

## 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.*

Safety and security are primary concerns. Police officials teach us that a “hardened” target is less likely to be approached. Outdoor lighting minimizes the places that people can hide. Your donation will be used to increase the outdoor lighting on the property.

#### **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.

Five years ago, our doors were always open to anyone and everyone who chose to enter. Unfortunately, we cannot do that any longer. Our attitude that “everyone is welcome” has not changed but we cannot have the doors actually open without security personnel to monitor entry...it is a very sad reality.

We have revised our Emergency Operations Plan. We have trained staff. We have hired off-duty police officers, both uniform and plain-clothes. We have installed cameras on the exterior of the building. We have organized a group of ushers to support the efforts of the security personnel.

We have learned that most people who are out to do harm look for the easiest target, the place that appears least protected; the place the person can get in and out of quickly, unseen.

Exterior lighting will make our facility safer for everyone who enters. The parking lot will be better lit. The parking space bumpers, which we recently painted a bright yellow, will be more easily seen. Lighting will minimize the shadowed areas in which people can hide. Every week more than 2200 people, of all ages, come to our building. There is nothing more important than being able to provide a safe environment for each and every one of them.

*Tikkun olam*, teaches us that we are responsible for caring for the world around us. The new lighting will be energy efficient. Replacement and expansion of current outdoor lighting will minimize utility expenses, taking some pressure off the operating budget.

Your gift will be a win-win-win: increased safety, more security, expense reduction.