



Jefferson County Youth Bureau

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Youth Team Sports Funding

- The funding amount for the 2024-2025 program year is \$61,747 to support team sports for underserved youth with a spending period of 10/1/24-9/30/25.
- Definition of “Team Sport” – An organized physical activity in which groups of two or more individuals compete with two or more opposing individuals. Sporting activities where individuals engage in competition on behalf of an organized group, including, but not limited to team tennis, team golf, swimming or skiing are included in this definition.
- Funded programs must aim to foster the following:
 - 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.
 - Provide team sports activities for youth under the age of 18.
 - Funding can be used for programming costs, including, but not limited to coaches/other staff for the team sports program, Referee fees, equipment or uniforms, facility/field space cost, Capital investment (fields, fences, storage, lighting), purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs)

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). **Applications are due by 4PM on Friday August 16th. Please reach out if you are unable to meet the 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.