Voices: Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation 2026-2027 Request for Proposal
Education Equity 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 101 members divided into committees based upon four different areas of interest: Combating Antisemitism, Economic Justice, Education Equity, and Israel.

Mission Statement
The Voices 101 Board is dedicated to helping others, making a difference in our community, and making the world a better place by aiding organizations rooted in the values of community, understanding, and service, as demonstrated through their work combating antisemitism, supporting Israeli people, and fighting for economic and educational equity for all.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) represents the grant guidelines and funding goals of the ***Education Equity Committee*.**

What is Funded?
In the 2026-2027 year, Voices: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation's ***Education Equity Committee*** will fund organizations that provide services to ensure all children can receive high-quality education, no matter their backgrounds.

Examples of services funded by this committee include:

1. Affordable and accessible early childhood education
2. After-school programs, tutoring and mentor services, and summer learning opportunities
3. Mental health support/safe spaces in K-12 schools
4. Programs addressing absenteeism in K-12 schools

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

1. Programs outside of the Chicago area
2. Programs not serving early childhood through grade 12
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 received funds in previous years are welcome to reapply.