Voices: Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation 2026-2027 Request for Proposal
Environment & Sustainability 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 ***Environment & Sustainability Committee*.**

What is Funded?
In the 2026-2027 year, Voices: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation's ***Environment & Sustainability Committee*** will fund organizations that educate youth about the effects of climate change and carry out environmental protection through hands-on projects.

Examples of services funded by this committee include:

1. Bringing speakers into schools to spread awareness and encourage action around climate change
2. Wetland restoration, beach clean-up, and other efforts to protect clean water
3. Hands-on wildlife conservation efforts
4. Support for communities that are vulnerable to the effects of climate change and pollution

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

1. Projects operating outside of the United States
2. Infrastructure projects that do not directly benefit communities most vulnerable to climate change and environmental hazards
3. 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 receive funds in previous years are welcome to reapply.