



Jackson Medical Mall Foundation (JMMF) Young Futurists Project Request for Proposals

School Year: 2026

Today's Date: March 18, 2026

Proposal Due Date: April 10, 2026

Bid: RFP Posted Periodically

Introduction

Jackson Medical Mall Foundation's Young Futurists Project is soliciting proposals for youth workforce programs to operate as subgrantees of the Mississippi Department of Human Services, including TANF services for Workforce Training and Education Programs, Afterschool/Summer Program Activities, and the Parenthood Initiative, with measurable outcomes for Mississippi families.

The Jackson Medical Mall Foundation (JMMF) Young Futurists Project (YFP) is an intergenerational youth-based innovation hub that builds youth as innovators. YFP serves ages 8-18 in the summer and ages 13-18 in the after-school program. At least 50% of students come from families that receive public assistance. Students will address health issues and the social determinants of health and will be immersed in the following activities: Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (Visual Arts, artificial intelligence, coding, telehealth, Creative Content); visual and performing arts; culinary arts; drug and violence prevention; trauma informed care; wellbeing; strategic foresight/futurism; sewing and crafts; literacy; tutoring; teen pregnancy prevention; leadership development; career exploration; hackathons, and, other dynamic components.

SERVICE AREA DESCRIPTION/NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS SERVED

- JMMF seeks to serve one hundred (100) students in Hinds County and surrounding counties.
- JMMF's primary location is Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, 350 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave., Jackson, Mississippi 39213
- Service Delivery: JMMF will provide an in-person experience. On-site partners will be able to use the designated lab space at the Jackson Medical Mall.

SCOPE OF TANF SERVICES PROVIDED

Program Activities: The Young Futurists Project (YFP) is a youth-driven, intergenerational innovation hub focused on tackling problems related to school engagement, 21st-century

learning, health, and the social determinants of health. The social determinants of health include housing, employment, education, wealth creation, environmental development, and socioeconomic characteristics. The program partners content-specific experts with YFP's youth.

PURPOSE/SERVICES NEEDED

The purpose of this RFP is to identify and select partner(s) that can most effectively and cost efficiently provide the following service:

- Drama and Theater Services

SCOPES OF SERVICES NEEDED

Drama and Theater Services:

1. Drama and Theater services will be provided Monday through Thursday during designated days of the week at the Jackson Medical Mall Foundation during our summer programming.
2. Drama and Theater service providers must be experts in this subject area. They must provide proof of a degree, certification, or documented work experience in Drama, Theater Arts, or a related discipline.
3. Drama and Theater service providers will be required to log in each instructional session on the timesheet and obtain a supervisor's approval.
4. Drama and Theater service providers will collaborate with the YFP Academic and Career Coordinator to coordinate the schedule of services.
5. Drama and Theater service providers must be employees of the Subcontractor or operate as an independent company.
6. Drama and Theater service providers must have a recent background check and provide documentation verifying completion.
7. YFP reserves the right to review all background checks for Drama and Theater service providers supplied by the Subcontractor and may also review the performance of all Drama and Theater service providers working with the Young Futurists Project program.

FINANCIAL BENCHMARKS

- The Subcontractor must include in the bid the total number of hours proposed.
- The Subcontractor will be responsible for all taxes, insurance, and workers' compensation (if applicable). The Subcontractor will indemnify Jackson Medical Mall Foundation/ YFP against any claims for unemployment or employee fringe benefits.
- The Subcontractor will submit an invoice for monthly services. Hours billed will not exceed allowed hours from the signed contract by JMMF/YFP and Subcontractor, unless approved by the Executive Director. YFP will pay the billed hours NET 30 days.

BID REQUIREMENTS

Each bidder must include the following information for consideration:

- Structure of the company and ownership.
- Evidence of past performance and examples of practices.
- Evidence of ability to work in a school setting with students and staff.
- Billable hours and services your organization will provide for YFP on a school-year basis. (Provide the budget and scope of services for the proposed services)
- The evaluation system that is used for your organization.
- Logging system of hours worked.

BID GRANTING

1. The YFP Director will recommend to the Executive Director the Subcontractor for approval.
2. The Subcontractor will specify all the necessary components required in the bid.
3. The Subcontractor will be expected to begin serving students at YFP on June 1, 2026.
4. Consideration for approval will be based on the following:
 - a. Proven track record in the service area in which the proposal is submitted.
 - b. Ability to provide qualified staffing for YFP.
 - c. Price of services (per hour fee)
 - d. Ability to work with the students and staff at YFP.
 - e. Full disclosure of all required elements of the bid requirements

ADVERTISEMENT OF SUBCONTRACT

1. The RFP will be posted in general circulation publications such as the MS Link Newspaper and Jackson Advocate Newspaper.
2. The Executive Director will open all bids and determine to award the bid based on a rubric structured evaluation. The Executive Director may use a team to evaluate bid proposals.
3. The Executive Director will evaluate multiple criteria, including quality of track record, availability, price, and corporate structure.
4. JMMF will announce the bid winner no later than May 1, 2026.

Questions may be directed to jlewis@jacksonmedicalmall.org. Proposals must be received by 5:00 p.m. CST on Friday, April 10, 2026. Timely receipt of proposals is the sole responsibility of the bidder. Proposals must be submitted electronically to jlewis@jacksonmedicalmall.org.

FUNDING TERM: The funding term begins on June 1, 2026, and ends on July 17, 2026.