

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES
QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING
RFP # 2026-009VF: YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING

QUESTION		ANSWER
1.	It was mentioned that the programs run through the academic year. Would summer programs be considered as well?	As long as the YDP funding is covering summer AND the academic year, it's OK. If it's just a summer program, that would be covered by our Summer Primetime funding. That RFP has just wrapped up.
2.	Where can we find the new budget spreadsheet?	There is a link to the new budget form on the Appendix B cover sheet. A link to it is here .
3.	Can you apply for more than one RFP being offered by Youth?	Yes, you can apply for any RFP, but each one has its own specific criteria. For this RFP, each agency can apply once.
4.	Can you speak to the new award maximum?	The maximum grant is \$30,000. This doesn't mean that an agency will receive that amount. Our allocation went up last summer, so we are anticipating more funding being available, but we don't know for sure. We will make final funding decisions based on the actual funds available, and what will best meet the needs of youth in Erie County.
5.	The Coding Document link in the RFP is broken.	Here is the link.
6.	You mentioned that the scope of work is being limited this cycle. Can you comment on which categories are no longer being funded?	The list was provided in the slideshow, and in the RFP itself. Most of our funded programs fit into one of these categories. They include: Work Readiness Supports, Career Development Supports, Life Skills Supports, Mental Health Supports, Dropout Prevention Services, Youth Leadership/Empowerment Opportunities, Juvenile Delinquency Prevention Services, Safe Place Out of School Time Services, Family Supports, Anger Management/Conflict Resolution Supports, and Mentoring Supports. Youth sports will no longer be funded through YDP, as they are included in the Youth Team Sports (YTS) and Youth Sports and Education (YSEF) RFPs, which are currently being offered. To determine which other categories are not being funded in this RFP, please refer to the Coding Document (see Question 5).
7.	Can you share a list of last year's awardees and amounts?	The best place to find that is in the Erie County budget, which is publicly available on the Erie County website.
8.	If you are an artist or business owner and not a 501 c3 and have an idea for statewide programming, who could you talk to?	Please reach out to Kate Hilliman directly for this conversation (Katherine.Hilliman@erie.gov).

9.	What if we have trouble uploading our proposal, or cannot find the correct forms?	Please reach out to Judith.Kolmetz@erie.gov for assistance, ideally before the day the RFP is due. You can also mail a paper copy of your proposal, as long as it arrives prior to the deadline (to Judith Kolmetz, 95 Franklin Street Room 804, Buffalo, NY 14202). Uploading to ONBASE is the preferred method of submission, however.
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