

Broome County



Youth Bureau

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INTRODUCTION

Part Y of Chapter 59 of the Laws of 2021 legalized mobile sports wagering in New York State. Subdivision 8 of section 1367 of the Racing, Pari-Mutuel Wagering and Breeding Law established that 1% of state tax proceeds from mobile sports wagering were to be used to support grants for sports activities and education for youth. A grantmaking fund was created under OCFS in the SFY 2021-2022 budget for the purpose of providing annual awards to support sports programs for underserved children and youth under the age of 18. The focus of these grants will be to support youth development via local nonprofit organizations.

The Broome County Youth Bureau is requesting proposals for Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding to support programs for Broome County youth between the ages 6-17.

Sports and Education Opportunity Funding awards are guided by the following principles:

- Sports can be effective tools in positive youth development and family engagement when programs are well-delivered and meet quality measures.
- Sports can improve the lives of young people by promoting positive social, emotional, health and educational outcomes and have important life-long impacts.
- Sports enable opportunities for young people to succeed economically through leadership roles.
- Coaching education greatly improves the sports experience and the development of young people.

Funded programs must provide a variety of structured sports activities for a broad range of youth in under-resourced communities. OCFS encourages a flexible definition of “sport” to include activities that highlight movement, physical fitness, and outdoor engagement – such as dance, yoga, and hiking.

Priority will be given to programs that serve youth identifying as black, indigenous, people of color and/or providers of color and/or providers of adaptive sports for youth with physical disabilities that aim to foster the following development outcomes:

- 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 relationships to one’s body and physical activity
- 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, that help prepare youth for suitable employment
- Community cohesion – Breaking down barriers to reduce discrimination, crime, and violence in communities and help young leaders emerge

I. ELIGIBILITY

Programs eligible to apply for funding through this RFP must meet the criteria below:

- Provide structured sports activities for youth ages 6-17.

- Serve youth in New York State.
- Be certified as tax exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.
- Be in good standing with the New York State Charities Bureau.
- Demonstrate basic competency in the areas of governance, monitoring and evaluation, partnership, and financial stewardship.
- 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 such a fashion as to be able to accurately report anonymized aggregate data.

Organizations and activities **not** eligible for funding:

- For-profit organizations or businesses.
- 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.
- Capital projects, except eligible facility upgrades.

II. FUNDING

Funding may provide general operating dollars to give programs flexibility to efficiently allocate resources for quality programming. Line-item budgets should focus on programming costs, including but not limited to:

- Coaches/instructors/direct service staff/mentors (including training/professional development)
- Equipment
- Educational programming costs
- Facility/field and/or space cost
- Maximum of 15% of funds for administrative/overhead costs

III. FUNDING PERIOD

To be eligible to receive funds offered in this Request for Proposals, services must include programming delivered January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. Funding is not automatic or guaranteed.

IV. AVAILABLE FUNDING

In awarding funds, all 2023 program proposals are considered new and competitive. Matching funds are not required, though the strongest proposals will demonstrate support from other sources in addition to the Youth Bureau. Collaboration with other partners is encouraged. Broome County Youth Bureau reserves the right to cap the amount given to any program based on the total amount requested by all applicants and the amount of funds available.

V. REIMBURSEMENT PROCESS

Funding is reimbursement based. Agencies submit claims on forms provided by the Broome County Youth Bureau to the Youth Bureau Office quarterly for approved program expenses that were incurred during that quarter. Claims should be received in the Youth Bureau Office by the 15th of the month following the end of each quarter.

VI. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Programs will be required to maintain adequate program records to report on program activities and participant outcomes attainment on a quarterly and annual basis using forms provided by the Broome County Youth Bureau. Failure to adequately document the provision of services and outcome attainment could result in the loss of funding. Programs will be monitored by the Youth Bureau Advisory Board annually. You will be contacted for a site visit if you are a receipt of Youth Bureau Funding.

The following measures are required:

- Life Area: 2PEH Physical and Emotional Health
- SOS: 0232 Year-Round/Seasonal Activities
- Performance Measures:
 - 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

VII. APPLICATION DEADLINE

All proposals must be submitted **electronically to Elizabeth Woidt** at Elizabeth.woidt@broomecountyny.gov and must be received by **3:00pm on Friday, October 28th, 2022, to be considered for funding. No proposals received after this date will be considered.**

Proposals must include a complete RFP or EZ Form, OCFS Forms 5001, 5002, 5003 and completed PROGRAM TOTAL BUDGET that should include the itemized total programs costs and the amount of Youth Sports and Education Opportunity funding requested. Follow checklist below.

Checklist

To be considered for funding by the Broome County Youth Bureau, your package must include the following in this order:

- Program Executive Summary
- Program Budget Summary
- 2023 Broome County Youth Bureau Grant Application Form (Over \$5,000) **OR**
EZ Fill Broome County Youth Bureau Grant Application (Under \$5,000)
- OCFS Forms-5001, 5002, 5003
- 2 Hard Copies and 1 Electronic copy **MUST BE SUBMITTED**

Deadline: TWO Hard Copies and ONE Electronic must be submitted to the Broome County Youth Bureau by 3:00 PM on Friday, October 28, 2022, to be considered.

For more information or questions, please contact either Elizabeth Woitd at (607) 778-2193 (Elizabeth.woitd@broomecountyny.gov) or Amanda Florance (amanda.florance@broomecountyny.gov)

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