



Jack Leslie

Youth Environmental Grant



2026 APPLICATION FORM

Jack Leslie served as the Mayor of the City of Calgary between 1965 and 1969. He made urban renewal a priority and, during his tenure, ensured the completion of the Palliser Square project. He also started the transformation of Prince's Island which resulted in one of the city's most beautiful urban destinations. He was credited for the development of [Nose Hill](#) and Confederation Parks; and with leading a successful challenge to keep [Canadian Pacific Railway](#) tracks off the banks of the [Bow River](#).

After the leaving the political arena, Jack Leslie and his family partnered with the City of Calgary and Youth Central (then Child and Youth Friendly Calgary) to establish, fund and administer the Jack Leslie Youth Environment Grant. The grant both recognizes Jack Leslie's vision for the city, and encourages youth in Calgary to continue on the path of protecting the natural environment. Jack passed away in December 2010, but his legacy lives on through the city's assets, and through this award.

Each year, a total of \$2,500 of project funding is made available and awarded to youth applicants: 2 allocations for groups (\$1,000 per group), and one allocation for an individual applicant (\$500).

To be eligible, applicants must:

- be based in Calgary or surrounding area
- propose a project that directly benefits the environment in Calgary
- propose a project that will be planned and implemented by youth (adults may play a supporting role)

NOTE: The funds will not be allocated to for-profit ventures or businesses, for conference fees or tuition costs, or as pass-throughs to other organizations or charities.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please call Jen Saj, Program Coordinator for Youth Central at 403.266.5448.

General Information

Name of School or Organization

Contact Name

Address (for mailing plaque and cheque)

Phone Number

Fax

Email

Total Cost of Project

Amount of Grant (maximum of \$1,000 if you are a group; \$500 if you are an individual)

☐ \$1,000

☐ \$500

Describe Your Project

Name of Project (to be printed on plaque) e.g. "ABC Project" or "XYZ school initiative"

Project Description and Goals

Action Plan for meeting the goals and timelines

How project will benefit the environment

Nature of youth involvement in project

How you will measure success

Sources and value of complementary funding for this project (if any)

BUDGET		
Expense Item	Description and Purpose	Amounts (\$)

Key Dates	
Application Deadline	January 16, 2026 by 12:00 p.m. (noon) MST
Selection Announcement	January 30, 2026
Awards Ceremony	Mid February, 2026

How to submit form: Save As or Print/Scan and attach to an email: cyf@youthcentral.com

If you require a non-PDF version of this application, please email expo@calgary.ca and a Word version will be provided.

