



OST Summer Fun and Learning Grants 2025

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Release Date: November 25, 2024

Due Date: January 31, 2025

About us and this opportunity

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.

The Farash Foundation will partner with community-based organizations across Monroe and Ontario counties to invest in summer programs that meet these needs through a broad range of fun and engaging programs.

What we are looking for

The Farash Foundation is seeking to partner with organizations who support young people through summer programs that:

- Provide a minimum of 4 weeks of summer programming, 4 days per week, for at least 3 hours per day in safe environments with meals and/or snacks.
- Offer summer programming to a cohort of youth for the entire program duration.
- Provide programs that focus on children ages 3-18 years of age
- Offer a broad range of enrichment opportunities that spark learning, curiosity, and promote academic skill development.
- Have a solid plan to incorporate activities that address and help youth develop social emotional skills.
- Incorporate intentional youth and caregiver voice and participation in the design and development of the summer program model and proposed activities.
- Provide staff with positive youth development training and professional development opportunities.
- Propose clear youth goals and a way to measure them.

Who should apply

This request is open to nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, tribes and tribal organizations, and schools serving communities in Monroe and Ontario Counties 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.

Small nonprofits, community-based organizations, and youth-led organizations are highly encouraged to submit proposals.

Overnight summer camps will not be considered under this funding opportunity.

Grants will not be made to individuals, partisan political organizations or to support lobbying efforts and attempts to influence legislation, research grants, or scholarships to individuals.

[Available funding](#)

The foundation is making approximately \$1,000,000 available through this funding opportunity for programs operating in the summer of 2025. The number and size of awards will depend on responses to this request. Previous Farash Foundation summer funding awards have ranged between \$21,000 and \$120,000. This is not a set range, and the foundation encourages perspective grantees to seek the amount of funding required to offer quality summer programming. The foundation will also consider proposals that seek multi-year summer funding for up to 3 years (2025, 2026, and 2027).

[Completing and submitting your application](#)

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

The foundation will gladly accept and review grants submitted by the deadline date of January 31, 2025. Applications received after this date will not be considered.

Proposals will 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 FLUXX application.

Incomplete proposals cannot be accepted.

[How we will review applications](#)

- Proposed project aligns with Farash Foundation mission and [OST Strategy](#).
- Clarity of passion for working with youth.
- The program model and location provide equitable opportunities for those youth who could benefit the most.
- Budget and budget narrative are clear and appropriate based on program model and duration.

[Learning and reporting](#)

The foundation asks our partners to help us learn how the awarded funds invested with your organization impacted your anticipated outcomes. This is accomplished through check-in conversations during the grant period where we can celebrate your successes and be a thought partner in tackling any emerging challenges to your success. At the conclusion of your grant, the foundation will ask for a post-grant report that includes

a narrative description of how youth were impacted by the grant and what you learned. We will also require a final budget report that details how funds were expended.

[Need more information?](#)

We strongly encourage anyone interested in applying to join our information sessions to learn more:

All About the RFP Webinar Information Session

Wednesday, December 12, 2024

10am to 11am

Via ZOOM

To register click [here](#)

In-person Application Technical Assistance Session

Thursday, January 8th, 2025

10am to 11:30am

Farash Foundation Office

255 East Ave, 4th Floor

Rochester, NY 14604

To register click [here](#)

Farash Summer Funding Application 2025 Key Dates	
RFP Issued – Proposal Period Open	November 25, 2024
All About the RFP Webinar Information Session	December 12, 2024
In-Person RFP Technical Assistance Session	January 7, 2025
Proposals Due in FLUXX	January 31, 2025
Responses Reviewed	February 2025
Funding Decisions	By March 24, 2025

[Would you like additional support?](#)

Application support is available for organizations interested in applying for the summer program funding opportunity!

Your Program Officer can support you by helping to determine appropriate fit between your work and this funding opportunity, providing guidance on how best to answer application questions, supporting your application development, and supporting you in explaining your qualifications in the clearest and concise way.

It's easy to schedule some technical assistance time with your program officer, all you need to do is use the following Calendly link and choose a date and time that works best for you and your team. Click [here](#) for 1:1 technical assistance.

[Questions may be addressed to:](#)

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