

Suffolk County Youth Bureau
2024 Sports Teams Grant FAQ

1. When is the application due?

Ans. Applications are due by midnight on **May 14, 2024.**

2. Is there a cap on the funding level or number of applications per program/per organization?

Ans. On average, **\$25,000** is the maximum possible award. Only one application will be considered per organization.

3. What type of entities are eligible to apply?

Ans. The Suffolk County municipal youth bureau will contract with local nonprofit

4. Will this be one-time funding? Ans. Yes.

a. Or, multiple-year funding? Ans. No.

5. If a submission exceeds \$25,000, will the proposal be considered for a smaller adjusted amount? Or will it be rejected?

Ans. All proposals will be considered.

6. What is the expected timeline for awards announcements?

Ans. It is expected that awards will be announced on or before **May 24, 2024.**

7. Will sports liability insurance be required?

Ans. Yes.

8. What is the contract term?

Ans. Nine months from January 2024 to September 2024.

9. How many awards will be made this year?

Ans. The goal is to make a wide variety of awards that expand and enhance the access and participation of youth in team sports.

10. What supporting documents should be submitted along with the application?

Ans. Organizations must submit the following documents:

- Line-item budget,
- Nonprofit formation documents,
- Current Board of Directors roster,
- Description of program,
- Scope of services,
- Evidence of demographic or communities served
- Performance indicators that will be used to establish program deliverables and efficacy.

**Please note that additional documents will be requested and must be provided in a timely manner, if selected as an awardee.

11. What are the goals of the programs to be funded?

Ans. Programs must aim to foster the following:

- Physical health and well-being – Increasing physical activity and positive relationships 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.

12. What data and performance indicators must programs report on if they are awarded the grant?

Ans. Programs must collect and provide anonymized aggregate data report on registrants, participant demographic, number of youth participating (unduplicated), number of youth completing the program, and percentage of youth, indicating through surveys, their improved ability to socialize/interact with peers/family.

13. What expenses are allowable?

Ans. Approved costs include but are not limited to the following:

- Coaches/instructors/direct service staff/mentors (including training/professional development).
- Referee fees.
- Transportation costs
- Liability Insurance
- Purchase of equipment or uniforms.
- Capital investment (e.g., swimming facilities, fields, fences, storage, lighting).
- Instruction or coaching necessary to support youth's ability to participate in team sports.
- Facility/field space.

14. What factors will be considered in the selection of awardees?

Ans. Suffolk County Youth Bureau is required to ensure that awards meet legislative, regulatory, and administrative requirements. This requires that the Suffolk County Youth Bureau review and assess each application to determine the following:

- Applicant's eligibility to receive this funding.
- The costs and activities in the application are for allowable, allocable, necessary, and reasonable costs.
- The applicant possesses the responsibility, financial management, fiscal integrity, and financial capability to administer grant funds adequately and appropriately.
- Assurance that funding is utilized for the intended population, New York State OCFS requires municipal youth bureaus to distribute funds based on local need, considering factors including, but not limited to the following:
 - Historically under-resourced communities [High poverty rate, youth living at or below the poverty line, attending Title I school districts, Black, Indigenous, Hispanic/Latino, other marginalized people of color].
 - High rates of public housing and/or family homelessness.
 - Neighborhoods/cities/areas deemed "low-income" via externally available tools like the New York State Council on Children and Kids Well-being Indicators Clearinghouse (KWIC) :: NYS Council on Children and Families.
 - Marginalized communities or groups with higher barriers to participation in team sports (e.g., youth with disabilities; girls; transgender/gender non-binary youth; and youth who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or questioning).
 - Federally and/or New York State-recognized tribes and tribal organizations.
 - Neighborhoods that experience higher rates of crime and violence and low-performing schools.