

Voices: Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation 2024-2025 Request for Proposal Economic Justice & 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 four committees based upon four different areas of interest: Combatting Antisemitism, Economic Justice and Education Equity, Supporting Victims of October 7, and Women's Rights.

Mission Statement

The Voices 101 Board is devoted to making a positive impact on society by providing grants aimed at combating antisemitism, supporting victims of October 7, ensuring women's rights, and addressing economic hardship. We strive to create a safe space for Jewish teens in the Chicagoland area to discuss current events and issues. The Voices 101 Board will make all decisions through the lens of three core Jewish values: respect, community, and taking initiative.

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

Grant-seeking organizations may apply for funding from multiple committees, provided each application is for a different project. Organizations that have applied for or received funds in previous years are welcome to reapply.

What is Funded?

In the 2024-2025 year, Voices: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation's **Economic Justice & Education Equity Committee** aims to fund organizations that combat systemic inequity in education within the greater Chicagoland area.

Priority will be given to Jewish Organizations.

Examples of services funded by this committee include:

1. Free tutoring programs
2. Organizations that provide healthy, supplemental food to students
3. Programs that offer alternative pathways to high school and college diplomas

What is Not Funded?

We will not accept proposals requesting funding for:

1. Privately funded schools
2. School fundraising/parent committees with an end of year surplus of \$50,000 or higher each year for 3 years
3. Ideas or philosophies not supported by Voices: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation, or those that are adverse to the interests of the Jewish community.

Submission Guidelines

Please submit your complete proposal by December 16, 2024 at 12:00 pm CT. You can [find the application here](#). The proposal application includes:

- Organizational contact and location information
- Mission statement
- Values statement
- Description of organizational structure
- Type of grant request and amount requested
- Information on past Voices grants, when applicable
- Grant narrative, including the impact of the grant and the community need it would serve
- Number of expected participants/beneficiaries and general demographic information
- Evaluation Plan
- Other funding sources and impacts of a partial grant from Voices
- Statement on how the proposal connects to the mission of the Voices foundation
- Project budget
- Organizational budget
- Budget narratives
- Organization's policy on anti-discrimination and/or diversity, equity, and inclusion (optional)
- Up to 3 additional relevant documents

Applications are due by December 16, 2024 at 12:00 pm CT.

Organizations invited to move forward in the process will be asked to participate in an organizational interview. These interviews can be virtual or in person and will be held between **2:30 and 4:30 pm Central Time on Sundays, February 23, March 16, and April 6**. Date and time selection will be offered via invitation.

Grant decisions will be made by May 12, 2025.

A grant celebration for recipients will be held on Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 3:30-5:00pm CT.

Please submit complete applications and supporting documents via the [Application Form](#).

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Keren Eckstein in writing at kerneckstein@juf.org.