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SARATOGA COUNTY: MORE THAN \$100,000 AVAILABLE FOR YOUTH SPORTS TEAMS

County Seeks Funding Requests for 2023-2024 Youth Team Sports Funding

BALLSTON SPA, NY -- Saratoga County officials today announced the County's Department of Aging and Youth Services is accepting funding requests from eligible programs that provide Youth Team Sports (YTS) in Saratoga County. The funding supports youth development through team sports programs.

The County has a total of \$111,278 available for eligible youth sports teams with individual grants of up to \$50,000 available. Eligible entities include community-based organizations and nonprofits. Schools and units of Government are not eligible to apply. Grants can be spent on team sports or team sports infrastructure.

To apply for a grant, please complete the [application](#) for Youth Sports Funding on the [Youth Services page](#) of the county website. The application, along with all required attachments, must be submitted to the Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services by December 29, 2023.

A "team sport" is defined as an organized physical activity in which groups of two or more individuals are in competition with two or more opposing individuals. Sporting activities where individuals engage in competition on behalf of an organized group (such as singles tennis, team golf, or racing sports such as swimming or skiing) are included in this definition. This may include educational instruction necessary to prepare youth to participate in team sports.

These funds are provided by the Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services and the New York State Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS). A new fund was created under OCFS in the state fiscal year 2023-2024 budget to provide awards to support youth team sports programs for underserved youth under age 18. Repeat funding from the State is not guaranteed.

The Department of Aging and Youth Services will review and evaluate each proposal for cost-effectiveness, impact, and measurable outcomes. They will also look to ensure each project serves a large cross-section of youth from different age groups and geographic areas in Saratoga County.

Youth Team Sports funding awards are guided by the following principles:

- Educational Connection and Achievement
- Physical Health and Well-Being
- Mental Health and Well-Being
- Employment
- Community Cohesion

Funding decisions and awards will be based on New York State guidelines. More information is available on the Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services webpage at www.saratogacountyny.gov.

For more information, contact the Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services at 518-884-4100.

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