



YouthBanks in South Africa

YouthBanks in South Africa are expanding through the efforts of the Institute for Community Advancement (ICA)

In South Africa, YouthBank empowers young individuals aged 14–35 through fundraising and grantmaking initiatives, encouraging them to lead positive change in their communities. The Institute for Community Advancement (ICA) hosts and supports YouthBank projects along the West Coast while simultaneously providing essential training and support to organizations nationwide. Acting as both an implementer and infrastructure support, the ICA's collaboration with YouthBank International positions them to effectively build and sustain YouthBanks, fostering impactful community development across the region.

YouthBank's unique approach requires host organizations to provide matched funding, supporting the efforts of young people as they raise funds independently.

As an infrastructure support organization, the ICA envisions a national fund that would empower YouthBanks across the country to apply for funding. Additionally, the ICA explores potential exchange programs between YouthBanks, envisioning a regional YouthBank HUB through national gatherings of Coordinators and members.

To ensure commitment, potential host organizations are required to make financial contributions to the development and operations of the YouthBank project they host, reinforcing the sustainability and impact of this transformative initiative.