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Content：	I. Purpose: The Youth Development Administration of the Ministry of Education (hereinafter referred to as “the Administration”) aims to both create regional gathering places that facilitate youth exchange and develop a support system for training talent versed in local revitalization in an effort to encourage young people to participate in local affairs and help revitalize local communities. II. Target recipients: local governments in whose territories regional youth hubs operate. III. Application Requirements and Deadlines: Applications shall be submitted according to the timeline specified in the Administration’s Regulations Governing Subsidies for Local Governments to Create Regional Youth Hubs (hereinafter, “the Regulations”). Local governments shall submit relevant documents along with their applications to the Administration or designated unit(s). IV. Selection Process: a) Preliminary review: Required documents, including proposals submitted by applicants, will be reviewed to confirm eligibility. b) Secondary review: Application and on-site reviews will be conducted by a panel consisting of experts and scholars invited by the Administration for projects passing preliminary review. c) Final review: Panel meeting will be held to discuss the results of secondary review to determine the recipients and the amounts. d) Criteria for final review: i) Vision for developing the regional youth hub, promotion strategies, and the sustainability of the concrete goals (30%). ii) Overall execution plan and achievements of the regional youth hub (40%). iii) Relative commitment from the local government (20%). iv) Mechanisms for selecting operators (10%). V. After the result is announced, subsidized government entities shall revise their proposals in accordance with the Administration's advice and send back their revised proposals within one month for approval and subsequent execution. VI. Procedures and Principles: a) Applications shall meet and adhere to the core values of developing young talent, accumulating experience in placemaking, and facilitating local sustainable development. b) Subsidies of up to NT$7 million will be provided for a maximum of two years in line with the Regulations. The budget shall be allocated in

accordance with the Regulations Governing the Planning and Allocation of Ministry of Education Subsidies (Donations) and Funding for Programs. Funding for the second year will be approved based on the execution results of the previous year.
c) Subsidized percentages for the aforementioned projects are determined based on differing levels of financial resources as delineated in the Financial Capacity of Special Municipal, County, and City Governments Classification Table put forth by the Directorate General of Budget, Accounting and Statistics of the Executive Yuan:
i) The maximum subsidy for Tier 1 governments is 50%.
ii) The maximum subsidy for Tier 2 governments is 75%.
iii) The maximum subsidy for Tier 3 governments is 80%.
iv) The maximum subsidy for Tier 4 governments is 85%.
v) The maximum subsidy for Tier 5 governments is 90%.
d) Scope of Subsidies:
Subsidies cover expenditure for operation, personnel, training, and counselling. The annual maximum funding amount of each item shall be determined according to the Regulations.

VII. Fund Allocation and Settlement:
a) The fund will be allocated in three installments on the following conditions:
i) First installment: 30% of the fund will be allocated after a revised proposal submitted by a local government passes the review of the Administration and the outsourcing of the operation.
ii) Second installment: Annual results shall be submitted by the applicant for the approval by the Administration. Application for payment shall be submitted for the allocation of 40% of the subsidies provided by the central government according to the procurement contract.
iii) Third installment: The closure report shall be submitted for the approval by the Administration. Application for payment shall be submitted for the allocation of 30% of the subsidies provided by the central government according to the procurement contract.
b) Project’s or items within projects that do not involve outsourcing or contract signing, after being approved by the Administration, will be subsidized according to Items 1 to 3 under Paragraph 1.
c) Proposal Revision: Revised proposals shall be sent to the Administration for approval prior to execution in compliance with the Regulations.

VIII. Result verification and evaluation:
a) Receiving agencies shall submit regular progress reports to the Administration for future reference in accordance with relevant rules governing application.
b) During execution, the Administration may assign personnel to conduct irregular on-site visits and invite experts to form a group to conduct on-site visits, evaluation, and interviews and provide counselling to provide references for allocating subsidies in the future if necessary.
c) Subsidies are earmarked and shall not be used for other purposes. If there is a need to change the content of the project or if the project cannot be carried out as previously approved for any reason, a revised plan should be submitted to the Administration for approval before execution.
d) Subsidies approved in accordance with these guidelines shall be included in the annual budgets of the receiving local government, which shall also allocate matching funds as stipulated. Otherwise, matching funds shall be accounted for in the supplementary budget.
e) The original expenditure certificates of this project shall be compiled and properly stored and managed. The Administration may, depending on the necessity, issue notifications and access the certificates or assign personnel to spot check the certificates.

IX. Recipients shall comply with the following stipulations set by the Administration:
a) Recipients shall renovate spaces under their management for young people to carry out exchange dedicated to placemaking.
b) Recipients shall run the space and provide training and counseling

services to assist young people interested in local community development in the following areas: networking, cooperation, learning, professional counseling, and matchmaking with both private and public organizations, so as to create a support system for young people involved in different stages of local revitalization.
c) In order to effectively operate regional gathering places for youth, recipients shall promote the usage of the space, present results, and engage in policy campaigns as requested by the Administration.
d) To assist the Administration in keeping track of projects, recipients shall report on a regular basis the execution and progress of projects and send staff members to check on the progress and quality.
e) Recipients shall produce and install identification marks specified by the Administration in subsidized spaces.
f) Recipients shall assist the Administration in promoting counseling and exchange related to youth development.

X. Revocation:
In the following circumstances, the Administration reserves the right to revoke approved subsidies and recover allocated subsidies.
a) When recipients fail to submit revised proposals by the stipulated deadline.
b) The actual implementation of the project is significantly delayed, and no extension has been applied for, and recipients are unable to provide explanations of causes beyond their control.
c) The execution of the annual disposable budget falls below 50% for two consecutive years without proper reasons.
d) The project is not effectively implemented or is not in compliance with the original approved proposal, and the violations are significant.
e) Subsidies are used for items inconsistent with or outside the approved plan or when recipients misrepresent figures by giving inflated or false figures.
f) When recipients evade, obstruct, or refuse inspection without proper reasons and fail to make improvements within the stipulated time limit after being notified by the Administration.
g) When recipients fail to implement proposals in accordance with regulations, resulting in serious violations.
XI. Termination:
In the following circumstances, the Administration reserves the right to terminate the project and suspend funding. Subsidies allocated but not used shall be returned in full.
a) When recipients fail to comply with terms in the Regulations regarding funding approval and proposal revision and fail to make improvements within the stipulated time limit.
b) When recipients obstruct or refuse inspections carried out by the Administration and show no improvement within the stipulated time limit.
c) After being notified, recipients still fail to make the necessary improvements within the stipulated time limit.
d) When recipients voluntarily request to terminate the project.

XII. Other Terms:
a) Once a project has been approved, no additional costs associated with the project will be subsidized.
b) Local governments shall fulfill their responsibilities to verify whether the proposals have been used to apply for similar subsidies by the central government. Those who have been subsidized from other agencies may not submit duplicate applications. The subsidy will be revoked if the recipient is found to submit duplicate applications. The recipient shall disgorge the allocated fund and may not apply for subsidies for the following two years.
c) Matters not covered herein shall be handled in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations.

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