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Picente: Youth Bureau Grant Applications for 2010 Deadline Extended

Oneida County Executive Anthony J. Picente, Jr. today announced that the Oneida County Youth Bureau is extending the deadline in accepting proposals from interested non-profit organizations that would like the opportunity to provide youth-oriented programs that offer delinquency prevention or recreation as well as those that target runaway and homeless youth. The new deadline will be close of business Friday, September 25th.

“The youth of our community are our future. We know that there are some serious needs in our communities, and we will be looking for proposals from community groups that can provide the greatest possible impact to help the young people of Oneida County,” Picente said, noting that organizations that have never received funding from the Youth Bureau are eligible to complete for funds, as well as those already operating programs. “We encourage our existing partners that have operated successful programs to take those success stories up a notch, and we look forward to some new, creative ideas from agencies that may never have submitted ideas for funding before.”

Three categories of funding are available:

- The **Special Delinquency Prevention Program (SDPP)** is for youth with specific needs to prevent involvement or re-involvement in the juvenile justice system or out of home placement. SDPP funds **do not require a match**.
- The **Youth Development Delinquency Prevention (YDDP)** funding is for recreation and other youth service initiatives **and applications require a 50% cash match**.
- The **Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA)** provides crisis and transitional living services. **A 40% agency match is required**.

“Oneida County has many outstanding organizations that can provide quality services for our youth,” said Youth Bureau Director Robert Roth. “The Youth Bureau looks forward to working with these agencies to serve our youth.”

Programs that are funded must meet guidelines established by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services and address priorities cited in the Oneida County Child and Family Services Plan.

Prospective applicants are encouraged to contact Barbara Gibbs of the Youth Bureau at 798-5670 both to request all forms and documents required to submit an application as well as if they have questions about either the content or format of funding applications. Youth Bureau staff will provide technical assistance for any bidders needing aid with this process.

The Youth Bureau is located in the Paul Building, 209 Elizabeth Street, Utica.