



# YLAG Youth Entrepreneur Fund 2025 – Guidance document

Grants ran by young people for young people

## Who are we?

Borders Youth Local Action Group (YLAG) is a voluntary team of young people aged 15-30 who live, work or study in the Scottish Borders. The Borders Youth-LAG was set up in October 2022 to distribute “Community Led Local Decision Making” funds. Since then we have led and been the decision makers on multiple grants . This year, we are responsible for granting £50,000 of funding to young people in the Scottish Borders to develop their own businesses and business ideas.

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## Who are you?

We want to invest in you and your ideas. If you have a business which could benefit from an extra boost or have a new business to get off the ground, then we encourage you to apply. Your idea will be scored based on the quality of your idea, not the quality of your application,

and if need support to apply please ask a trusted adult to support you.

- We understand young peoples businesses but we understand some may need support from adults and that is okay. But please your own words and ideas to fill in the application form. Don't worry though plain is English is encouraged (we are young too).
- **Deadline for applications – 18<sup>th</sup> November.** And decisions will be made promptly and contacted to you.
- Please send paper applications to – [info@youthborders.org.uk](mailto:info@youthborders.org.uk)

## Eligibility Criteria

- Aged 16-30
- Live/work/study/volunteer in the Scottish borders

- Groups of individuals which are wanting to have a business together can apply together but we ask that just the lead applicant fill in one application
- All money must be spent and evidence of spend submitted by **15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**
- Will fund Capital or training costs (e.g. machinery, tools, digital equipment, training course)

### **How much can you apply for?**

**Minimum -£500**

**Maximum -£8000**

You should only apply for money that your business requires (will require evidence of spend). You can apply for funding for items which costs the same as you are applying for (we ask for weblink as an example of what it may cost). For your business you may need more than one piece of the equipment, this is fine if the total is not greater than the maximum grant amount.

### **Timeline**

Application Open	14 <sup>th</sup> October
Applications Close	18th November
Will be notified of your application outcome	By the 12 <sup>th</sup> December
Receive and begin spending money by	19 <sup>th</sup> December
All money spent to achieve. You must send all you expense evidence (e.g. receipts)	15 <sup>th</sup> March 2026

### **How do I Apply?**

- To apply please fill in this online form –
- Please note the application cannot be saved and must be completed in one go. If require a paper copy please email [info@youthborders.org.uk](mailto:info@youthborders.org.uk)

### **What happens after I submit my application?**

**If successful:** we will contact you by email. In this email you will receive an email of “offer of grant award”. You should read all the details, then sign and return it to us. Only when signed and return to us can we pay you. We will pay the money directly into the bank account, using the details provided.

You should then buy the items that you have been funded for. You must keep evidence of spend (e.g. invoice or receipt). This will prove to us that you have spent the money on what it was intended to be used for. You will be asked to send evidence of the spending to us by 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026. If you don't, we will ask for the money to be returned.

We will also keep in touch and aim to review the effectiveness of this fund and may ask to meet up in person or online to hear more about your business.

**If unsuccessful:** We will contact you by email and may be able to provide some feedback on your application or suggest other funds/organisations which may be able to support your business.

**What if I have any questions or need support my application?**

We have an email address you can contact questions related to the funding and your application: info@youthborders.org.uk or direct message us on Facebook (@youthborders) or Instagram (@youth.borders and @ylag\_sb). As our fund is supported by youth borders worker (christie McAlpine) who works on part time flexible hours, therefore will aim to respond to queries as promptly as possible.

**The Small Print: Data Protection / GDPR:**

The Borders Youth LAG has been supported by YouthBorders. The information you provide in your application form will be handled by YouthBorders. Information you provide will be shared with the members of the Borders Youth LAG. This project has been commissioned by the Borders Local Action Group administered by Scottish Borders Council with funding from the Scottish Government. Information of funded individuals and groups will be shared with Scottish Borders Council, the Borders Local Action Group, and with Scottish Government. Bank account details will only be available to YouthBorders staff for the purposes of grant payment and administration. For further information:

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