

2026 Transportation for Youth to Local and County Fairs Program Project Descriptions

Capital Region

Albany, Schenectady, Greene Counties Agricultural and Historical Society - \$25,000

Albany, Schenectady, Greene Counties Agricultural and Historical Society will partner with Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central School District, Eagle Point Elementary School, FFA, and CCE Albany county to transport youth to the Altamont Fair. The youth attendees will learn about agriculture through educational activities as part of the “Ag-Venture” program, led by 4-H and FFA members.

Central NY

Oswego County Agricultural Society – \$25,000

The Oswego County Agricultural Society will partner with the Oswego County Office of Mobility Management to transport youth to the Oswego County Fair. CCE Oswego County will coordinate activities for the youth to participate in so that they can get hands on experience and create something they can show at the fair.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Madison County - \$25,000

CCE Madison will partner with local organizations such as the Morrisville-Eaton Central School District and SUNY Morrisville to transport youth to the Madison County Fair. Local 4-H and FFA groups members take youth across “Agventures at the Fairgrounds” which will teach them about different aspects of agriculture. Attendees will visit different stations throughout the fair that highlight activities such as animal care, crop growing, and local food systems.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cortland County - \$25,000

CCE Cortland will partner with their local public transportation system to operate a dedicated Fair Shuttle Line to connect the community to the fair. Upon arrival at the fair, youth groups will participate in a structured agricultural learning activity as well as receive a midway voucher to allow them to enjoy all that the fair has to offer.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Cayuga County - \$14,115

CCE Cayuga will partner with CCE Seneca and the Cayuga County Fair Committee to provide a fun and educational day at the fair to approximately 150 local youth. Participants will be provided with an educational experience including the NYS Mobile Dairy Experience, watching livestock shows, and hands-on demonstrations led by CCE educators. Participating youth will also be provided with a locally sourced meal and an agricultural education book.

Finger Lakes

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Ontario County – \$24,200

CCE Ontario County will partner with the Ontario County Ag Society to transport up to 300 youth from local youth groups to the Ontario County Fair. The day will include a tour of the fair so that participating youth can receive an agricultural education experience and hopefully be inspired to enter exhibits into the fair next year.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Monroe County - \$18,362



CCE Monroe will partner with Monroe BOCES and other local organizations to provide local youth with an immersive agricultural experience at the Orleans County Youth Fair. Youth will participate in guided tours of the fair, meet 4-H exhibitors and complete structured agricultural education activities. Youth will also receive food vouchers and midway passes so that they can enjoy all that the fair has to offer and create meaningful memories.

Action for a Better Community - \$25,000

Action for a Better Community will provide youth in their summer camp programs with an opportunity to visit multiple county and local fairs to expand their agricultural awareness and provide them with additional agricultural education. The fair visits will be part of a larger focus on agriculture during their summer programming, allowing youth to get a well rounded experience and gain new knowledge of where their food comes from and how it's produced.

Hudson Valley

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Orange County – \$25,000

CCE Orange County will partner with local youth organizations to bring inner-city youth to the Country Fair in Otisville. There will be hands on activities and guided tours led by 4-H and FFA members so that they attendees can experience the fair and learn about local agriculture. In addition to an immersive educational experience, participants will leave with increased agricultural literacy and lifelong memories.

Ulster County Agricultural Society - \$24,630

The Ulster County Ag Society will partner with CCE Ulster County to organize transportation for close to 250 youth from three different locations to the Ulster County Fair. CCE Ulster will provide educational activities for the youth and they'll have the opportunity to learn from the 4-Hers about their projects.

The Children's Village - \$21,783

The Children's Village will collaborate with the Greenburgh Eleven School District to provide youth with a fun and engaging educational experience at the Ulster County Fair. This day at the fair would build upon horticultural education the students already receive and expand their awareness of agriculture.

Dutchess County Agricultural Society - \$5,084

The Dutchess County Ag Society would partner with CCE Dutchess to provide youth in their Green Teens program with a day at the fair. This would provide the youth with relevant agricultural education as well as provide them with a fun end-of-season trip to round out their summer work and education experience.

Mohawk Valley

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Oneida County - \$24,995

CCE Oneida will partner with the Boonville Fair Association to organize transportation for youth to the Boonville-Oneida County Fair. This program will continue to build on an established program to transport over 700 youth from many different community groups to the fair where they'll receive hands-on learning instruction as well as the opportunity to enjoy everything the fair has to offer.

New York City

Opus Dance Theatre and Community Services- \$25,000



Opus Dance Theatre and Community Services will organize trips to county and local fairs for youth participants who participate in their community programs, many of whom have limited exposure to agriculture. These youth will receive guided tours, livestock demonstrations, and hands-on agriculture education as well as pre and post visit learning activities.

Uptown & Boogie Healthy Project - \$16,100

Uptown & Boogie Healthy Project will bring youth participants of their agricultural education programs to the Ulster County Fair for a day of hands-on engagement and activities. Youth will be provided with guided tours through the exhibits, livestock barns, and horticultural displays as well as the opportunity to meet with farmers and educators.

North Country

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County - \$25,000

CCE Jefferson will partner with the Jefferson County Ag Society to arrange for transportation for multiple youth groups to the Jefferson County Fair. 4-H Educators will develop activities and tours for the youth to provide education about local agriculture and introduce youth to different careers in agriculture.

Lewis County Agricultural Society - \$25,000

Lewis County Ag Society will partner with multiple local youth groups to organize transportation and programming for youth at the Lewis County Fair. The goal is to provide over 250 youth with the opportunity to have a unique experience combining agricultural education and the excitement of the fair. The programming will include hands on educational activities for the youth as well as time to enjoy the midway.

Western NY

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Niagara County - \$21,020

CCE Niagara County will partner with the YWCA and YMCA of Niagara and the Kenan Center to transport youth to the Niagara County youth fair. The youth will receive an educational tour from the 4-Hers covering animal and plant science, nutritional science, natural science and more. Youth will come away from the experience having received an agricultural education experience and hopefully they will be inspired to participate in the fair themselves next year.

Erie County Agricultural Society - \$25,000

Erie County Ag Society will partner with the Boys and Girls Club of Buffalo to arrange transportation for approximately 500 youth to the Erie County Fair. There will be agricultural stations set up throughout the fair with guided educational programming covering different aspects of agriculture. Participants will also receive information on how to participate in the fair next year.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chautauqua County - \$25,000

CCE Chautauqua County will partner with the multiple youth groups within the county to organize transportation to the Chautauqua County Fair. Hands-on agricultural and educational activities will be delivered by 4-Hers, who will also provide tours of the fair.

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Erie County - \$12,000



Department of Agriculture and Markets

CCE Erie will partner with youth groups throughout the county to organize transportation to the Erie County Fair. The youth will be provided with guided tours of the fairgrounds and receive agricultural education from 4-Hers. Participants will hear directly from 4-Hers about their experiences and the projects they've worked on throughout the year to bring to the fair.

Olean YMCA - \$23,675

The Olean YMCA will provide youth participants with a day at the fair as part of a week long agricultural education program. This program will provide participants with education on horticulture, nutrition, and dairy science. The day at the fair will allow the participants a day of fun while providing them with additional opportunities for learning and to see a wider variety of agriculture.