

Association of New York State Youth Bureaus

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Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF)

The Executive Budget proposes \$12.5 million for Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF). **ANYSYB STRONGLY SUPPORTS level funding.**

Youth Team Sports

Last year, \$10 million was allocated by the Legislature for team sports in the enacted budget. We **respectfully ask the legislature to include \$10 million** for Statewide Youth Team Sports Program, as was included in the past three fiscal year budgets. We request clarification in the eligibility for funding to allow local youth bureaus in cities, towns and villages the opportunity to participate in the program. Local youth bureaus have on-site youth daily, who can participate in team sports if funding was allocated. Sports programs include baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, lacrosse, equestrian, paddling, rowing, soccer, tennis, camping and more.

Learn about several of the programs **funded by both Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF)** and the **Youth Team Sports** program funding below.

Traditional Team Sports & Community Recreation



Westchester County Youth Bureau – Girls on the Run of Westchester: Transformative Youth

Physical-activity-based positive youth development program building confidence and life skills for girls in grades 3-8. Funding: coach training, conditioning activities, and end-of-season 5K events.

Monroe County – Western New York Pop Warner Football & Cheer

Football/cheer leagues and team development. Funding: helmets/pads, recertification, uniforms and protective gear.

St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau – Brasher-Stockholm Recreation

Year-round supervised recreation and multi-sport access. Funding: court/field repairs, nets/storage, and shared equipment.

Greene County Youth Bureau – Greenville Soccer Club & Flag Football

Recreation/travel soccer; Inclusive non-contact football fundamentals and sportsmanship. Funding: field maintenance, nets, uniforms, protective equipment, balls, first-aid, pylons.

Greene County Youth Bureau – Coxsackie-Athens Little League

T-ball/baseball/softball across divisions. Funding: field maintenance, jerseys, hats.

St. Lawrence County – Hammond Youth Recreation

Seasonal youth leagues (baseball/softball/soccer) with expansion plans. Funding: basic program infrastructure and team apparel.

Orleans County – Albion Soccer Club (Indoor & Outdoor Soccer Programs)

Recreational + competitive soccer pathway. Funding: operating costs (equipment/repairs, rentals, training).

Livingston County Youth Bureau – Livingston County Lacrosse Club

Countywide youth lacrosse teams for boys/girls. Funding: safety gear/sticks, goals/nets, field supplies, AEDs, registration support.

Dutchess County – Dover Little League: Everyone Swinging for the Fences

Baseball/softball skill-building and competition. Funding: participation support to keep fees low and access broad.

Livingston County Youth Bureau – Mercury Swimming (Learn to Swim + Club Development)

Year-round learn-to-swim and athlete development pathway. Funding: swim/dryland equipment, instruction, and coach development.

Orleans County – Purple Eagles Wrestling Academy

Youth wrestling with inclusive access and life-skills development. Funding: gear/uniforms, scholarships/fee offsets, and facility costs.

Ossining Youth Bureau – Ossining Youth Bureau Soccer Program

Organized teen soccer promoting health and leadership. Funding: goals, cones, and field/equipment needs.

Traditional Team Sports & Community Recreation Cont'd

**Lewis County Youth Bureau – Lowville Youth****Lacrosse**

Inclusive lacrosse when school teams aren't available.

Funding: helmets, goals, field paint, uniforms and coaching gear.

Niagara County – Lumber City Church: Sunday Night Basketball (Grades 9-12)

Free, competitive teen league. Funding: basketball equipment and durable reversible uniforms.

Washington County – Hudson Falls Youth Wrestling

Team-based wrestling practices/meets for ages 6-12.

Funding: registration/official fees, uniforms/gear, supplies and season costs.

Inlet Youth Commission – Inlet**Mighty Loons: Hockey & Learn to Skate**

Winter hockey and skating in a sparsely populated community. Funding: rink maintenance/equipment and backup indoor ice access.

Ossining Youth Bureau – Ossining Youth Bureau Basketball Program

Teen basketball in a safe, supportive environment. Funding: court resurfacing and basketball equipment.

Alternative & Non-Traditional Sports

Westchester County Youth Bureau –**Children's Village: Empowerment****Self-Defense Fitness Program**

Trauma-informed self-defense and fitness focusing on de-escalation, boundary-setting, and physical defense tactics that are easy to learn and recall for runaway and homeless youth. Funding: instructors, program delivery, and equipment.

Westchester County Youth Bureau – Able Athletics: Inclusive & Adaptive Sports

Inclusive flag football, wheelchair football, wheelchair lacrosse, and adaptive sports with trained educators and therapists. Funding: adaptive equipment, trained staffing, volunteer onboarding, accessible facilities.

Westchester County Youth Bureau –**Yonkers Arts: The Breaking League**

Organized breakdance training and competition aligned with Olympic breaking. Funding: training space, floor mats, uniforms, competition costs.

Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau – North Area Athletic Center: Olympic Boxing Certified Program

Structured boxing for youth not reached by traditional sports. Funding: boxing equipment and competition/tournament fees.

Washington County – Adirondack USBC: Youth Bowling

Structured bowling league play and competition. Funding: youth membership fees and team shirts.

Warren County Youth Bureau –**Queensbury Disc Golf**

Introductory disc golf promoting physical and mental wellness. Funding: discs/instructional gear, scholarships, and course infrastructure (tee pads, baskets, signage, storage).

Warren County Youth Bureau –**Thurman Youth Commission: Archery Program**

Expanded archery including 3D targets and team component. Funding: 3D targets, uniforms, memberships/fees and safety supplies.

Lewis County Youth Bureau – Snow**Ridge Ski Club**

Volunteer-led alpine ski instruction and racing. Funding: wireless timing system to expand safe training terrain.

Erie County Youth Bureau – Youth Life Skills Foundation: First Tee ACE & Junior Coach Program

Golf paired with life-skills and coaching pathways. Funding: no-cost participation and coach training resources.

Outdoor, Environmental & Nature-Based Activity

Westchester County Youth Bureau – Children's Village: Empowerment Self-Defense Fitness

Trauma-informed self-defense and fitness focusing on de-escalation, boundary-setting, and personal agency for runaway and homeless youth. Funding: instructors, program delivery, and equipment.

Erie County Youth Bureau – Full Circle Family Services: Community Sports SLAM

Sports-based mentoring model supporting academics, leadership, and healthy behaviors. Funding: sports equipment and supplies.

St. Lawrence County – Cornell Cooperative Extension of St. Lawrence County: 4-H Youth Development Programs

Animal science, dog agility and horse programming with skill-building and exhibition. Funding: dog agility equipment and horse/arena jump packages.

Syracuse/Onondaga County Youth Bureau – Cornell Cooperative Extension: Summer Camp

Multi-week camp with archery/fishing/hiking and positive youth development. Funding: program delivery and access to safe, supervised outdoor activities.

Madison County Youth Bureau – Great Swamp**Conservancy: Art & Nature Club**

Weekly movement + environmental/creative learning for ages 8-12. Funding: water fountain plus take-home gear (journals, binoculars, cameras, hammocks).

Madison County Youth Bureau – Great Swamp Conservancy: Teen Outdoor Pursuits

Summer outdoor adventures (kayaking, biking, climbing, etc.). Funding: take-home gear including hammocks and bicycles for youth in need