



Jefferson County Youth Bureau

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Youth Team Sports Funding

- New funding stream available for 2024 in the amount of \$33,026 to support team sports for underserved youth with a spending period of 10/1/23-9/30/24.
- Funding is NOT guaranteed from one year to the next.
- Definition of “Team Sport” – the key elements include multiple individuals playing together/for the same entity (team), and individuals playing against each other in a competitive way.
- Funded programs should incorporate at least one of the following into their program:
 - Educational connection and achievement – More youth attending and completing school with increased attainment, including programs that have collegiate placement success.
 - Physical health and well-being – Increasing physical activity and positive relationship 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.

Youth Team Sports Eligibility

- Available to community-based organizations and not-for-profits.
- School districts are NOT eligible, but if a community-based organization or not-for-profit operates at a school site, that program may be eligible.
- Funding can be used to fund coaches and other staff for the team sports program
- Funding can be used for infrastructure that is used for **team** sports.

Applicants for the Youth Team Sports Funding will need to complete the attached Universal Application for Youth Sports Funding (OCFS-5011) and provide all required documents listed on the application. Applications can be sent to Jefferson County Department of Social Services/Youth Bureau by e-mail (Tara.Altieri@dfa.state.ny.us), mail (250 Arsenal St. Watertown, NY 13601), or fax (315-785-3109). **Please note there will be a quick turnaround for application submission due to funding year timelines. Application deadline has been extended to 4 PM on Thursday November 30th or until the funds have been exhausted. Please reach out if you are unable to meet that deadline.**

Please contact Tara Altieri at the Department of Social Services/Youth Bureau, at 315-785-5031 or Tammy Hunter at 315-785-3128, if you have any questions or need additional information.



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