



2023-2024 TEAM SPORTS FOR YOUTH FUNDING DSS RFP # 2023-056VF

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OVERVIEW

- Applications are due Thursday, Nov. 2nd, submitted to the online portal
- A total of \$465,902 is potentially available. Applicants may apply for up to \$50,000 per application
- A single entity may be granted multiple awards for different distinct purposes/costs
- Selections will be announced in Dec. 2023
- Funding period: Oct. 1, 2023 – Sept. 30, 2024
- Per OCFS, this funding may or may not be available on an annual basis moving forward

BACKGROUND

- A new OCFS fund was created to provide awards to support youth team sports programs for underserved youth under age 18
- The funding supports youth development through team sports programs
- The funding must be awarded to local community-based organizations and nonprofits

PRINCIPLES OF THE PROGRAM

- Similar to the Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF), Youth Team Sports (YTS) is grounded in the principles of positive youth development. It is intended to provide support to local team sports programs across New York state in communities where such programs may be scarce or under-resourced
- *Unlike* YSEF, YTS has a sole focus on team sports. For the purposes of YTS, a “team sport” is defined as an organized physical activity in which groups of two or more individuals are in competition with two or more opposing individuals. Sporting activities where individuals engage in competition on behalf of an organized group (such as singles tennis, team golf, or racing sports such as swimming or skiing) are included in this definition
- YTS may be used to fund programming that provides opportunities for youth in under-resourced communities to learn and participate in team sports activities. This may include educational instruction necessary to prepare youth to participate in team sports

EXAMPLES OF TEAM SPORT PROGRAMS

Examples:

A Team Sport Program	Basketball, ski team, taekwondo team, summer volleyball league, community badminton tournament, cheerleading team, competitive swimming
Not A Team Sport Program	Individual dance class, yoga program, introduction to horse-back riding, weight training sessions, taekwondo class, swimming programs as summer recreation

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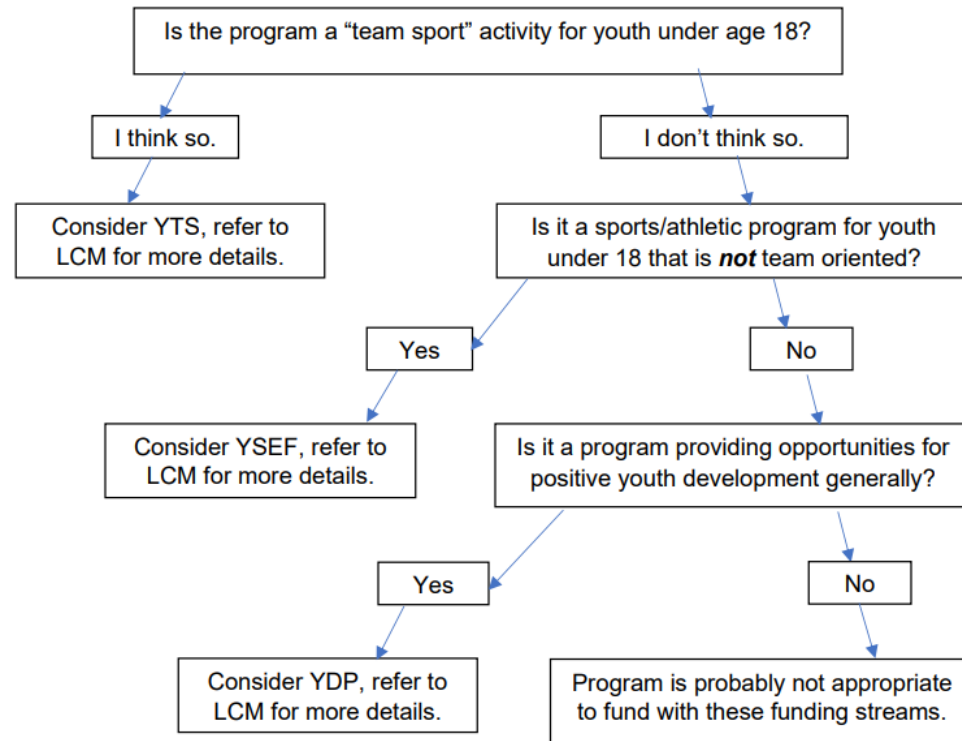
FUNDING SOURCES



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I identified an athletic program I would like to fund. Which funding source should I use?

Consider the following:



PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING

- To ensure that funding is going to the intended population, municipal youth bureaus must distribute funds based on local need, considering factors including, but not limited to the following:
 - Historically under-resourced communities
 - High rates of public housing and/or family homelessness
 - Opportunity zones or neighborhoods/cities/areas deemed “low-income” via externally available
 - Marginalized communities or groups with higher barriers to participation in team sports (e.g., youth with disabilities; girls; transgender/gender non-binary youth; and youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or questioning)
 - Federally and/or New York State-recognized tribes and tribal organizations
 - Neighborhoods that experience higher rates of crime and violence and low-performing schools

INTENDED OUTCOMES

- **Physical health and well-being** – Increasing physical activity and positive relationships to one's body
- **Mental health and well-being** – Improving outcomes related to youth mental health, and social and emotional skills development and connectedness
- **Employment** – Increasing qualifications and skills, such as collective problem solving, teamwork, and dispute resolution, which help prepare youth for suitable employment
- **Community cohesion** – Breaking down barriers to reduce discrimination, crime, and violence in communities, and help young leaders emerge

APPROVED COSTS

- Coaches/instructors/direct service staff/mentors (including training/professional development)
- Referee fees
- Purchase of equipment or uniforms
- Capital investment (e.g., swimming facilities, fields, fences, storage, lighting)
- Instruction or coaching necessary to support youth's ability to participate in team sports
- Facility/field space

FUNDING CRITERIA

- Provide team sports activities for youth under age 18 in under-resourced communities
- Serve youth in New York State
- Have a child protection policy in place that includes adherence to local city, agency, school district, and state child protection guidelines
- Collect registration data, including participant demographic information, as required by OCFS in a manner that allows for accurate reporting of anonymized aggregate data

ORGANIZATIONS/ACTIVITIES *NOT* ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING

- Private foundations, as defined in section 509(a) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code
- Organizations that discriminate based on age, ethnicity/race, political affiliation, religion, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, physical or other disability, national origin, or any protected characteristic under local, state, and/or federal law
- Research or project-planning activities
- Support for elite or private sports camps, programs, or teams
- Endowments, memorials, budget deficits, or fundraising activities
- Religious organizations whose sports programs do not have a secular and community focus
- Lobbying, political, or fraternal activities

DATA COLLECTION

- Awardees will be required to report demographics and outcomes via QYDS forms. The Life Area and SOS selections that will be required in QYDS for the Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding are as follows:
 - Life Area: 2PEH Physical and Emotional Health
 - SOS: 0232 Year-Round/Seasonal Activities Quality Youth Development System
 - How Much: 0232A.1 # of youth participating (unduplicated)
 - How Well: 0232B.4 % of youth completing the program
 - Better Off: 0232C.1 #/% reporting they have improved their ability to socialize/interact with peers/family/other members of the community

HOW TO APPLY

- RFP and application information is available here: [Youth Team Sports](#)
- The application is in three parts: Appendix A (program information), Appendix B (fiscal information), and Appendix C (other items)
- Each part is uploaded separately using the link in the RFP document. Upload each separately at: <https://onbase.erie.gov/AppNet/UnityForm.aspx?key=UFKey>
- If unable to upload the proposal, a printed submission may be submitted to: Erie County Department of Social Services, Attn: Carrie Godfrey, 95 Franklin Street Room 804, Buffalo, NY 14202. All proposals must be submitted on or before November 2, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Proposals received after the above date and time will not be considered. The County is under no obligation to return proposals.

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- **Appendix A**
 - Proposal to Provide Service
 - OCFS-5011
 - Signed Schedule A
 - Program's child protection policy/procedure
 - Proof of non-profit status, as applicable
- **Appendix B**
 - Signed Fiscal Form and Budget Forms
- **Appendix C**
 - Most recent Audit report prepared by an independent CPA I
 - Most recent Management Letter
 - Listing of Officers and Board of Directors

QUESTIONS?

Thank you for your time and attention!

Are there any questions?