

2013-2014 Voices: ALUMNI Foundation Request for Proposal

Committee on Children

Voices: The ALUMNI Foundation is comprised of a group of Jewish teenagers from the Chicago area from a variety of backgrounds who have already completed at least one year of Voices training, and who are translating the grant making skills they learned last year into their own, small foundation. The Alumni participate in a year-long fundraising campaign in order to take advantage of a matching grant from an anonymous JUF donor. All money raised and matched will be used for grant making.

The Alumni 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, the Alumni foundation members divided into committees based upon three (3) different areas of interest: The Environment, Children, and Aid to Israel. This RFP represents the grant guidelines and funding goals of the Committee on Children. (Grant seeking organizations may apply for funding from more than one committee, as long as it is for separate projects. Please review each committee's grant guidelines to see if your organization/project qualifies.)

What is Funded?

In the 2013-2014 year, Voices: ALUMNI Foundation Committee on Children will fund proposals in the following program areas:

1. Programs that provide respite and basic needs for ill or disabled children and their families **OR** programs that provide innovative treatment or medical interventions for ill or disabled children.
2. Programs serving Chicago-area children and families
3. Priority will be given to Jewish-identified organizations, or programs that serve a majority of Jewish clients.

What is Not Funded?

We will not accept proposals requesting funding for:

1. Ideas/philosophies not supported by Voices: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation

Between \$15,000-\$20,000 will be available for allocations this year. The Alumni Foundation will accept applications for grants up to \$8,000. Annually, the Voices Alumni Foundation receives over 20 proposals and on average funds 30% of projects in small amounts.

To Apply, please submit the following documents:

1. Grant Application Form (below)
2. Two-pages maximum narrative description of the project for which you are seeking funding including the following:
 - a) How will a small grant (between \$5,000 and \$8,000) from Voices impact your program/organization?
 - b) If Voices is unable to fully fund your proposal, how might this affect your program?
 - c) Summarize the organization's mission and background.
 - d) Community need for the program.
 - e) Please provide a brief summary of the project for which you are seeking funding.
 - f) Organizational capacity to administer the program/project for which you seek funding.
 - g) Measurable objectives
 - h) Evaluation plan for this project and how success will be measured
3. Copy of your current agency budget, including a budget narrative (no more than one page) describing any non-personnel costs
4. Copy of your projected agency budget (if available), including a budget narrative (no more than one page) describing any non-personnel costs
5. Projected project budget, including a budget narrative (no more than one page) describing any non-personnel costs
6. Proof of 501(c)(3) status **OR** a letter of authorization from your fiscal agent
7. List of the agency board of directors

Other Requirements:

Because the Voices board members are teens who are in school during normal business hours, some organizations may be asked to make a presentation (either in person, if possible, or by video conference) about their proposal on **Sunday, March 23, 2014** in the Chicago area.

**Applications and proposals are due by Friday, February 21, 2014.
Grant decisions will be made by May 2014.**

Please send applications and requested supporting documents by email to:
StephanieGoldfarb@juf.org

If you have any questions or need more information please contact Stephanie Goldfarb.
Phone: 312-444-2802 Fax: 312-444-2086 Email: stephaniegoldfarb@juf.org

**Voices: The ALUMNI Foundation 2013-2014 Grant Application Form
Committee on Children**

Please complete all questions below in the space provided (except for the five questions at the bottom of the page, which may be answered in one additional page). You may reproduce this application on your computer, but please use the same space (one page) to answer the questions.

PROJECT TITLE (if applicable): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact person and title: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____ Website: _____

Year Organization Founded: _____

Executive Director: _____

Is your organization a tax-exempt 501(c) 3? ____ Yes ____ No

If not, what organization will serve as your Fiscal Agent? _____

Amount requested: \$ _____ Organization's Annual Operating Budget: _____

Total Project Budget: \$ _____ Amount requested from other sources: _____

Will a member of your staff be available to make an in-person presentation in the Chicago area about your proposal on Sunday, March 23, 2014? ____ Yes ____ No

Will a member of your staff be available to make a Skype or other teleconference presentation about your proposal on Sunday, March 23, 2014? ____ Yes ____ No

Geographic focus:

- Chicago Metropolitan area Other (please specify location) _____