



MADISON COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

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Youth Bureau accepting funding proposals for 2027

Wampsville, NY - Have an idea for a program that could help Madison County youth learn new skills, stay active or get more involved in their community? Funding may be available to help make it happen.

The Madison County Youth Bureau is now accepting funding proposals in one Request for Proposals (RFP), for four separate and distinct funding streams that are designed to keep young people positively engaged in their communities. Eligible applicants may include community-based nonprofit organizations, public agencies and Madison County municipalities, depending on the funding category. All programming must serve young people who reside in Madison County. Review the RFP for eligibility for each funding stream.

- **Positive Youth Development:** There are two funding opportunities here for programs for youth under 21 years of age. The first funded by Madison County supporting full calendar year programs in 2027. The other is funded by NYS Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for 9-month seasonal programs (January – September) in 2027. The RFP defines need areas for this funding based on the results of the 2025 Teen Assessment Project Survey.
- **Youth Sports Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF):** OCFS funding supports noncompetitive sports and physical activities for youth ages 6 to 17, including activities such as yoga, hiking, geocaching, noncompetitive dance and other outdoor pursuits.
- **Youth Team Sports (YTS):** OCFS funding supports competitive team sports for youth under age 18, including activities such as softball, baseball, team tennis, team golf, swimming, and skiing; elite programs are not eligible. These funds can be used for nine month seasonal programs, January 2027 to September 2027.

When asked about the benefits of this funding, Tina Louis, Youth Bureau Director said, "This funding for youth programs can cover or supplement programs that support the youth of Madison County to broaden their interests, to support prevention efforts, to gain access to traditional or nontraditional sports, and help young people learn to work with others, master new skills, and realize their capabilities, no matter what their ability level."

Eligible programs must provide programming responding to locally identified youth needs in Madison County as noted in the RFP. Eligible programs must be outcome based and provide

quantifiable and verifiable indicators by which program performance will be measured. All programs seeking funding must track outcome measures for the service, opportunity and support the program is addressing.

The RFP is available at <https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/bids.aspx> and will be following the Purchasing Department bidding process.

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