

Voices: Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation 2025-2026 Request for Proposal

Violence Prevention and Victim Services 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 three different areas of interest: combating antisemitism on college campuses, humanitarian aid to Israel, and violence prevention & victim services.

Mission Statement

The Voices Alumni Board is devoted to making a difference in the world by providing grants to organizations with missions aimed at addressing antisemitism on college campuses, providing humanitarian aid in Israel, and supporting violence prevention programs. These efforts are inspired by the Jewish values of service, respect, and equity.

This Request for Proposal (RFP) represents the grant guidelines and funding goals of the **Violence Prevention and Victim Services Committee**.

What is Funded?

In the 2025-2026 year, Voices: The Chicago Jewish Teen Foundation's **Violence Prevention and Victim Services Committee** will fund organizations that educate, provide mental health care services, and organize community building activities for people most at risk for gun violence.

Examples of services funded by this committee include:

1. Economic assistance including job training
2. Increased access to mental health support in geographic areas with high rates of gun violence incidences
3. Gun violence prevention training and education for teens

What is Not Funded?

We will not accept proposals requesting funding for:

1. Services that do not directly support individuals or communities impacted by gun violence.
2. Local buy-back programs.
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.