



Opportunity Grants: Funding Innovation

Background

The Jewish community of Greater Middlesex and Monmouth boasts dozens of programs driven by passionate and resourceful community members. The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey is committed to building on this strong base and fostering a more vibrant Jewish community.

We are pleased to launch a new grants initiative, Opportunity Grants, replacing the 'Microgrants' and 'AdVenture Fund Grants' that existed previously. We encourage our community partners and individuals interested in designing, implementing and managing innovative projects to apply for seed funding to help good ideas get started. Our goal is to expand the array of Jewish opportunities and programs that currently serve our community as well as expand entry points and other initiatives that engage people in Jewish life.

Details

The Jewish Federation in the Heart of New Jersey wants to help organizations and Jewish entrepreneurs bring great ideas to fruition through our Opportunity Grants. Grant requests of up to \$3,000 will be evaluated based on creativity/innovation, impact, feasibility and buzz factor (generating excitement).

Deadlines

To ensure that good ideas are fostered, Opportunity Grants will be awarded throughout the year on a rolling basis. Applicants are urged to submit their application as soon as practical, as funds will be distributed until they are exhausted. Each program requires a separate application.

Eligibility

Any Jewish 501c3 organization or synagogue throughout Middlesex and Monmouth County may submit a funding request. Individuals not affiliated with a non-profit institution are encouraged to find such partners. All grants will be considered on a case-by-case basis and must a) have a lead person or group responsible/accountable for implementing the program, b) be financially self-sufficient, and c) cannot be a profit-making venture. If funds are raised, they must be used by the sponsoring non-profit and/or returned to Federation.

The program will make the local Jewish community more welcoming and accessible through low barrier entry points to Jewish engagement such as having minimal cost.

Requirements

1. Eligible parties will complete an application with simple, basic reporting at program completion.
2. Federation's logo will be prominently displayed on all marketing materials and Federation banner prominently displayed at the program (supplied by Federation).
3. Organization agrees to distribute materials that promote community programs at event.

Questions or Comments? Contact Laura Safran, Director of Community Impact
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