Who can apply?
Youth and organizations are invited to team up to submit an application to the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge. All eligible applications will be submitted by a partnership between youth, aged 15 - 29, and a partner organization that is a qualified donee*, primarily registered charities, many municipalities and First Nations. Applications may be submitted by youth or by the partner organization. Each grant will be made to the partner organization, who would accept it on behalf of the partnership.

What is the value of the grants?
Grants of up to $15,000 are available through the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge. This could be one project receiving $15,000 or up to three projects whose total value for all three is $15,000.

What projects are eligible?
Youth-led projects that respond to an urgent local need in a participating community. Applicants are encouraged to experiment with new ideas and to build relationships between community members. Youth, aged 15-29, will lead the creation, design, and/or implementation of the project. As a guide, eligible projects will see the majority of the decisions and activities for each project (60%+) led by youth.

What is an ‘urgent local need’?
Community members have the best sense of what’s needed locally. Projects may focus on a wide diversity of local priorities, which could include:
- The environment
The following projects are ineligible for funding:

- Infrastructure or capital-only projects (ie. construction, a building, buying a vehicle);
- Major capital purchases (over $2,000 per purchase);
- Ongoing programming or recurrent events (unless the proposed project is significantly different from regular programming);
- Advertising or promotional campaigns (exclusively);
- Travel-related events, including student trips or tours (exclusively);
- Events involving ticket-sales or fundraising;
- Awards or prizes;
- Projects that have already received funding from RBC or the RBC Foundation for the same activity*

*Organizations that have received funding from RBC and the RBC Foundation are eligible to apply, as long as the Challenge application is for activities that are distinct from previous funding.

What expenditures are eligible?
Grants from the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge can be used to cover reasonable expenditures to carry out a project, for example:

- Equipment rental;
- Food, transportation, or other logistical costs;
- Purchase of materials necessary for the project (below $2,000 per expense);
- Reasonable salaries, professional fees or other HR costs associated with project activities.

Please be aware that the following expenditures are ineligible:

- Expenditures made before the signing of the grant agreement (November 2019)
- Infrastructure or large capital expenses (above $2,000 per expense)

When can eligible projects take place?
Projects funded by the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge may take place between November 2019 and August 2020.

How will applications be evaluated?
Applications will be evaluated by local community foundations. Decisions will be made based on the extent that the proposed projects:

- Involve youth in the creation, design, and/or implementation of the initiative;
- Respond to a specific need or priority facing the local community:
- Are inclusive of diverse community members, as broadly defined;
- Involve collaboration between community members;
- Experiment with new or innovative ideas;
- Have the potential for a legacy or impact beyond the grant from the RBC Future Launch Community Challenge

**When will decisions be made?**
Participating community foundations will accept applications from May 22 to September 18, 2019.