



Rose Youth Foundation

JEWISH YOUTH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

January 30, 2006

Dear Potential Grantee:

Five years ago, Rose Community Foundation created a program called Rose Youth Foundation that brings together diverse Jewish teens to learn about philanthropic concepts and grantmaking. This year our goal is to give away \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations in the greater Denver area to help improve our community. Rose Youth Foundation has decided to grant up to \$38,000 to organizations with programs and services focusing on three different priorities:

- 1) providing support for adult Jewish alcoholics and their families
- 2) strengthening, maintaining and increasing Jewish identity in young Jews ages 13 to 25
- 3) promoting tolerance between Jews of different denominations, and between Jews and persons of other faiths in the 13 to 25 age group

The remaining \$12,000 will support Denver's Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness. We believe that homelessness is one of the largest current issues confronting the Denver community. Furthermore, we feel that the Ten Year Plan is the best approach to deal with this issue both because of its broad scope in aligning many Denver foundations and because of its thoroughly-researched methods based on similar successful models in other U.S. cities. Support for the homeless is consistent with our goal of primarily Jewish giving because it follows the Jewish ideal of *tikkun olam* (to heal the world).

We strongly encourage you take advantage of this opportunity in order to further your own efforts in strengthening our community. With your assistance, we hope to make our 2006 experience as successful as past years.

Thank you for your time. We look forward to receiving your proposals by March 8.

Sincerely,
Rose Youth Foundation Members



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Youth Funders Invite You to Apply for up to \$38,000

**Request for Proposals
Rose Youth Foundation Grant Guidelines and
Application**

Deadline: March 8, 2006 at 5:00 p.m.

Who We Are:

We are 23 Jewish teens from the Denver/Boulder area. We go to 14 different schools, and come from eight different cities. We encompass the entire spectrum of Jewish faith from Reconstructionist to Orthodox to unaffiliated. We were brought together by Rose Community Foundation to learn about philanthropy and to fund programs and projects that better our Jewish community. We believe that we have a responsibility to our community and to practice *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

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Eligibility Requirements

Rose Youth Foundation accepts proposals for programs or from organizations that serve the seven-county greater Denver area of Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson counties. Programs with a broader geographic focus may apply; however, the proposal must address its relevance to people living within these seven counties.

Applicants must be charitable, nonprofit organizations with a tax-exempt classification from the Internal Revenue Service, a tax-supported institution such as a school or government agency, or they must be sponsored by an adult-run charitable organization.

Rose Youth Foundation is a separately organized grantmaking program within Rose Community Foundation. Grant applicants to Rose Youth Foundation are not subject to Rose Community Foundation's Grant Guidelines.

Funds Available to Grant

Rose Youth Foundation has up to \$38,000 to grant for this Request for Proposals. Applicants should be realistic and sensible in the amount they request and consider the total amount available when submitting their grant requests.

What We Fund

Rose Youth Foundation has the following funding priorities in 2006:

1. Support for adult Jewish alcoholics and their families

We believe the Jewish community can provide more compassion and support for Jews struggling with alcoholism. Many people turn to faith to help overcome addictions.

We will consider requests for:

- support for Jewish alcoholics and their families who are served by Jewish organizations and/or secular (not religious) organizations
- start-up or existing programs for Jewish adults and their families that provide additional support beyond treatment for alcoholics

We will give higher priority to:

- helping new support programs to be launched
- long-term programs
- programs from Jewish agencies and synagogues for Jewish people
- high-quality programs
- ongoing multiple-session programs for families or individuals

We will not fund:

- school-based preventive programs
- treatment (in-patient or out-patient)
- any other substance abuse support programs (only alcoholism)

2. Promoting Jewish identity for Jews ages 13 to 25

We want to strengthen, maintain and increase Jewish identity for Jews ages 13 to 25. We believe Jewish identity means both an institutional and personal connection to Judaism. We see that there is a significant absence of institutional and personal connections to Judaism within this age group in our Greater Denver Jewish community.

We will consider requests for:

- programs for Jews that do not have an institutional or a personal connection to their Judaism
 - An example of an institutional connection would be youth group membership.
 - An example of a personal connection would include a regular observance of Shabbat in one's home.
- scholarship programs pertaining to Jewish schools, Jewish camps, and other Jewish programs

We will give higher priority to:

- ongoing multiple-session programs
- programs that benefit completely unaffiliated Jews.

We will not fund:

- capital grants
- general operating funding
- endowments
- one-time Jewish events

3. Promoting tolerance between Jews ages 13 to 25 (as individuals and as members of different denominations) and between Jews ages 13 to 25 and persons of other faiths to foster understanding and mutual respect throughout the community

We will consider requests for:

- programs cultivating tolerance between participants via interactive learning experiences—i.e. through media and the arts, camps, retreats, exhibits, etc.
- programs pertaining to tolerance between various denominations of Jews as well as between Jews and non-Jews.
- youth-involved programs, however not those utilizing youth-developed curricula.