



OST Summer Program Support and Expansion Grants

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Release Date: December 4, 2023

Due Date: Applications due January 31, 2024

The Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation is pleased to invite organizations to apply for funding to support existing summer programs, new summer program opportunities, and/or expand the number of seats available for youth in areas lacking equitable opportunities to participate in high quality summer 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. Similar to our afterschool approach, we are challenging our potential partners to think big and creatively in their approach to summer programming for youth in our community. Our goal is simple, to support the growth of summer programs and day camp opportunities for youth to learn and explore new skills, connect deeper with peers and mentors, and most important to have fun. The foundation believes that supporting safe and enriching experiences during the summer months will help ensure kids feel ready to learn and flourish when the new school year begins.

II. Purpose

Summer provides a break from the rigors of the school year and is a prime time where our community partners can provide programs that keep curious minds learning over the summer vacation. The Farash Foundation is seeking proposals from community-based organizations who recognize the need and are ready to provide well-defined summer enrichment programs and day camps for youth in our community. Overnight camps are not eligible for funding under this opportunity.

Programs funded through this request must provide a minimum of 4 weeks of structured fun summer enrichment programming focused on any one or a combination of the following activities.

1. Programming to help youth catch up on key academic skills.

2. Enrichment programs that provide opportunities for youth to explore new interests.
3. Programs that help young people develop personal, social responsibility, and decision-making skills.
4. Structured play.

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 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.
- Proposed project has the potential to significantly impact the availability of summer programming for K-12 youth and families in the community in which the project is based.
- Lead organization has a strong leadership track record or evidence of leadership potential is presented in providing summer program services.
- Proposed project has a plan for creating healthy relationships with youth and developing intentional fun learning environments for OST summer youth.
- Organization has and project shows a demonstrated commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- If applicable, organization submitting the proposal attests that it will obtain the necessary licensing requirements to operate the summer program from the appropriate authorizing, or governing agency.

VI. Important Dates and Activities

Date	Activity
December 4, 2023	Summer request for proposals open
December 13, 2023 11:00am to 12:00pm	Summer Funding RFP Information Session (Virtual) Please use the following link to register: RFP Information Session
January 18, 2024 11:00am to 12:00pm	Summer Funding RFP Workshop and Technical Assistance (In-person) Please use the following link to register: RFP Workshop and TA Session
January 31, 2024	Applications due in FLUXX

The foundation will accept, and review grants submitted by the deadline date of January 31, 2024. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

We encourage any organization considering an application for OST summer program support 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.

The foundation anticipates that proposals will be presented for consideration at our March 2024 Grants Committee meeting with funds available in April 2024. Grant funds should be expended no later than September 30, 2024.

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.