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Request For Proposals: **ECOSYSTEM CATALYST GRANTS**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

We're seeking Ecosystem Catalyst proposals from mental health organizations, civil society organizations, social enterprises, research institutions, consortiums, and others who work with decision-makers, public sector representatives, community advocates, public and private funders, young people, and other key stakeholders in **Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Vietnam.**

WHAT IS ECOSYSTEM CATALYST FUNDING?

Mental Health Innovators face countless challenges in navigating the systems in which they operate to achieve the impact that they seek. From lack of awareness and limited national strategies and policies to address mental health issues to gaps in stakeholder coordination and networks, each priority country faces unique challenges that hinder the sustainable implementation of mental health innovations, constrain the integration of mental health and wellbeing in national policies and programming, and limit demand for early interventions that support youth mental health and wellbeing.

That's why we're investing in bold approaches that overcome these challenges and enable mental health innovations to flourish. **Ecosystem Catalyst (EC) funding aims to build supportive environments that create the right conditions for mental health initiatives to succeed and grow.**



AVAILABLE FUNDING

Ecosystem Catalyst (EC) Funding



EC funding between \$200,000 CAD and \$300,000 CAD over 24 months will be awarded to organizations that can address priority barriers to scale, such as legislation, evidence, coordination, and mobilize demand for the scale-up of effective solutions in one of the 12 countries.

WHAT CAN AN ECOSYSTEM CATALYST PROPOSAL LOOK LIKE?



EC proposals will need to align with our country priorities available in the complete Request for Proposals document and can include but aren't limited to the following:

- Proposals that support implementing changes in mental health policies, procedures, and regulations.
- Proposals that enable better alignment, coordination and collaboration among key stakeholders and networks.
- Proposals that work with governments and other key stakeholders to support mental health integration into adjacent areas.
- Proposals that help bridge the gap between mental health policy, implementation, and financing.
- Proposals that mobilize demand for scaling youth mental health innovations and support advocacy efforts for funding, policies and programming.

Successful EC proposals should demonstrate the capacity to leverage existing networks and infrastructure in priority countries. We will favour proposals that involve partnerships across relevant groups, such as civil society, government, research, etc.

WHAT WE WON'T FUND THROUGH ECOSYSTEM CATALYST:

Projects that focus on implementing an intervention/innovation are not eligible for EC funding. (Please see our seed and transition-to-scale funding for these projects).

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All legally incorporated (or the equivalent) organizations based in any country can apply for funding through this RFP.

Please note: Only organizations implementing their project in the 12 priority countries, Colombia, Ecuador, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Morocco, Pakistan, Romania, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, and Vietnam, will be considered.

Preference will be given to eligible organizations based on the following order of criteria:

1. Youth-led organizations (50% or more of staff in key leadership roles are youth aged 35 and under) based in one of 12 priority countries;
2. Organizations based in one of the 12 priority countries;
3. Organizations based in any low- and middle-income country partnering with a local organization based in at least one of the 12 priority countries;
4. Any other eligible organizations.

HOW TO APPLY

The deadline to apply for Ecosystem Catalyst funding is August 28, 2024, at 12 PM EDT.

All applications will involve a two-stage application process:

1. Completing a screening questionnaire and submitting a project summary (stage one); and
2. Submitting a full project application (stage two). **Only those applications that pass screening (stage one) will be invited to submit a full application (stage two).**



Applications will only be accepted through our online application form only accessible via Grand Challenges Canada's Fluxx Portal <https://gcc.fluxx.io>. **Existing users should login to their account and new users must register for an account on Fluxx by August 21st, 2024, at 11:59 pm EDT to secure their chance to apply.** See Appendix D in the [full RFP document](#) for detailed information on how to access Fluxx Portal.

For questions or technical issues related to the Fluxx portal, contact Grand Challenges Canada's Fluxx Technical Support team at: <http://www.grandchallenges.ca/fluxxsupport/>.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

For full application, and eligibility details please refer to the [complete Request for Prosals document](#).

For frequently asked questions and the most up-to-date application and reviewing timelines please refer to our FAQs on our [website](#).



For all other questions, reach out at info@being-initiative.org.



COUNTRY PRIORITIES



Colombia:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Colombia, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals to support implementation and accountability mechanisms for national youth mental health policies that are related to environments where youth spend time, such as schools and community settings.



Ecuador:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Ecuador, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals to support better alignment and collaboration among mental health stakeholders in Ecuador to advance youth mental health and their safety on the national agenda.



Ghana:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Ghana, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals from organizations to work with government bodies and other stakeholders to effectively integrate mental health initiatives, including innovations, into the school health programs.



India:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In India, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals from organizations that can enhance multi-sectoral coordination to champion family-related interventions at both national and state levels. The focus will be on increasing action on this important issue, including efforts to augment domestic funding.

COUNTRY PRIORITIES



Indonesia:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Indonesia, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals to strengthen coordination among mental health stakeholders in Indonesia to support accountability of national mental health policy implementation at regional and local levels, particularly those policies focused on youth, at all levels.



Morocco:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Morocco, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals from organizations to work with government and non-governmental bodies to bridge the gap between policy intent and implementation to ensure that adolescents in Morocco are supported by a positive school environment.



Pakistan:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Pakistan, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals from organizations that can convene national-level stakeholders from different ministries, as well as non-government organizations, to increase their commitment, create demand and resource mobilization for youth mental health promotion and preventive approaches.



Romania:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Romania, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals from organizations that can engage various national-level stakeholders, including the private sector, with the goal of developing national-level implementation guidance and coordination mechanisms on solutions to prevent bullying, including cyberbullying.



Senegal:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Senegal, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals from organisations to work closely with key stakeholders, including government bodies, to improve coordination and advocacy for data driven youth mental health strategies and appropriate resourcing to enable a strong focus on prevention and promotion.



Sierra Leone:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Sierra Leone, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals from organisations to support advocacy efforts with the goal of influencing national action plans and regulatory frameworks related to mental health and substance use towards effective prevention and promotion strategies and stigma reduction.

COUNTRY PRIORITIES



Tanzania:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Tanzania, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals from organizations to improve national-level coordination and advocacy efforts among key stakeholders around the development, sustainable financing, and implementation of the strategic plan.



Vietnam:

- **Ecosystem Catalyst Funding:**

- In Vietnam, we seek Ecosystem Catalyst proposals to support the prioritization and integration of improved family functioning and parental / caregiver involvement in national policies and/or guidelines that govern provinces and school settings.