Voices: Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation 2026-2027 Request for Proposal
Children with Disabilities Committee

Voices: **The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation** is comprised of a group of Chicago-area Jewish teenagers from a variety of backgrounds. The Foundation focuses on different philanthropic needs each year. We are funded by a special endowment through the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago as well as our own contributions. This year, Voices Alumni members divided into committees based upon four different areas of interest: Children with Disabilities, Civic Engagement, Environmental Justice, and Women's Rights.

Mission Statement
The Voices Alumni Board is dedicated to making a difference in the Chicagoland area and beyond by partnering with organizations that share our values of equity, respect, and responsibility in their work uplifting women's voices, supporting children with disabilities, promoting civic engagement, and protecting the environment.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) represents the grant guidelines and funding goals of the ***Children with Disabilities Committee*.**

What is Funded?
In the 2026-2027 year, Voices: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation's ***Children with Disabilities Committee*** will fund organizations that support children with disabilities and their families in accessing essential care, resources, and opportunities for community and connection.

Examples of services funded by this committee include:

1. Diagnostic, developmental, and educational evaluations that improve access to specialized therapeutic programs
2. Transition support programs for children moving from early intervention to school-based services, and for young adults transitioning out of high school
3. Community engagement such as family support groups, recreational activities, etc.
4. Financial assistance for related expenses, including transportation, insurance, etc.

What is Not Funded?
We will not accept proposals requesting funding for:

1. Organizations without evaluation metrics and/or public reporting
2. Organizations that don't distinguish between IEP and more severe disabilities
3. Personal grants
4. Ideas/philosophies not supported by Voices: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation

Priority will be given to Jewish Organizations.
Grant-seeking organizations may apply for funding from up to two committees across both boards, provided each application is for a different funding need.
Organizations that have applied for or received funds in previous years are welcome to reapply.