



OUT-OF-SCHOOL PROGRAM EXPANSION AND NEW PROGRAM GRANTS

Request for Proposals

RELEASE DATE: July 2023

DUE DATE: Applications due Thursday, September 7, 2023

The Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation is pleased to invite organizations to apply for funding to expand the number of seats available for youth in current out-of-school time programs and/or create new OST programs in areas lacking equitable opportunities for youth to participate in high quality out-of-school time programs.

I. BACKGROUND

The Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation is a private charitable foundation established in 1988 by Max and Marian Farash. The Foundation is dedicated to the civic and religious communities of its founders who believed in the importance of education and knew the power of entrepreneurial creativity. It strives to make long-term and meaningful contributions in Monroe and Ontario Counties and in Israel. The Foundation serves primarily as a grantmaking organization, with half of its grants supporting Jewish Life, and the other half supporting secular activities in the greater Rochester area. The Foundation places its highest priority on endeavors designed to transform the lives of individuals and the work of organizations.

In the spring of 2023, the Farash Foundation launched a new out-of-school time education strategy focused on the other 87% of the time our community youth are not in a structured school day setting. We want to challenge our partners to think big and creatively so we can create more OST programs for youth to learn new skills, connect deeper with peers and mentors, and have fun. The foundation believes that supporting the creation of more safe and enriching experiences in out-of-school time will help ensure kids feel ready to learn and flourish.

II. PURPOSE

Out-of-school time programs provide youth and families with a multitude of supports, stability, and safe places for learning and play. The Farash Foundation understands the critical role afterschool programs play in our community and is seeking proposals to invest in organizations who have experience in out-of-school time programming and are ready to expand current locations or create new OST sites.

Funding provided through this request will address either of the following priorities.

- A. The expansion and creation of new seats for youth in grades K-12 at current OST program locations.**
- B. The creation of new program sites for youth in grades K-12 in underserved Rochester neighborhoods, mitigating transportation as a barrier.** Proposed expansion programs can be any combination of evenings, weekends, and school holidays (*summer programming will not be considered under this request for proposals*).

For organizations applying for both priorities A and B, we ask that you submit a separate proposal for each priority.

III. PROPOSAL

The application is accessed through the Foundation's grant portal, Fluxx. A pdf of the proposal questions is available [here](#).

The foundation will consider renewal of proposed projects in subsequent years dependent on promising outcomes and availability of future foundation funds.

IV. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

In order to understand the impact of awarded funds, the Foundation will work with grantees to clarify and understand anticipated outcomes.

The foundation will ask grant recipients to participate in a final project

discussion and/or to submit a post-grant report that includes a narrative description of how youth were impacted by the small grant and what was learned.

The foundation will also require an accounting of funds expended.

V. KEYS TO OUR DECISION MAKING

- Project aligns with Farash Foundation mission and OST strategy.
- Project proposes to increase the number of OST program seats and has the potential to significantly impact K-12 youth and families in the OST community in which the project is based.
- Lead organization has a strong leadership track record or evidence of leadership potential is presented in providing OST program services.
- Expansion project has a plan for creating healthy relationships with youth and developing intentional fun learning environments for OST youth.
- Organization has and project shows a demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- Proposed OST expansion project shows potential for success.
- OST program is in good standing with appropriate licensing, authorizing, or governing authority.

VI. APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

The foundation will accept, and review grants submitted by the deadline date of September 7, 2023. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

We encourage any organization considering an application for OST expansion to contact the foundation's education program officer prior to beginning to discuss your potential project and its alignment with our strategy.

Once we have received your proposal in our FLUXX Grant Portal, your program officer will contact you with follow-up questions and to potentially request a site visit.

Timing of award notifications is scheduled for November 2023.

VI. ELIGIBILITY

- The Foundation accepts proposals from not-for-profit groups that serve Monroe and Ontario counties in New York State.
- Only those organizations that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986, as amended, and are not classified as private foundations or Type III supporting organizations under Section 509 of the Code will be considered for grants. Proposals are limited to projects to be undertaken or initiated in Monroe or Ontario counties in New York State.
- Grants will not be made to individuals, partisan political organizations or to support lobbying efforts.
- Incomplete proposals will not be accepted.

VII. SUBMISSION

Proposals are to be submitted via online application. Visit the Farash Foundation grant portal [here](#) to get you and/or your organization registered and to access your FLUXX account.

Applications will not be reviewed if submitted in a format other than the online application.

Questions may be addressed to:

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Restrictions and Additional Considerations

Grants cannot be used for research, grants, or scholarships for individuals, or lobbying or attempts to influence legislation. Please note that incomplete proposals will not be considered.

*Fiscal sponsorships are a way for smaller charitable organizations to operate with most of the same benefits available to organizations with 501(c)(3) status. With charitable status, you and your project secure the ability to solicit tax-deductible donations, apply for and distribute grants, and operate mission-driven programs. The grant is awarded to the fiscal sponsor, who manages the funds on your behalf.