



## **OST Full Year and After School Grants 2025**

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

**Release Date: April 10, 2025**

**Due Date: June 5, 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 young people 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 out of school time programs that meet these needs through a broad range of fun and engaging programs.

### **What opportunities are available?**

Organizations can apply for funding to support:

1. School year only OST programming. (September 1, 2025-June 30, 2026)
2. Full year OST programming that includes both a school year and summer program component (September 1, 2025-August 31, 2026)

The foundation will consider proposals that seek single year or multi-year support for up to 3 years (2025/26, 2026/27, and 2027/28). Organizations seeking multi-year funding should have a proven track record of providing quality out-of-school time programming.

### **What we are looking for**

The Farash Foundation is seeking to partner with organizations who support young people through out-of-school programs that promote the following:

#### **Option 1: School Year Only Programs that:**

- Provide a minimum of 28 weeks of OST learning and enrichment programming for 4 or more days each week for at least 3 hours per day in safe environments with meals and/or snacks.
- Offer OST school year programming to a cohort of youth for the entire program duration.

## **Option 2: Full Year OST Programs that:**

- Provide a minimum of 28 weeks of OST learning and enrichment programming for 4 or more days each week for at least 3 hours per day in safe environments with meals and/or snacks during the school year (September to June) and,
- Provide a minimum of 4 weeks of OST summer learning and enrichment programming for a minimum of 4 weeks for 4 or more days each week for at least 3 hours per day in safe environments with meals and/or snacks during the summer (July and August).
- Offer school year and summer programming to a cohort of youth for the entire program duration.

## **General Guidelines for all applications:**

- Programs should focus on children ages 3-18 years of age.
- Programs should detail how they will grow their programs through any one, or a combination of, the following: expansion of available seats, increased program weeks, increased hours per day, or increased number of program days per week.
- Programs should offer a broad range of enrichment opportunities that spark learning, curiosity, and promote academic skill development.
- Programs should have a solid plan to incorporate opportunities that address and help youth develop social and emotional skills.
- Programs should incorporate intentional youth and caregiver voice, choice, and participation in the design, development, and implementation of the program models and proposed activities.
- Programs should provide staff with positive youth development training and professional development opportunities.
- Programs should propose clear youth goals and a way to measure them.

## **Who Can 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.

## **Funding Available**

The foundation is making approximately \$1,500,000 available through this funding opportunity for the contract period of September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026. The number and size of awards will depend on responses to this request. Previous Farash Foundation OST funding awards have ranged between \$21,000 and \$600,000 with an average grant size of approximately \$137,000. This is not a set range, and the foundation encourages prospective grantees to seek the amount of funding required to offer quality out-of-school time programming. The foundation will also consider

proposals that seek single year or multi-year funding for up to 3 years (2025/26, 2026/27, and 2027/28). Organizations seeking multi-year funding should have a proven track record of providing quality out-of-school time programming.

### [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 June 5, 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](#).
- Proposed project meets all required criteria for chosen option and general guidelines for all applications as detailed in the RFP.
- 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.
- For organizations seeking multi-year funding, data detailing past successful outcomes.

### [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](#)**

**Tuesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025**

**10:30am to 11:30am**

Via ZOOM

To register click [here](#)

#### **[In-person Application Technical Assistance Session](#)**

**Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**10am to 11:30am**

Farash Foundation Office

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Rochester, NY 14604  
To register click [here](#)

<b>OST Full Year and After School Application 2025 Key Dates</b>	
RFP Issued –Proposal Period Open	April 10, 2025
All About the RFP Webinar Information Session	April 22, 2025
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<b>Proposals Due in FLUXX</b>	<b>June 5, 2025</b>
Responses Reviewed	June 2025
Funding Decisions	July 2025

### **Would you like additional support?**

Application support is available for organizations interested in applying for the OST 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 most 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](#) to schedule a 1:1 technical assistance Zoom meeting.**

### **Questions may be addressed to:**

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