

September 24, 2026

**THE LEWIS COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU ANNOUNCES THE AVAILABILITY OF:
\$21,244 in YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (YDP) FUNDS**

The Youth Bureau is seeking applicants offering service/program opportunities for youth during the **Oct 1, 2026 to September 30, 2027 time period.**

Programs eligible for Youth Development Program funding must meet the criteria below:

- Serve youth under 21 years of age.
- Provide community-level services, opportunities, and supports designed to promote positive youth development across a wide variety, including but not limited to:
 - Citizenship and Civic Engagement (youth leadership, cultural competency, race equity, etc.)
 - Community (youth activism, mentoring, community service, etc.)
 - Economic Security (career development, life skills, etc.)
 - Physical and Emotional Health (seasonal activities like summer camp, opportunities for creative expression, etc.)
 - Education ("out-of-school time" programming to support educational engagement)
 - Safe Harbour/Anti-Trafficking activities, prevention, and supports
 - Family supports (conflict resolution supports like restorative practices, etc.)
- Programs must embed the principles of positive youth development and promote the general well-being of youth by fostering the following:
 - Physical and psychological safety; Appropriate structure; Supportive relationships with adults and peers; Opportunities to belong (positive bonds with peers, family, and community); Positive social norms; Support for efficacy; Opportunities for skill building (opportunities to develop cognitive, social, and emotional skills); Integration of family, school, and community efforts (resources)
- Focus on preventing contact with the juvenile justice system and to reduce the number of youth entering formal court involvement (e.g. reduce risk factors associated with arrest, detention, or diversion referrals).

The application packet along with additionally required state forms and more information on requirements/eligibility for each funding category can be found on the Lewis County Youth Bureau Webpage or County's website under Public Notices section

Deadline for submission of proposals is Tuesday October 13th, 2026

Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis