buddy" group for daily commutes, Audit and report unsafe pedestrian spots near schools to local officials, Create a simple carpool or jeepney-sharing guide for students going the same route, Design "car-free day" proposals for your school or community street
- **City Impact:** Reducing greenhouse gas emissions from the transportation sector to align with global 1.5°C targets and mitigating traffic congestion.





4. Baguio Grows Local

- **Focus:** Urban agriculture and food security.
- **Example Projects:** Designing smart food-growing systems, including **vertical farms** and **"survival gardens"** specifically tailored for high-density residential areas, Set up a small container or window-box vegetable garden at home or school, Learn and teach one traditional Cordillera planting technique to peers, Create a "seed library" — collect, store, and share vegetable seeds in the community, Start a cooking session using only locally grown or foraged ingredients
- **City Impact:** Strengthening the city's ability to feed its residents and mobile population (students and tourists) even during emergencies.

5. Secure Baguio

- **Focus:** Resilience, **Climate and Disaster Risk Assessments (CDRA)**, and resource security.
- **Example Projects:** Improving **rainwater collection**, Draw a hazard map of your street — mark landslide-prone or flood-prone areas, Build a basic rainwater collector from recycled materials for a household or classroom, Create a neighborhood emergency contact list and share it door-to-door, Run a "disaster-ready kit" awareness session for classmates or younger students and recharging underground aquifers.
- **City Impact:** Mitigating multi-hazard vulnerabilities through neighborhood-specific early warning systems and **Urban Heat Island (UHI) mitigation** in warmer areas like the Central Business District.

6. Lead Baguio

- **Focus:** **"Governance, not Government"** and inclusive policy design.
- **Example Projects:** Engaging civil society and the People's Council in co-designing climate laws, while integrating **indigenous knowledge** into environmental and urban planning, Form a youth climate council in your school or barangay to voice local concerns, Interview an elder or indigenous community member about traditional environmental practices, Write a one-page "Youth Climate Pledge" and collect signatures from your community, Attend or observe a Sangguniang Kabataan meeting and submit one written climate suggestion
- **City Impact:** Ensuring sustainable development through participatory governance and utilizing tools like the **4D Digital Twin** for smarter, faster climate-related decision-making.

