



ONEIDA COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

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The Oneida County Youth Bureau will be accepting Requests for Proposals (RFP) from non-profit organizations for the **OCFS 2027 program year: 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2027**. The Youth Bureau encourages all organizations to be innovative in addressing the needs specific to the youth they serve.

Four categories of funding are available:

- The **Youth Development Program (YDP)** funding is for cities, towns, and villages operating a youth development program that provides direct services to youth **under 21 years of age**. **State reimbursement for qualified expenditures, subject to available appropriations and exclusive federal funding.**
- The **Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA)** funding is for crisis and transitional living services to youth **ages 16-21**.
- **Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding (YSEF)** for non-profit agencies and local organizations to provide sports programs for underserved youth **ages 6-17**. Funded programs must provide a variety of sports for a broad range of youth in under-resourced communities.
- **Youth Team Sports (YTS)** for non-profit agencies or community-based organizations to support youth team sports programs for youth **under age 18**. YTS is grounded in the principles of positive youth development. It is intended to provide support to local team sports programs across New York state in communities where such programs may be scarce or under-resourced. YTS has a sole focus on **team sports**. For the purposes of YTS, a “team sport” is defined as an organized physical activity in which groups of two or more individuals are in competition or more opposing individuals.

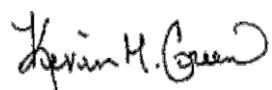
NOTE: *If applying for Youth Sports Education and Funding (YSEF) or Youth Team Sports Funding (YTS) you must submit forms OCFS 5001, OCFS 5002, OCFS 5003, OCFS 5005 and OCFS 5011*

Our RFP process offers your non-profit organization or community-based organizations every opportunity to present **innovative** proposals. The guidelines and forms necessary to prepare and submit your proposals are in accordance with the requirements of the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and Oneida County can be accessed on-line at www.oneidacountyny.gov/departments/youth-bureau/

Please keep in mind that this RFP process is competitive and there is no promise of initial funding or continued funding from year to year. *Announcements as to funded programs and amounts will be dependent upon the announcement by OCFS of its allocation amounts.* The Youth Bureau Advisory Board Allocations Committee will recommend proposals that have a direct impact on the target population. **Proposals that do not follow the guidelines will not be considered.** As always, our office is available for technical assistance.

Lastly, all proposals must be submitted **VIA EMAIL** (original WORD documents only, **NO SCANS**) no later than close of business on **Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 4:30 PM** to kpensero-shanley@oneidacountyny.gov If there are any questions, please contact Karen Pensero-Shanley at (315) 798-5027 or by email.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kevin M. Green". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and a prominent "G".

Kevin M. Green
Director, Oneida County Youth Bureau

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL CHECKLIST

Please provide the following information

- Narrative conforming to the requirements of the attached guidelines
- Current Board of Directors
- Current Certificate of Insurance - **must include the following:**
 - Commercial General Liability: minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/ \$1,000,000 aggregate
 - Commercial Umbrella: minimum coverage of \$1,000,000
 - Sexual Abuse and Molestation Coverage: Liability minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 per occurrence/ \$1,000,000 aggregate
 - Business Automobile Liability: \$1,000,000
 - **In lieu of Umbrella Coverage**, Commercial General liability insurance with limits of at least \$2,000,000 per occurrence/\$2,000,000 aggregate may be accepted.
- A copy of your Workers Compensation Certificate: as required by statute
- A copy of your Certificate of Incorporation
- A copy of your IRS Tax Exemption Notification

Please complete the attached forms

- Program Application (OCFS 5001)
- Program Profile (OCFS 5002)
- Individual Program Application (OCFS 5003) (*Using coding document*)
- Program Budget (OCFS 5005)
- *Universal App Youth Team Sports (OCFS 5011)

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