

**ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS REGARDING**  
**RFP # 2026-011VF: YOUTH SPORTS and EDUCATION FUNDING**

QUESTION		ANSWER
1.	Can you clarify, do youth under 18 include youth who ARE 18, or just 17 and under?	Programs can serve youth aged 6-17.
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 <a href="#">here</a> .
3.	Can you apply for more than one RFP being offered by Youth (for example YDP and YSEF or YTS)?	Yes, you can apply for any RFP, but each one has its own specific criteria.
4.	Is the cost of a facility lease an eligible expense under this program?	Yes.
5.	Is a facility lease agreeable in lieu of a Letter of Commitment from the facility?	Yes.
6.	What if the current audit document is not available?	You can submit your current tax return in lieu of an audit.
7.	Is the cost of purchasing or leasing a vehicle an eligible expense under this program?	No. However if a bus is needed to transport participants to a program event, the rental expense would be eligible.
8.	Who can provide references? Must references include contact information?	References can be from anyone who has knowledge and experience with the service you're providing. Yes, contact information is requested.
9.	What if the program only runs for a season?	We are looking for programs that run for the majority of the academic year.
10.	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.
11.	How do you evaluate the proposal's budget?	Reviewers will not be evaluating the budgets at all. They are only evaluating the Appendix A.
12.	Our agency has experience providing services to youth for Erie County, but we would like to add a new activity. How would that impact our "experience" score?	Your experience in providing services in the past would be considered, even if the actual activity is new for you.

<b>13.</b>	<b>The outcomes for YSEF look identical to the outcomes for Youth Team Sports. There does not seem to be any outcomes related to “education.”</b>	<b>Those outcomes are mandated by the state. We would like to see the education aspects outlined in the application/ program summary of your proposal.</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>What if an agency needs the full requested funding amount to run their program, but does not receive that amount?</b>	<b>We need to have a mechanism for allowing agencies to decline their award if it doesn’t meet the needs of the program, if they are not able to run the program without the full requested amount, and if they do not have any other funding streams.</b>