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SARATOGA COUNTY ANNOUNCES YOUTH TEAM SPORTS FUNDING GRANT RECIPIENTS

PRESS RELEASE

More than \$100,000 provided to youth sports teams for underserved youth

BALLSTON SPA, NY -- Saratoga County officials today announced grant recipients of the County's Department of Aging and Youth Services Youth Team Sports (YTS) Funding. The funding supports youth development through team sports programs.

More than \$100,000 was made available to support youth team sports programs for underserved youth under the age of 18. Community-based organizations and nonprofits were eligible to apply for funding.

The following organizations were awarded grants:

- Old Saratoga Athletic Association was awarded \$31,999 to purchase a vinyl storage garage.
- Schuylerville Lacrosse was awarded \$6,917 for equipment, supplies, tournament fees and scholarships.
- Mechanicville Stillwater United Soccer Club was awarded \$5,606 for field and gym rental, medical kits, and registration fees for low-income youth.
- Mechanicville Area Community Services Center was awarded \$12,542 for infrastructure improvements, volleyball equipment and staffing.
- Mechanicville Stillwater Little League was awarded \$15,000 for infrastructure improvements.
- Corinth Ice Hockey was awarded \$18,000 for indoor ice rink rental and a temporary liner for an outdoor ice rink.
- Galway Baseball Softball League was awarded \$18,160 for infrastructure improvements.

TEAM Sports funding is provided by the Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services with funding from 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.

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

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Photo: Saratoga County Officials present checks to recipients of Saratoga County Youth Sports Teams Funding, Old Saratoga Athletic Association and Schuylerville Lacrosse. Pictured: Supervisor Tom Richardson of the City of Mechanicville, Supervisor Eric Butler of the Town of Corinth, Rebecca Robarge, Youth Program Coordinator at Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services, Sandra Cross, Director of Saratoga County Department of Aging and Youth Services, Mike Prendergast of Old Saratoga Athletic Association, Saratoga County Board of Supervisors Chairman Phil Barrett, James Ducharme of Schuylerville Lacrosse, Supervisor Ian Murray of the Town of Saratoga, Supervisor J.D. Arnold of the Town of Galway, and Schuylerville Mayor Dan Carpenter