**September 26th, 2025**

The Lewis County Youth Bureau met and voted on allocations for Youth Development Program Funds (YDP), Youth Sports and Education Funds (YSEF), and Youth Team Sports Funds (YTS) through the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) for programs running October 1, 2025-September 30, 2026.

Listed below are outcomes of the Youth Bureau’s decisions. We want the community to be aware of what our advisory board does, where funds are going, and how they are being used in the county.

**Youth Development Funding ($30,512):**

**Program** **Agency**  **Awarded Purpose of Funding**

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| 4-H Club | Cornell Cooperative Extension | $1,500 | -STEM curriculum and supplies |
| Summer Resident Camp | Beaver Camp | $19,795 | -Purchase of a voyageur canoe  -Campership funds for 10 Lewis County youth |
| Wagner Field | ReNew Bremen | $6,980 | -New backstop fencing for little league field |
| Music Enrichment Camp | Double Play Community Center | $2,237 | -Music equipment and supplies |

**Youth Sports and Education Funding ($20,000):**

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| Basketball Recreation | Harrisville Central School | $2,000 | -Staff salary |
| 4-H Day Camp | Cornell Cooperative Extension | $8,500 | -Reducing camp cost by 75% |
| Summer Resident Camp | Beaver Camp | $5,923.71 | -Wages for Recreation Leader & Boating Instructor |
| Winter Recreation Skating | Town/Village of Lowville | $1,500 | -New skates |
| Music Enrichment Camp | Double Play Community Center | $2,076.29 | -Counselor salaries |

**Youth Team Sports ($15,187):**

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| Pop Warner Youth Sports | Lowville Pop Warner | $1,600 | -Helmet covers and new pom poms |
| Youth Lacrosse | Lowville Youth Lacrosse | $7,000 | -New uniforms, helmets, and goals  -Field paint and coaching gear |
| Snow Ridge Ski Club | Snow Ridge Ski Club | $6,587 | -New timer system |

It will be announced to the county through the Youth Bureau when the next round of state funding opportunities becomes available for 2026-2027 since all state and county funding has been allocated for this year.

The Youth Bureau is thankful to its current student members who help make these decisions and provide input, along with the government and non-government workers, and community members of Lewis County. We hope the community sees positive results from these funding opportunities and that youth services are supported within Lewis County.

Sincerely,

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