



## **OST Full Year Program Expansion and New Program Startup Support**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Release Date: April 10, 2024**

**Due Date: June 3, 2024**

### **I. Background**

The Max and Marian Farash Charitable Foundation works to illuminate the potential of the communities we live in through meaningful grantmaking. In the spirit of our founders, Max and Marian Farash, the foundation focuses on partnering with big thinkers and visionary organizations of all sizes to provide resources and to take risks on bold new initiatives. As a private charitable foundation, we provide grants to organizations within Monroe and Ontario counties, as well as Jewish organizations and initiatives both locally and globally.

In the spring of 2023, the Farash Foundation launched a new out-of-school time education strategy, The Other 87%, referring to the percentage of time children spend not in school. We believe that through focusing on this time, we have an opportunity to meet the varying needs of the youth of today. We want to challenge our partners to think big and creatively so that 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**

The Farash 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 program sites. We believe that providing full year funding will provide youth with consistent OST learning experiences and provide organizations more stability in planning and implementing high quality afterschool and summer learning. Therefore, applications may include a continuum of afterschool and summer program elements, eliminating the need for multiple applications per year.

In addition, the foundation is seeking proposals to invest in organizations who are ready to expand and/or establish new OST programs in neighborhoods and communities where there are currently few opportunities but the potential for impact is high.

### **III. Proposal**

Funding provided through this request will support the following opportunities.

- A. **Full year programming that includes the expansion and creation of new seats for youth in grades preK-12 at current afterschool and summer OST program locations.**
  - The afterschool component of a program should provide a minimum of 28 weeks of OST learning and enrichment programming for 4 or more days each week.
  - The summer program component should provide 4 or more weeks of summer learning and enrichment programming for 4 or more days per week.

- The expectation is that a core group of youth will remain consistently enrolled throughout the program length.
- Organizations and programs that offer unique enrichment opportunities that do not meet the minimum proposal requirements are encouraged to partner with OST providers to include such opportunities in the lead organizations proposal.

**B. The creation of new OST afterschool program sites for youth in grades preK-12 serving underserved youth within neighborhoods, mitigating transportation as a barrier.**

- New OST programs can be any combination of evenings, weekends, and school holidays. New programs should provide a minimum of 20 weeks of afterschool learning and enrichment programming for 4 or more days per week during the 2024-2025 academic year.
- Proposals may include necessary startup costs including but not limited to staffing, equipment, supplies, licensing and registration fees, space rental, as well as reasonable costs for minor renovations of a space to meet OCFS health and safety requirements.
- Organizations applying for new location startup funding should fully explain the rationale for selecting the potential location and the positive impact it will have for youth in that neighborhood or community.
- The foundation anticipates that these will be one year pilot projects with the potential for continued program support dependent on promising outcomes and availability of future foundation funding.

Programs that provide afterschool programming but do not have a summer component are welcome to apply for funding. Organizations providing only summer programming will be invited to apply for funding in late 2024.

Applications will be considered for requests up to three years in duration. If you apply for a multi-year grant, please indicate the total three-year budget and a breakdown for each individual year.

Proposed projects should not have a start date prior to September 1, 2024.

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

**IV. Keys to Our Decision Making**

- Project aligns with Farash Foundation mission and [OST strategy](#).
- Project clearly proposes to increase the number of OST program seats and has the potential to significantly impact preK-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.

## **V. 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.

## **VI. Important Dates and Activities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>
<b>April 10, 2024</b>	<b>Request for proposals open.</b>
<b>April 23, 2024</b> 10:00am to 11:00pm	<b>Full Year Expansion and New Program Startup Webinar</b> (Virtual) Please use the following <a href="#">link</a> to register
<b>May 7, 2024</b> 10:30am to 12:00pm	<b>Full Year Expansion and New Program Startup Technical Assistance Workshop</b> (In-person) Please use the following <a href="#">link</a> to register
<b>June 3, 2024</b>	<b>Applications due in FLUXX</b>

It can take 1-3 business days to register in Fluxx, so if you are not already in the system, register before May 31<sup>st</sup>.

The foundation will accept, and review grants submitted by the deadline date of June 3, 2024. 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, our program officer will contact you with follow-up questions and to potentially request a site visit.

The foundation anticipates that proposals will be presented for consideration at our July 2024 Grants Committee meeting with expansion funds available by August 2024.

## **VII. 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.

## **VIII. 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.

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