

# January 1, 2026–September 30, 2026

## NYS OCFS Youth Team Sports (YTS) Grant Application

### Checklist for Dutchess County Youth Services

**\*\*Our submission process remains online. The grant application process is located on the Dutchess County Grant Portal (<https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=dc>). This link will bring you to the DutchessNY.Gov “Logon Page.” Once at the “Logon Page,” follow instructions to log on or create a new account. After successfully creating an account, you will be brought to the “Apply” page where you can click on the “Apply” button which will bring you to the grant application. You will find all the documents listed below (with instructions) within the application process on the grant portal. Fill out and upload all documents directly to the portal.\*\***

**All grant applications are due to the Division of Youth Services on or before Tuesday, December 23, 2025, by 1:00 p.m.**

Here are a few things to know before you get started:

- **This is a reimbursable grant.**
- Eligible applicants should either be a registered tax exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit or community-based organization that operates its program in Dutchess County, serves Dutchess County youth, and has a federal identification number. The agency **MUST** be able to meet the county’s insurance requirements.
- Funding is available in grant awards from \$5,000 to \$25,000 for youth-serving organizations who provide free team sports opportunities to youth **under age 18**. For the purposes of this Youth Team Sports (YTS) funding opportunity, a “ ‘team sport’ is defined as an organized physical activity in which groups of two or more individuals compete with two or more opposing individuals.”
- You must provide structured sports activities for Dutchess County youth **under age 18 in under-resourced communities** during the program year January 1, 2026—September 30, 2026.
- 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 protections guidelines.
- Collect registration data, including participant demographic information as required by OCFS in a manner that allows for accurate reporting of anonymized aggregate data.
- Agencies must state how their proposed program aligns with at least **one** domain of the county’s Path to Promise Initiative. The Path to Promise framework and initiative can be accessed at: <https://www.pathtopromise.net/>.
- If your program is funded, anyone working directly with youth will be required to show evidence of training in **Positive Youth Development**. **This training can be found online at [www.actforyouth.net](http://www.actforyouth.net).**

- There is no appeal process for agencies that do not receive funding.

**Checklist and Instructions for Grant Application Documents** – All documents can be found on our website, under “grant funding,” at <https://www.dutchessny.gov/Departments/Youth-Services/NYS-Office-of-Children-and-Family-Services-Grant-Funding.htm>, along with other helpful information to assist you in the process.

1. OCFS Form 5001 (Individual Program Application – Program Information): Please make sure signatures of the agency’s executive director or municipal supervisor/mayor are included.
2. OCFS Form 5002 (Agency-Program Profile): Please make sure the program’s demographic data is complete and adds up in each category to equal the “Projected total program enrollment” (# of youth to be served). Be mindful that there is a 100-word limit in each of the “Features of positive youth development settings.” There is a “helpful hints” list provided to assist in completing the features of youth development settings sections.
3. OCFS Form 5003 (Individual Program Application/Program Summary-Program Components): This section pertains to the Touchstone Life Areas; Goals; Objectives; Services, Opportunities, and Supports (SOS); and Performance Measures. Agencies **must** use the following required OCFS Life Area and Services, Opportunities, and Supports (SOS) elections:
  - **Life area: 2PEH Physical and Emotional Health**
  - SOS: 0232 Year-round/seasonal activities
  - Performance measures:
    - How much: 0232A.1—Number of youth participating (unduplicated)
    - How Well: 0232B.4—Percent of youth completing the program
    - Better Off: 0232C.2—Number of youth who attain or improve on a skill and/or report an increase in knowledge/awareness
4. Division of Youth Services 2026 YTS Grant Application Attachments: The grant application includes the following attachments: Logic Model (Attachment I); Outcome Form (Attachment II); Board List (Attachment III), Projected Program Budget form (Attachment IV), and Listed Additional Expenses (Attachment V). **Be sure to complete the budget form for the entire program** (not the agency) and use the form provided, not your own.
5. Memorandums of Understanding or Letters of Agreement: If the program is held offsite at a school, another agency, or location, please provide one copy of each MOU or Letter of Agreement indicating the relationship and outlining what the host site agrees to provide for the program year. If the program engages with another agency to provide services to youth on a regular basis, then an MOU is needed. You must provide this to apply.
6. Agency audit or IRS Form 990: Please provide a copy of the most recent agency audit **OR** the most recent IRS Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax).
7. For New Agencies: Please submit proof of the agency’s 501(c)(3) nonprofit account verification. The agency may be required to submit other supporting documents if the program is funded.

No grants will be reviewed by the committee prior to the due date of **Tuesday, December 23, 2025, at 1 p.m.** The Youth Board and Coordinating Council's (YBCC) proposals committee will review all grant applications and make funding recommendations to the full YBCC on or around February 2026. YBCC members who work or sit on boards of directors of organizations applying for grants must recuse themselves from voting. The County Executive makes final funding decisions. Agencies will be notified in writing (in March) if they will be funded or not. There is no appeal process for denied applications. Written questions and inquiries concerning this grant proposal can be submitted via email to [Doreen.Clifford@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Doreen.Clifford@dfa.state.ny.us) and [Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us](mailto:Juliana.Corbett@dfa.state.ny.us). Youth Services staff cannot assist in developing your program design or in drafting your grant application.

**Thank you for your interest in the 2026 NYS OCFS/DCFS Youth Team Sports Grant Application Process.**