



OST Full Year and Afterschool Grants 2026

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Release Date: April 13, 2026

Due Date: Applications due May 21, 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 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 are to learn and flourish.

The Farash Foundation will partner with community-based organizations across Monroe and Ontario counties to invest in afterschool and summer 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, 2026-June 30, 2027)
2. Full year OST programming that includes both a school year and summer program component (September 1, 2026-August 31, 2027)

Applications proposing summer only programming will not be considered under this funding opportunity.

The foundation will consider proposals that seek single year or multi-year support for up to 3 years (2026/27 2027/28, and 2028/29 school years). 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 time programs that promote the following:

Option 1: School Year Only Programs that:

- Provide a minimum of 28 weeks of structured 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 structured 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 structured 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.

Key program components we are looking for

1. Provide programs that focus on children ages 3-18 years of age.
2. 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.
3. Offer a broad range of enrichment opportunities that spark learning, curiosity, and promote academic skill development, creativity, critical thinking, communication, and global citizenry.
4. Have a solid plan to incorporate activities that address and help youth develop social awareness, responsible decision-making, prioritizing social, emotional, and mental well-being.
5. Incorporate intentional youth and caregiver voice and participation in the design and development of the OST program model and proposed activities.
6. Provide staff with positive youth development training and professional development opportunities.
7. Propose clear youth program goals and a way to measure them.

Complete proposal applications will address each of these requirements.

Who Should Apply

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

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

Drop-in programs and overnight camps will not be considered under this funding opportunity.

Organizations that are currently receiving a multi-year grant from the Farash Foundation are welcome to review and apply to this RFP. However, because the Foundation prioritizes supporting a diverse range of initiatives and organizations, it is unlikely that an organization already receiving a multi-year grant will be selected for an additional award during the same period. Exceptions may be considered if the proposal represents a clearly distinct project that aligns with the goals of this RFP and serves a different population of youth than the organization's existing multi-year grant.

We encourage all eligible organizations to submit proposals for consideration. Each application will be reviewed thoughtfully and evaluated based on its alignment with the priorities and criteria outlined in this RFP.

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 \$1,000,000 available through this funding opportunity for the contract period of September 1, 2026 – August 31, 2027. The number and size of awards will depend on responses to this request. Previous Farash Foundation OST funding awards average \$137,000. This is not a suggested request amount. The foundation encourages perspective grantees to request the amount appropriate for their program needs and funding gaps.

The foundation will also consider proposals that seek multi-year funding for up to 3 years (2026, 2027, and 2028). Every application will be considered for funding for any grant duration. If you apply for a multi-year grant and we are unable to commit to that duration, we will consider your request for a one-year grant.

Applicants applying for multi-year funding must provide detailed projected budgets for each year of requested funding.

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 11:59 pm on May 21, 2026. Applications received after this date and time 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 application.

Incomplete proposals cannot be accepted.

How we will review applications

- Program meets RFP criteria listed above.
- 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, duration, and number of youth served.

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 session to learn more:

All About the RFP Webinar Information Session

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

10am to 11am

Via ZOOM

To register click [here](#)

Individual Technical Assistance Sessions

Available Wednesday, April 22, 2026-Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

Schedule Technical Assistance [here](#)

OST Full Year and Afterschool Grants 2026 Key Dates	
RFP Issued – Proposal Period Open	April 13, 2026
All About the RFP Webinar Information Session	April 21, 2026
Individual Technical Assistance Sessions Available	April 22, 2026- May 20, 2026
Proposals Due in FLUXX	May 21, 2026
Responses Reviewed	June/July 2026
Funding Decisions	July 2026

Application support is available for all organizations interested in applying for this 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. Please use the links above to schedule individual technical assistance sessions.

Questions may be addressed to:

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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 chart the number of youths served each year—or 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.