



General Operating Support Grants 2026-2027

Request for Proposals

Release Date: **Monday, February 9, 2026**
Due Date: **Thursday, March 12, 2026**

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 June 2023, the Foundation launched a new Jewish Life strategy focused on an evolving Jewish community that radiates possibility. Demographics and lifestyles are changing in Jewish Rochester, and we see this moment as an opportunity to honor the past while reimagining the future—supporting a Jewish community that remains vibrant and responsive as needs and expressions of Jewish life continue to evolve.

Over the past three years, the Farash Foundation partnered with Jewish organizations through multi-year general operating support to give flexibility and time for long-term thinking. The Foundation is inviting organizations to apply for an additional two (2) years of general operating support to Jewish organizations located in Monroe and Ontario counties.

What We Are Looking For

The Foundation is looking to partner with Jewish organizations that are ready to engage thoughtfully with change and use general operating support to plan for the future with clarity, sustainability, and effectiveness. Successful applicants will demonstrate a willingness to reflect honestly on current realities and make informed decisions about the future.

Specifically, the Foundation seeks organizations that will optimize this general operating support over the next 2 years to:

- Engage in planning for long-term sustainability and future direction
- Propose clear goals for how general operating support will support organizational stability, evolution, or growth

Process

Local Jewish organizations may apply for up to two (2) years of general operating support. The Foundation will use a blend of financial data, qualitative information from your proposal and your requested amount to determine the award. As a general guideline, general operating support

grants will not exceed 15% of the grantee's annual operating budget. If necessary, staff may reach out to you for additional information in reviewing your request.

This request is open to nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, religious organizations, and schools serving communities in Monroe and Ontario Counties that are tax-exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service.

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.

Completing and Submitting Your Application

Applications must be submitted through the Foundation's online grant portal, Fluxx.

- Visit the Farash Foundation grant portal [Here](#) to register and access your Fluxx account.
- A PDF of the proposal questions will be available [Here](#).
- Applications submitted in a format other than the online Fluxx application will not be reviewed.

The Foundation will accept and review applications submitted by **11:59 PM ET on Thursday, March 12, 2026**. Applications received after this date and time, or that are incomplete, will not be considered.

How We Will Review Applications

Applications will be reviewed using a holistic approach, including:

- Alignment with the Farash Foundation's mission and Jewish Life strategy
- Clarity of organizational vision and future direction
- Thoughtfulness and appropriateness of proposed use of flexible funds
- Organizational and financial health

Foundation staff may reach out for additional information during the review process.

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. At the conclusion of your grant, the foundation will ask for a post-grant report that includes a narrative description of how your organization was 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 encourage anyone interested in applying to join our informational webinar where we will cover the ins and outs of the application process and answer your questions:

All About the RFP Informational Webinar

Thursday, February 12, 2026

12pm – 1pm

Virtual via Zoom

To register click [here](#)

| Farash Jewish Life General Operating Support RFP Key Dates | |
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| RFP Issued – Proposal Period Open: | Monday, February 9, 2026 |
| All About the RFP Informational Session | Thursday, February 12, 2026 |
| Proposals Due in FLUXX | Thursday, March 12, 2026 (11:59 PM ET) |
| Responses Reviewed: | Late March / April 2026 |
| Funding Decisions: | May 2026 |

Would you like additional support?

Further questions may be addressed to:

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You may also schedule a schedule a 1:1 conversation with Michael Zimmerman for application or strategic support through [this Calendly link](#).

A note on Artificial Intelligence

The foundation does not use artificial intelligence (AI) to review grant applications or to inform decisions made by our grants committee. We do use AI tools to help us analyze data over time—for example, to summarize publicly available information, such as 990s and audit statements. When we use AI for these purposes, it is done on a closed, secure platform, meaning that the data remains private and accessible only to us. We do not upload any confidential or personally identifying information to any AI system.

If you have any questions or concerns about how we use AI, please don't hesitate to reach out.