

**ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
 QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING  
 RFP # 2026-010VF: YOUTH TEAM SPORTS**

QUESTION		ANSWER
<b>1.</b>	Can you clarify, do youth under 18 include youth who ARE 18, or just 17 and under?	Programs can serve youth aged 6-17.
<b>2.</b>	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 <a href="#">here</a> .
<b>3.</b>	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.
<b>4.</b>	Is the cost of background checks and eligible expense under this program?	Yes.
<b>5.</b>	What if the current audit document is not available?	You can submit your current tax return in lieu of an audit.
<b>6.</b>	Can an agency submit more than one application under this RFP?	No. The only exception is if the agency runs programs in different locations/ municipalities.
<b>7.</b>	Can local youth bureaus apply for this funding?	Municipal youth bureaus seeking to directly operate or fund a project must first demonstrate to OCFS that diligent outreach and recruitment activities were conducted to all known eligible entities and articulate the outcomes of such activities to OCFS. In addition, municipal youth bureaus must submit to OCFS an attestation stating that they conducted outreach to all known non-profit and community-based organizations within their municipality and that there were no entities eligible to administer the program. YTS funding can supplement existing municipal youth team sports programming, however, the funds cannot be used to supplant existing municipal funding for such programs. Please include your attestation with your application.
<b>8.</b>	Can you make changes to your budget after submitting your proposal?	Yes, the budget may change based on the award actually granted. This will be worked out in the contracting step. Also, if expenses change during the program cycle, there is a mechanism for making an amendment to the budget. Budget amendments must be requested and approved prior to claiming reimbursement.

9.	What if we have trouble uploading our proposal, or cannot find the correct forms?	Please reach out to <a href="mailto:Judith.Kolmetz@erie.gov">Judith.Kolmetz@erie.gov</a> 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). <a href="#">Uploading to ONBASE</a> is the preferred method of submission, however.
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