

Special youth activity grant for preventing segregation

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What is a special grant?

- A city-wide tool for preventing segregation between regions and population groups
- Joint allocation of funds within the Culture and Leisure division to the suburban regeneration areas and to reducing segregation
 - Youth services have committed to a special grant to prevent segregation for three years (2025, 2026 & 2027)
- The Youth Sub-committee approved the grant principles at a meeting in January 2025
 - The committee decides on applications for grants exceeding 3 000 €
 - The Partnership Manager of Youth Services decides on applications of up to 3 000 €

Where and to whom?

- To whom?
 - Non-profit associations
 - Youth activity groups in Helsinki
- Recipients must have demonstrable experience of organising youth activities.
 - The ability to assess the impact of the project and a vision for reaching the selected target group are required
 - The recipient of the grant must be prepared to report on the results of the subsidized activities and the project's finances
- May be granted for:
 - The applicant's own activities
 - Development activities
 - Testing/Piloting new types of operating methods
- The grant cannot cover 100 % of the project costs
- Cooperation projects and partnerships are emphasized

Where and to whom?

- For what kind of activities?
 - to boost positive encounters between population groups
 - to boost access to hobby activities
 - to promote work ability for young adults
- Target groups of the grant
 - young adolescents (9-12 years)
 - young adults (18-24 years)
 - girls from immigrant backgrounds (especially in projects aimed to boost hobby activities)
- The grants may be awarded for projects extending until 2027 at the latest
 - The grant must be applied separately for each year

Where the grant is awarded?

- To the suburban regeneration areas of Helsinki
 - Malminkartano
 - Kannelmäki
 - Malmi
 - Mellunkylä
 - Meri-Rastila
- At discretion, also to other areas where participation in leisure activities is below the city average

Application and schedules

- The grant is applied for at the City of Helsinki e-services for grants
 - Logging in with bank credentials, mobile certificate, or authentication card
 - Association applicants: Remember the Suomi.fi authorizations!
 - for authorization matters, please contact suomi.fi customer service
- Application period 7.1.- 30.1.2026
- The grant application form can be found at
 - <https://avustukset.hel.fi/en/information-about-grants/grants-for-youth-activities/special-youth-activity-grant-for-preventing-segregation>
- The form opens when the application period begins
 - You may preview the application form before logging in to the platform

Apply for Grants

Create new application

Please familiarize yourself with the instructions on this page before proceeding to the application.

 **New application**

[Preview the application](#)

How to apply for the grant?

Associations

- project budget
- project action plan
- full action plan of the association (for the grant period)
- full budget of the association (for the grant period)
- current roles of the association
- copy of a bank statement or the bank's confirmation of the account holder

Youth action groups

- project budget
- project action plan
- copy of a bank statement or the bank's confirmation of the account holder

Reporting

- The grant is initially awarded for one year at a time
 - The previous grant will be reported on the same application form as the new grant is applied
- When the project has come to it's end, you will have to report the usage of previous years grant and the findings and results of the whole project
- You must maintain separate cost center in the financial statements and you must be prepared to report the overall results as detailed as possibly possible
- Midpoint reviews are conducted with participant feedback surveys

An affirmative or negative answer opens a further question

Is this a follow-up application?* ⓘ

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact information

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Grant to support regional sports activities

Grant to support regional sports activities for the project period 2026–2027

- The grant is awarded for activities and development work that increase low-threshold sports activities for children and young people aged 9–18
- The goal is to promote sports participation among children and young people regionally, encourage positive encounters between population groups, prevent social exclusion, and strengthen community and inclusion, a special focus is on girls with an immigrant background
- The grant can be applied for by registered clubs and other organisations and associations promoting physical activity in Helsinki that have been active for at least a year
- Projects can last 1–2 years, and the grant amount ranges from €3,000 to €30,000 per year
- The grant can be awarded for activities organized in the following areas:
 - Suburban regeneration areas: Mellunkylä, Kannelmäki, Malminkartano, Malmi, Meri-Rastila
 - Basic districts: Jakomäki, Kaarela, Kallio-Alppiharju, Latokartano, Myllypuro, Pitäjänmäki, Puistola, Pukinmäki, Suutarila, Vartiokylä, Vuosaari

Application period:
9.3.–5.4.2026

Additional information:

- Information session (in Finnish) 4.2.2026, from 16:30 to 18:30, Join the event [via this link](#)
- [Sports Grants website](#)
- liikunta.avustukset@hel.fi



Youth service – places and other services

- Grant service: <https://avustukset.hel.fi/en/avustukset>
- Youth service's places and premises: <https://nuorten.hel.fi/en/things-to-do-and-places/our-places/>
- Av-lainaamo: <https://nuorten.hel.fi/en/things-to-do-and-places/hobbies/music-activities/av-lainaamo/>
- Culture and leisure department's newsletters (only in Finnish): <https://www.hel.fi/fi/kulttuuri-ja-vapaa-aika/kumppanikirjeet>
- The Helsinki City Executive Office's newsletter: <https://jarjestoyhteisty-kaupunginkanslia.hel.fi/>
- Camping equipment loaning service Wempaimisto: <https://nuorten.helsinki/tekemista-ja-paikkoja/retkeilyvalinelainaamo-wempaimisto/>
- Helsinki Team: <https://sites.google.com/view/helsinki-team/etusivu>
- Varaamo: <https://varaamo.hel.fi/en>
- Sponssi: <https://nuorten.hel.fi/en/take-part-and-make-a-difference/support-for-activities/sponssi/>
- Youth Helsinki website: <https://nuorten.hel.fi/en/>
- How to apply for grants – info video
 - Suomeksi [Näin haet avustuksia | Helsinki-kanava](#)
 - På svenska [Näin haet avustuksia | Helsingforskanalen](#)
 - In English [Näin haet avustuksia | Helsinki Channel](#)
- Sub-committees decisions (unfortunately mostly in Finnish): <https://paatokset.hel.fi/en/decisionmakers/kulttuuri-ja-vapaa-aikalautakunnan-nuorisajaosto>
- Partnership managers decisions (also mostly in Finnish): <https://paatokset.hel.fi/en/decisionmakers/u480400301050vh1Nuorisoyhdistysten>
- General guidelines for the City of Helsinki's grants:
https://stplattaprod.blob.core.windows.net/avustusasiointiprod/helsingin_kaupungin_avustusten_paivitetyt_yleisohjeet_eng.pdf
- Grant Guidelines for Youth Activities: https://stplattaprod.blob.core.windows.net/avustusasiointiprod/grant_guidelines_for_youth_activities_1.1.2026.pdf
- Partnerships website: <https://www.hel.fi/en/culture-and-leisure/partners>
- Ethical partnership principles for grant allocation and cooperation with organisations: <https://avustukset.hel.fi/en/ethical-partnership-principles-for-grant-allocation-and-cooperation-with-organisations>



Thank you!