

The Erie County Youth Bureau invites youth serving, not-for-profit agencies and Local Youth Bureaus in Erie County to apply for grants for Year-Round youth programs. Applying for a grant involves utilization of a “Request for Proposal” (RFP) process. The RFP is announced via public notice, email, the Erie County website, and the Erie County Youth Bureau website. All important dates and deadlines are included in the RFP.

Year-Round programs generally operate during the school year, including breaks, but not the summer months, though some programs do run the entire calendar year (i.e. counseling, mentoring, etc.). Year-Round programs are funded in the following two distinct categories:

*-Youth Development Program (YDP) programs-* are comprised of funded agencies that target positive youth development for ages 6-20 that focus on prioritized areas including academic enrichment, career enrichment, mentoring, counseling, youth leadership, service, and civic engagement.

*-Runaway Homeless Youth Agencies (RHYA)* provide specific services to runaway and homeless youth including safe places, temporary lodging, transitional lodging, counseling, life skills, training, and more.

In 2014, the Youth Bureau funded 64 YDP programs and 2 RHYA programs. A substantial portion of the Erie County Youth Bureau’s funds were distributed to agencies within the City of Buffalo, a much needed resource in one of the poorest cities in America.

If your agency is approved for a grant from the Erie County Youth Bureau, you will be required to complete the following New York State Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS) Forms: 5001, 5002, 5003, and a revised program budget (5005) reflecting your award amount, as well as an OCFS 5007 form.

- [OCFS 5001](#) – one-page basic program application
- [OCFS 5002](#) – three-page agency program profile which shows more details of the funded program
- [OCFS 5003](#) – six-page program component summary
- [OCFS 5007](#) – one-page program annual assessment

These forms, along with the related technical assistance, can be found in the “[Forms](#)” [section, or by clicking here](#).

Funded agencies are required to comply with OCFS and Youth Bureau policies and procedures, attend required trainings, and turn in an expenditure report (including financial backup documentation) quarterly. Funded agencies will also be monitored unannounced by Youth Bureau staff and Youth Board members.