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c/o Town of Dryden, 93 East Main Street, Dryden, NY 13053

To: Youth Serving Agencies

From: Vicki Wilkins, Chair
Dryden Recreation & Youth Commission

Re: 2014 Funding Applications

Date: June 27, 2013

The Dryden Recreation & Youth Commission is issuing a Request for Proposals for calendar year 2014. The Commission is committed to offering a wide variety of youth programs in the community to complement and balance the services offered by the school and other community organizations. To the maximum extent possible, programs should have clear goals and should involve young people in planning, implementing, and evaluating the programs offered.

Priority in 2014 will go to:

- Programs that address one or more of the needs identified in the attached *2009 Dryden Youth Needs Assessment Summary* (conducted by the Dryden Youth Commission before its merger with the Recreation Commission).
- Community-based programs provided during non-school hours that encourage healthy personal development and promote community involvement for middle-school youth.

Youth employment continues to be an identified need for Dryden youth. Therefore, the Commission is committed to supporting local youth employment opportunities on a limited basis and also invites applications for programs that build employment skills and provide first time employment opportunities for local youth. In order for this to be a learning experience, it is an expectation that there will be a job description with clear performance expectations, that youth will complete an application and take part in an interview and have a performance review at the end of employment. It is likely that the Commission will change how youth employment programs are funded and coordinated next year but we still invite your applications and will keep in touch with you as the new processes unfold.

The Commission will update its needs assessment in 2014 and it will guide next year's application process. Additionally, it is likely that, for 2015, we will open the application process to a broader pool of applicants. This year, only those who received funding for the current year are being invited to apply.

Completed applications are due by **4:30 PM on Tuesday, Aug. 13**. Please send **9** copies of your application to Kris Bennett, Tompkins County Youth Services Dept., 320 W. ML King Jr./State St., Ithaca, NY 14850. If you have questions please contact Kris Bennett (274-5310). If you would like the enclosed application, budget and needs assessment emailed to you, please contact Kris Bennett at kmbennett@tompkins-co.org. The forms may also be accessed at <http://dryden.ny.us/board-commission-list/dryden-recreation-and-youth-commission>.

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2014 Funding Request Form - Program Description

Program Name											
Sponsoring Agency											
Address						Phone					
Contact Person						Email					
Contact person address						Contact person phone					
Program Dates						Program Location					
# Youth to be Served	Total #		Age 0 - 4		Age 5 - 9		Age 10 - 15		Age 16 - 20		

Brief description of the program		
Which youth needs or trends from the DYC needs assessment will your program address? How?		
What are the goals of the program? How will you determine whether the goals have been met?		
What methods will be used to reach the goals?		
How will the program be evaluated and what were the results of your last evaluation?		
How do you advertise and recruit participants?		
What month would you like to attend a meeting of the Dryden Youth Commission to present a report about your program?	First choice	Second choice

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2014 Funding Request Form - Budget Information

Please complete all required lines of this worksheet. Attach additional information as needed or desired.

Name of Program			
Is the program being offered in 2013? (If "Yes" please provide the following information)		Yes	No
Total Program Expenses (2013)		\$	
Funds received from the Dryden Youth Commission (2013)		\$	
Do you expect to expend all 2013 Commission sponsored funds?		Yes	No
*Amount of Funding Requested from the Dryden Youth Commission (2014)		\$	
A) Personnel Services			
<u>Please attach listing of personnel positions / wages.</u>			
B) Contracted Services			
<u>Please attach listings of consultants / contracted services.</u>			
C) Operations and Maintenance			
<u>Please attach listing of rent, supplies, travel, etc.</u>			
Total 2014 Program Expenses (A+B+C)		\$	
Total 2014 Program Revenue		\$	
United Way			
Fundraising			
Fees			
Donations / Foundations			
New York State			
County Youth Services			
*Dryden Youth Commission (same amount as listed in bold box above)			
Other			
Other			

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Dryden Youth Commission 2009 Youth Needs Assessment Summary

The Dryden Youth Commission serves as an advisory group to the Town of Dryden and Villages of Dryden and Freeville. The Commission is responsible for assessing the needs and priorities of Dryden youth and developing programs to meet these needs. The Commission allocates state, county and local funds to support these programs. During early 2009, the Commission invited presentations by local youth workers, educators and experts to learn what issues and trends are affecting Dryden youth. The identified needs and issues, listed below, will be used during the next 3 years to set Commission priorities and guide funding decisions.

Strengths

- Synergy between youth and community
- Lots of smart, involved kids in the community

Needs

- Earlier intervention for children in high risk environments
- Expanded programming that focuses on younger youth but can include adolescents as well
- Centralized activities with access to public transportation
- More outreach – getting program information to people who need it
- Mechanism for people to make donations to programs
- Activities that target specific gender related issues/needs
- Teen center and/or hang-out space in a central, convenient location
- More after-school programming options for youth
- Service projects to engage teens in their community
- More teen jobs in the Dryden area that involve minimal travel

Challenges

- Size of Dryden creates transportation challenges to out of school activities and services
- 41% of youth in the Dryden School District live in poverty. Poverty contributes to other individual and family problems including drug use, physical abuse, inadequate access to health, mental health and other services, and less overall stability.
- Diminishing program funding
- Unsupervised youth after school

Trends

- Half of town's recreation funding goes to youth sports
- Increase of all the following by children at younger ages
- Increase in risky behaviors
- Increase in violent behavior and levels of violence by children of all ages
- Increase in number of juvenile arrests
- Increase in mental health issues for juveniles
- Misuse of technology by youth
- Use of alcohol by youth of all ages, including elementary students; and youth use of marijuana and tobacco products

These findings are based on 2009 presentations to the Dryden Youth Commission by:

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