

Association of New York State Youth Bureaus

The Cornerstone of New York's Youth Development!



Statewide Youth Sports Grant Program

The Executive Budget proposes \$12.5 million for Statewide Youth Sports. This represents an increase of \$7.5 million. **ANYSYB STRONGLY SUPPORTS this increase and asks the Legislature to match the Executive's proposal of \$7.5 million to meet the increased need for healthy activities for youth.** Last year, \$10 million was allocated by the Legislature for sports in the enacted budget, plus the \$5 million for the statewide youth sports grant program. Allocate \$10M for Statewide Youth Team Sports Program, as was included in the past two fiscal year budgets. We request the requirements be more flexible and inclusive of all sporting activities, and allow local youth bureaus in cities, towns and villages the opportunity to participate in the program. At minimum, we respectfully request \$2.5 million in SFY 26 so that the funding put in place in SFY 25 remains the same in calendar year 2025 and no programs or services will receive cuts.

10,670
Youth Participated in
63+ Programs
across NYS in 2024TM

A Sampling Based on ANYSYB Survey

Youth Bureau Team Sports Programs

Sports programs include baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, lacrosse, equestrian, paddling, rowing, soccer, tennis, camping and more. Learn about several of these programs below!



BASEBALL & SOFTBALL PROGRAMS:

Several Youth Bureaus across the state are looking to expand their baseball and softball programs to include adaptive equipment allowing for people of all abilities to participate, creating a safer environment through maintenance and medical equipment purchases, and expanding volunteer opportunities to serve more youth. Funding will also assist with scholarships allowing more youth to participate in these healthy, team building programs.

Programs include:

Kenan Acre & Challenger Sports League, Inc., Niagara County Youth Bureau

Funding to assist with indoor and outdoor field maintenance, wheelchair accessible fields, state of the art youth gear and uniforms

Clinton County Mariners, Clinton County Youth Bureau

Funding to assist with purchasing AEDs, valuable lifesaving equipment

Beautiful People, Inc., Orange County Youth Bureau

Funding to assist with upgrading adaptive sports equipment for motorfunction and wheelchair participation, storage shed, trailer and hitch for transporting equipment and team uniforms

Galway Baseball Softball League, Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services

Funding to assist with equipping the girls softball field with equal playing conditions, replacing a broken scoreboard, increasing equipment storage capacity and allowing the program to run a snack shack

Potsdam Youth Recreation Association, St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau

Funding to assist with purchasing storage space, new equipment, uniforms and registration fees

[1] This document is based on a sampling of municipal youth bureaus in January 2025 per an ANYSYB survey. Many more youth were served throughout NYS.



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ICE & FIELD HOCKEY PROGRAMS:

Particularly across the North Country, hockey programs are offering youth in several smaller, low-income communities opportunities to be part of a team and learn new skills. Funding will allow these programs to enhance existing structures and bolster scholarships to ensure more youth can participate for years to come.

Programs include:

Corinth Youth Hockey, Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services

Funding to assist with making the program even more successful with the purchase of outdoor ice hockey equipment as a non-permanent way to combat the effects of warmer weather

Tri Town Hockey & Canton Minor Hockey, St. Lawrence County Youth Bureau

Funding to assist with significant enhancements to the programs to offer youth skills clinics, travel teams, power skating clinics and more

Able Athletics, Westchester County Youth Bureau

Funding to assist with matching opportunities currently available with mainstream programs and bridging the gaps for youth with disabilities to participate



MULTI-SPORT PROGRAMS:

Several programs across the state offer opportunities for youth to participate in multiple sports. Activities include basketball, lacrosse, soccer, football, track and field.

Programs include:

Ellenburg Recreation Program & Adirondack Coast Basketball Camp, Clinton County Youth Bureau

Clinton County Youth Bureau offers underserved youth a free, week long basketball camp through the Adirondack Coast Basketball Camp and the Ellenburg Recreation Program provides opportunities for youth to play soccer, basketball and baseball/softball programs. Funding will assist with purchasing additional equipment and providing players free registration to join the programs

Double Play Community Center, Lewis County Youth Bureau

Soccer, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, and flag football opportunities are available to youth in Lewis County at various locations. The programs are dedicated to helping kids grow their skills and knowledge of each sport. Funding will assist with purchasing modern equipment for all sports, staff training and supervision for the programs. It will also allow for the creation of more leagues and expand summer programs allowing families to participate within their own County.



UNIQUELY LOCATED PROGRAMS:

Several Youth Bureaus offer unique programs based on their environmental area including equestrian, swimming, rowing and paddling.

Programs include:

Youth Paddling, Yates County Youth Bureau

Yates County touches 3 lakes and without public pools to teach swimming, this program allows youth access to kayaking and swimming. Funding will assist with purchasing new life jackets and paddles

Rowing Team, Westchester County Youth Bureau

This program introduces youth to the sport of rowing while developing an appreciation for natural resources, the Hudson river and a source of environmental awareness and education. Funding will assist with purchasing indoor rowing and strength training equipment

Dolphins Swim Club of the Hudson Valley, Dutchess County Youth Bureau

A youth swim team that offers a competitive program for swimmers of all levels. A limited number of pools in the Dutchess County area have caused many families to be unable to afford participating in these programs. Funds will assist the Youth Bureau with keeping the team costs and participation fees lower.

Winslow's Equestrian Quadrille Team and Horse Show, Orange County Youth Bureau

Quadrille is a team riding sport involving choreographed riding patterns, most commonly synchronized with music. This equestrian sport tests and strengthens the riders' core strength, balance and coordination. Funding will assist with infrastructure developments including arena footing, repairs and modern equipment, adaptable equipment purchases.

Wagner Field & Snow Ridge Ski Club, Lewis County Youth Bureau

Wagner Field in Lewis County hosts sports seven days a week from April to August without any charge to youth/families. The Snow Ridge Ski Club works with youth on goals, skills and working as a team through alpine skiing. The structure of the program includes the opportunity for proficient skiers to mentor younger ones creating a positive environment of encouragement. Funding will assist with repairs to Wagner Field including a new fence to ensure safety for continuing little league programs and other community sports activities. The Ski Club will use the funding to reduce barriers for youth/families by reducing membership dues and offering opportunities for equipment swapping amongst participants.