

GREENE COUNTY YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

April 10, 2024 @ 5:30 P.M. – In person with option to join via Zoom

PERSON CONDUCTING MEETING: Vice Chair, Dr. Sal Massa

RECORDER: Katy Drake*, Consultant

ATTENDANCE: Tami Bone, Pam Coloton*, Kevin Forbes, Andrew Holliday, Mary Jo Jaeger, Vice Chair II Amanda Karch, Debra Kingman, Maeve Lampman*, Tatum Lampman*, Vice Chair Dr. Sal Massa, Brenna Rustick, Chair Angelo Scaturro and Don Smith.

GUESTS: Carrie Wallace * = Zoom

EXCUSED: Gabe Hoglund, John Scalera, MaryAnn Scalera, and Stephanie Schleuderer

The meeting opened at 5:30 with the pledge of allegiance. Vice Chair Sal Massa welcomed members and guests. With 12 out of 15 members present, a quorum was available.

OLD BUSINESS

Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion to approve the March meeting notes as written was made by Amanda. The motion was seconded by Mary Jo. With all in favor, the minutes were approved as written.

23/24 Youth Funding

Sal reviewed the funding allocations for October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2024. A Request for Proposals (RFP) was issued on December 1, 2023, with a due date of March 15, 2024. Sal extended thanks to Maureen Murphy for her work in reviewing the applications and creating the spreadsheet for Board reference. Board members received the agreed upon guidance for proposal review, a spreadsheet with pertinent information on each proposal noting eligibility and a copy of all proposals via email on Friday, April 5th. Board members were asked to review the proposals and the spreadsheet prior to the meeting. The Board agreed to complete the review by category of allocations.

2023/24 Youth Funding Allocations for Greene County	
Youth Development Programs	\$45,495
Programs that allow youth to build strengths, gain life skills and have meaningful roles in their community	
Youth Sports & Education Funding (YSEF)	\$19,030
Sports and organized activities that focus on physical fitness activities	
Youth Team Sports (YTS)	\$18,766
Physical team sporting activities where two or more youth are engaged in competition on behalf of organized group	
Youth Sports Education Funding Infrastructure (SEFI)	\$10,344
One time investment in infrastructure for physical activity (fields, uniforms, equipment, etc.)	

- Youth Sports and Education Funding**

Greene County received \$19,030 in YSEF funding for 23/24. Proposals received by the deadline totaled \$19,637.12. The Board discussed the applications, confirming eligibility and reviewing previous years’ allocations. The Board discussed funding all 6 applications under YSEF for 23/24. In order to fund all the applications, a 5% reduction from the requested amount

was suggested, with remaining funds going to Youth Bureau Administration to cover the administrative work of crafting the RFP, advertising, providing guidance, reviewing applications for eligibility, creating spreadsheets for OCFS required information & Board requirements, and anticipated monitoring activities.

A motion was made by Andrew to approve the six YSEF applications at 95% of their request, with remaining funding going to YB Admin for administering the YSEF funding in Greene County. Kevin seconded the motion. All members were in favor, motion carried.

- **Youth Sports Education Funding Infrastructure**

In January, Greene County was awarded an additional \$10,344 in funding for Youth Sports Education Infrastructure (SEFI). Four applications were received, but one application was ineligible as the request was considered a capital project. Maureen Murphy double checked eligibility with OCFS and confirmed that the Greene County Outlaws were not eligible for funding for their request of \$10,000 for new fencing and lighting as these are capital projects. The three remaining applications total a request of \$12,364.00. The Board discussed funding the other three requests at 83% in order to fit the budget, with any remaining funds going to YB admin.

Andrew made a motion to fund the three SEFI applications at 83%, with the remainder going to YB Administration. Angelo seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor.

- **Youth Team Sports**

The Board reviewed the seven (7) YTS applications, totaling \$44,225 in funding requests. For 23/24, Greene was allocated \$18,766 in Youth Team Sports. Board members, specifically youth representatives, shared the value and importance of programs such as youth basketball and cheerleading. Other options for youth team funding were discussed as requests more than doubled the amount of funding available this year.

A motion was made to fund the seven programs at 43% with the remaining funds going to Admin by MJ. Andrew seconded the motion. Before voting, a Board member double checked the math of providing 43% funding, then re-calculated this award amount as 43% would be over the allocation of \$18,766. Amanda made a motion to adjust the award amount to 42% of the requested funding. Deb seconded the motion. The motion carried, with a revised amount of 42% to be awarded to the seven applicants with the remaining funds to go to Youth Bureau Admin.

Update: Following the April 10th meeting it was confirmed that Youth Bureaus cannot receive admin allocations unless directly running the program. An email vote was finalized on May 6th, reallocating all funds set aside for Greene YB Admin in three areas-Youth Sports and Education, Youth Sports and Education Infrastructure and Youth Team Sports. Vote results will be included and ratified in May meeting notes.

- **Youth Development Programs**

Including the past practice of awarding up to \$10,000 in funding to the Pre-PINS program, the amounts requested in funding totaled \$46,255. As some funding has been set aside for YB Admin in the other grants, and last year the YB award was under \$10,000, the Board discussed funding all the program requests at 100%, except the Greene Youth Bureau which would receive the remaining funding- \$9,240.00-- an amount still greater than 2023. Brenna made a motion to fund all Youth Development Programs at 100% with the exception of the Greene YB Pre-PINS program which would receive \$9,240.00. Andrew seconded the motion. All members were in favor and the motion was carried out. Tami shared that the Pre-PINS program/Youth Bureau appreciates this support as it eases the county financial burden as the Bureau is 100% county funded.

Please refer to attached spreadsheet for specific funding amounts for the 23/24 allocations.

YAB Community Communications Committee Update, Dr. Sal Massa

An update on the Communication Committee was provided by Sal in writing to all Board members. Representation in the Roundtable News has grown for youth with Sal sharing the articles that have been written and those intended for future newsletters. Sal shared the information gained from the survey on Committee priorities for 2024. Updates on the website, resource page and YB pamphlet are being worked on. The Board is very interested in the Public Service Announcements and Ads discussed by Andrew. The Board is interested in using social media in different ways to promote resources and share information. Katy will reach out to Andrew for ideas and how to go about creating PSAs to highlight Greene County Youth services and resources. Katy will reach out to Tatum on future articles for the Roundtable News.

Youth Awards

Voting will occur by ballot before and during the next Board meeting. Youth Awards will be presented at the opening ceremony of the Greene County Youth Fair in July.

YOUTH BUREAU UPDATE, Carrie Wallace

Carrie shared the youth services data for the first half of this program year. A quarterly update was shared via email, so Board members had an opportunity to review the information before the meeting. Questions were asked about the referral process, local services & partnerships, challenges and the Youth Bureau’s role in advocating for youth. When asked about what the department would need to grow services, Carrie shared that another staff person would be valuable to meet the many demands & challenges in serving youth today. The coordination between partners in Greene County was discussed. Additional information, along with case studies, will be shared at future meetings to create a shared understanding of services provided and challenges faced.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Amanda shared that the Columbia Greene Workforce Office is planning on opening an office in Catskill. Amanda shared the support and services that WIO can offer. The Board discussed the Summer Youth Employment Program and the opportunities that can provide youth starting at age 14. Amanda shared the Columbia Greene Workforce Office will be offering GED testing in the near future—schedule will follow once finalized. The announcement of local GED testing may be a great first PSA video from the Youth Advisory Board.

Andrew made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:09. MJ seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned

Next meeting – May 8, 2024 @ 5:30.

DATE	TIME
May 8, 2024	5:30 – 6:30
June 12, 2024	5:30 – 6:30
July 25-28, 2024	Greene County Youth Fair
September 11, 2024	5:30 – 6:30
October 9, 2024	5:30 – 6:30
November 13, 2024*	5:30 – 6:30
*If needed	

Agency TERM: 10/1/2023 - 9/30/2024	Purpose of	Actual
RFP 12/1/2023	Grant Request	Award
Athens Recreation Association (Pool)	Lifeguard training	3,117.82
Town of Durham Swimming	Program (salaries & misc. expenses, i.e. transportation)	4,113.42
Cairo Summer Recreation Sports Program	Program (Salaries)	2,927.82
Capital District YMCA Homeschooling Gym Class	Gym activities	433.06
Capital District YMCA Healthy Kids Day	Activities	836.06
Cus D'Amato KO Youth Boxing	Boxing ring equipment	7,601.82
NYS ALLOCATED \$19,030		19,030.00
Greene County Flag Football (Infrastructure)	Equipment for field maintenance	3,554.79
Greene County Outlaws	New fencing & install lighting	0.00 Capitol Project
Coxsackie-Athens Little League	Game mound & scoreboard	6,346.91
Greenville Soccer Club	Field maintenance & equipment	442.30
NYS ALLOCATED \$10,344		10,344.00
Greene Pop Warner Cheerleaders Little Scholars	Uniforms & mats	4,405.01
Greene County Flag Football	Gear	2,723.76
Greene County Outlaws	Fees, gear, scholarships	2,547.36
Northern Catskill Youth Organization (RVW Soccer)	Nets, First aid supplies	1,799.76
Exit 21 Youth Basketball	Uniforms	1,570.44
Coxsackie-Athens Little League	Uniforms, scholarships, supplies	3,896.81
Greenville Soccer Club	Uniforms, scholarships, adult training, supplies	1,822.86
NYS ALLOCATED \$18,766		18,766.00
Athens Cultural Art Center, Inc.	Summer youth programs	8,000.00
Boundless Arts	Art enrichment programs	3,000.00
Cairo Summer Recreation	Program (salaries)	3,000.00

Common Ground Dispute Res	program salaries	5,000.00
Cornell Cooperative Extension	Programs	3,000.00
Durham Summer Recreation	Program	3,000.00
GC DHS Pre-PINS	Program	9,240.00
GC Youth Bureau - Community Development (<i>Youth Development/Recognition</i>)	Youth Awards (50%)	500.00
Girl Scouts of NENY	Programs	3,500.00
Greene County YMCA Youth Enrichment Programs	Program Projects/presentations	975.00
Greenville Library (Young Readers)	Summer reading program	2,280.00
Prattsville Art Project	Youth art projects	4,000.00
NYS ALLOCATED \$45,495		45,495.00