

## B'nai Tzedek Young Philanthropy Grant Program

### PROJECT TITLE:

#### **I. Proposal Summary (Executive Summary) for use on ballot.**

*The Proposal Summary should be about one paragraph of 1-3 sentences and should include the most general description of the use that will be made of the funds. Be concise and compelling, your readers are age 13-32.*

Invest in yourselves through the Bridges Leadership Initiative (BLI): Building Jacksonville's Next Jewish Leaders is an enterprise to engage, develop and inspire leadership in the Jacksonville Jewish Community. The goal is to have at least 45 participants (up to age 45) over the three-year period, each becoming a philanthropist through the annual campaign and hands-on mitzvah projects. Bridges explores the work of our Jewish community organizations, cultivates new leaders, and strengthens the sense of connection among Jewish young professionals from diverse religious, professional and educational backgrounds that form the fabric of the Jacksonville Jewish community.

#### **II. Project Description (Program Narrative)**

##### **What is the problem or need you are trying to address and how will you do it?**

##### **Do your best to keep this document to 1 page.**

This section *should provide the reader with an* explanation of the problem or need the program will address as well as who and how many people will be impacted by this funding. Remember funding is over 3 years in the amount of \$5,000 per year, totaling \$15,000.

Bridges classes will take place over a 10-month schedule starting in early September and ending in May. The program will focus on team building, leadership training, role of our organization in the community and challenges facing Jewish communities here and abroad. Each session will feature high-caliber speakers and programming. At the end of the program each candidate will be encouraged to choose an area to move into within the various divisions of our organization or volunteer within the community. This program will deliver a leadership succession plan for our organization and provide future leaders for the whole Jewish community.