



COUNTY OF ERIE

MARK C. POLONCARZ

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

April 24, 2026

Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street, 4th Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

**Re: Erie County Department of Social Services Youth Bureau – 2026 Summer
Primetime Funding**

Dear Honorable Members:

The Department of Social Services Youth Bureau is seeking approval to execute contracts with 80 community providers in the amount of \$700,000 for the 2026 Summer Primetime program. The Youth Bureau distributed a request-for-proposal for this program, and Youth Board panel recommendations were used to determine contract award amounts.

Operation Primetime provides for an adult-supervised environment for the school summer recess period. Program activities consist of positive youth development, including academic support, mentoring, cultural enrichment, and structured recreational activities that prevent delinquency, increase socialization, and foster respect for authority.

Should your Honorable Body require further information, I encourage you to contact Commissioner Karen Rybicki at the Erie County Department of Social Services. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark C. Poloncarz".

Mark C. Poloncarz, Esq.
Erie County Executive

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Enclosure

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Social Services Youth Bureau
Re: 2026 Summer Operation Primetime Contract Awards
Date: April 24, 2026

SUMMARY

The Department of Social Services Youth Bureau is seeking approval to execute contracts with 80 community providers in the amount of \$700,000 for the 2026 Summer Operation Primetime program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The grant funding for this action is derived from New York State Aid and local share dollars that are included in the 2026 Adopted Budget.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

Operation Primetime provides for an adult-supervised environment for the school summer recess period. Program activities consist of positive youth development, including academic support, mentoring, cultural enrichment, and structured recreational activities that prevent delinquency, increase socialization, and foster respect for authority.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Youth Bureau distributed a request for proposal (RFP 2026-002VF) to interested parties and the Youth Board panel recommendations were utilized to determine contract award amounts.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

This important program would not be available to local youth. Local youth-serving agencies would not have resources to offer summer programming to at-risk youth in Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Contracts will be executed and services will be provided.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - YOUTH SERVICES DIVISION

RE: 2026 Summer Primetime Program

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Services Youth Bureau is seeking approval to execute contracts with community providers for the 2026 summer Primetime program; and

WHEREAS, the availability of local share funding provided in the 2026 adopted budget enable this program implementation; and

WHEREAS, Operation Primetime provides for an adult-supervised environment for the ten-week school summer recess period, and program activities consist of structured recreation that prevents delinquency, increase socialization and foster respect for authority; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Proposal (RFP #2026-002VF) was distributed for this program and Youth Board panel recommendations were utilized to determine contract award amounts; and

WHEREAS, there is no additional local share necessary for these awards, and there is no fiscal impact based on this resolution.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Erie County Legislature hereby authorizes the County Executive or Deputy County Executive to enter into contracts with the community providers noted in RFP #2026-002VF for Operation Primetime; and be it further

RESOLVED, that sufficient funding exists within the Youth Bureau's 2026 Operating Budget (Fund 110, Funds Center 12530) Account 517749 (Operation Primetime) to cover the costs of the agency awards; and be it further

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby given to the Director of Budget and Management to make any additional budget adjustment which may be required in order to match expense with State funding allocation adjustments; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Erie County Executive's Office, Comptroller's Office, Department of Social Services and Division of Budget and Management.



Department of Social Services

Recommendation for RFP 2026-002VF: Summer Primetime Programming

Date: March 18, 2026

The review panel has completed its task of evaluating the proposals for the above-named RFP. The proposals were graded individually by each panel member as well as by Administration as to compliance with the RFP requirements and fiscal compliance/soundness.

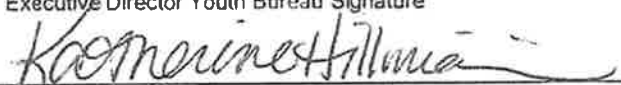
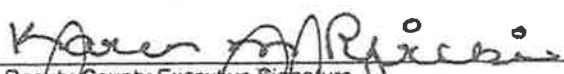
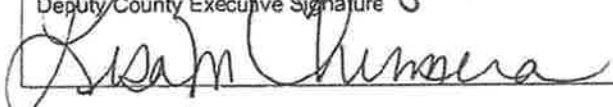
Agency	Total Score	Ranking by Score	Requested Amount	Recommended Award
PEACE OF THE CITY	108.00	1	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BESTSELF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, INC.	107.00	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF BUFFALO, INC.	107.00	2	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BUFFALO ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER, INC	107.00	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
ERIE REGIONAL HOUSING DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	107.00	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
FAMILY PROMISE OF WESTERN NEW YORK	107.00	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
NORTHWEST BUFFALO COMMUNITY CENTER INC.	107.00	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE OF BUFFALO, INC.	107.00	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
THE RURAL OUTREACH CENTER INC.	107.00	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
THE SALVATION ARMY	107.00	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
UNIVERSITY DISTRICT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION, INC.	107.00	2	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BACK TO BASICS OUTREACH MINISTRIES, INC.	106.00	3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF THE NORTHTOWNS OF WNY, INC.	106.00	3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BUFFALO URBAN LEAGUE, INC.	106.00	3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
FIRST SHILOH YOUTH FOUNDATION	106.00	3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
KAREN SOCIETY OF BUFFALO	106.00	3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
POLISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF BUFFALO INC.	106.00	3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
UNITED CHURCH HOME	106.00	3	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
KING URBAN LIFE CENTER, INC	105.00	4	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
NATIVE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SERVICES OF ERIE AND NIAGARA COUNTIES, INC.	105.00	4	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
FULL CIRCLE FAMILY SERVICE INC	104.00	5	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BUFFALO-AREA ENGINEERING AWARENESS FOR MINORITIES	103.67	6	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BUFFALO VINEYARD	102.67	7	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
EPIC - EVERY PERSON INFLUENCES CHILDREN, INC.	102.67	7	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
RESOURCE COUNCIL OF WNY	102.67	7	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
SENECA STREET COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	102.67	7	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
WEST SIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES	102.67	7	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
YWCA OF WESTERN NEW YORK, INC.	102.67	7	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00

AWO	102.00	8	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE PROJECT	101.67	9	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EAST AURORA	101.00	10	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BAKER HALL, INC.	100.67	11	\$ 11,222.94	\$ 10,000.00
MT. OLIVE MBC, INC.	100.67	11	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF HOLLAND	100.33	12	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
THE COLLABORATIVE CENTER FOR SOCIAL INNOVATION, INC.	100.33	12	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
CRADLE BEACH, INC.	99.67	13	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
LACKAWANNA YEMEN SOCCER CLUB	99.67	13	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
G.I.R.L.S. SPORTS FOUNDATION, INC	99.33	14	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
T CORP COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION	99.33	14	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
THE RESEARCH FOUNDATION FOR THE STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK	99.33	14	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TRE & ASSOCIATES INC.	99.33	14	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
WAVE BUFFALO INC	99.33	14	\$ 15,150.00	\$ 10,000.00
GREAT FALLS COUNCIL, INC. BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA	98.33	15	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
HOPE OF BUFFALO, INC. DBA: PEACEPRINTS OF WNY	98.33	15	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOLL TO OUR LEGACY'S & LEGENDS INC.	98.33	15	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
WESTMINSTER ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE, INC.	98.33	15	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BE-A-FRIEND PROGRAM, INC., BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS OF ERIE, NIAGARA AND THE SOUTHERN TIER	97.33	16	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TRU-WAY COMMUNITY CENTER INC.	97.33	16	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ORCHARD PARK	96.67	17	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TOWN OF CHEEKTOWAGA	96.67	17	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BITS AND BYTES STEM FOUNDATION	96.33	18	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BUFFALO MEDIA RESOURCES INC	96.33	18	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
COMPEER WEST, INC.	96.33	18	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
GIRL SCOUTS OF WESTERN NEW YORK	96.33	18	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
HEAL INTERNATIONAL	96.33	18	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BUFFALO PREP, INC.	96.00	19	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
COMMUNITY ACTION ORGANIZATION OF WESTERN NEW YORK	95.33	20	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION OF ERIE COUNTY	95.33	20	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF EDEN INC	94.67	21	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
CITY SWIM PROJECT	94.67	21	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
VILLAGE of HAMBURG	94.67	21	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF GREATER BUFFALO, INC	94.33	22	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
PARKER ACADEMY CHILD CARE AND LEARNING CENTER INC	93.67	23	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF ELMA, MARILLA AND WALES	93.33	24	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
FRIENDS INC.	93.33	24	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
SOLID FOUNDATION PREP, INC.	93.33	24	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
THE PREVENTION COUNCIL OF ERIE COUNTY	93.33	24	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
ANTIOCH BAPTIST CHURCH	93.00	25	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
VOICE BUFFALO	93.00	25	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00

TOWN OF WEST SENECA	92.33	26	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
KIDS ESCAPING DRUGS, INC.	90.00	27	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
LOCUST STREET NEIGHBORHOOR ART CLASSES, INC.	90.00	27	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
ENLIGHTENMENT BOOKSTORE & CAFE	89.33	28	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
CHILD CARE NETWORK OF THE NIAGARA FRONTIER, INC	89.00	29	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
URBAN CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES	88.67	30	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
SPRINGVILLE YOUTH INC.	86.00	31	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
ROHINGYA EMPOWERMENT COMMUNITY INC	85.33	32	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
OPEN BUFFALO	84.33	33	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
COMMUNITY WELLNESS WORKS GIVING, INC	78.00	34	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
BE ELITE INC	75.33	35	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
				\$ 700,000.00

It is recommended that Summer Primetime Programming be funded as outlined above for Erie County in 2026. Supporting documentation is included in this packet.

The Department of Social Services has complied with all applicable provisions of Section 26.08 of the Erie County Administrative Code.

Executive Director Youth Bureau Signature 	Printed Name Katherine Hilliman	Date 3/18/26
Commissioner Signature 	Printed Name Karen Rybicki	Date 3/19/26
Deputy County Executive Signature 	Printed Name Lisa Chimera	Date 3/20/26