Combined Jewish Philanthropies Regional Grants
Grant Guidelines
2019-2020

**Funding Priorities**
Grants will be awarded in support of the following CJP priorities:

- **Community enhancement initiatives:** The creation of an initiative, event, or program that strengthens or enhances the region, supporting communities of any type. Community can be defined by attributes such as spiritual, interest, life-cycle, and identity.
- **Organizational capacity building:** The process of bringing an organization to the next level of operational, programmatic, financial, or organizational maturity. It reflects an investment in the effectiveness and future sustainability of an organization to effectively deliver its mission. This does not include staff salaries. Examples of capacity building include: board and lay leader development, succession planning, marketing and communication strategy, fundraising planning, strategic planning, staff training and development, technology improvements, and organizational assessment.

**Application Requirements**

- Applicants may apply for grants up to $10,000; however, based on a limited funding pool, we also anticipate awarding smaller grants. Applicants may apply for either an organizational capacity building grant or a community enhancement initiative grant. Staff salaries are not eligible for grant funds.
- The application should describe how the applicant organization(s) will implement the proposed capacity building or community enhancement initiative, achieve the identified goals, and evaluate successes and challenges.
- Organizations should strive to propose a capacity building or community enhancement initiative that will become independently sustainable.
- Capacity building or community enhancement initiatives must serve the needs of the region for which applicants are applying.
- We encourage meaningful collaborative partnerships among organizations and institutions to create an innovative capacity building or community enhancement initiative. For applications involving collaborations between and among organizations, letters of support from all partners must be included.
- All grants must demonstrate consideration for program accessibility and participation for those of all abilities.
- All applicants must have 501(c)3 status or have arranged for a fiscal agent. Nonprofit organizations serving the needs of the North Shore are welcome to apply. The committee welcomes applications from both new and existing organizations.
- The grant awards will be announced in June 2020.

Please [email Zach](mailto:email.Zach) or call him at 617-457-8543 with any questions or concerns, or to discuss your application.

**2020-2021 Grant Application Timeline:**

- Monday, February 10, 2020: Grant applications open
- Tuesday, April 7, 2020: Grant applications due by 5:00 p.m.
• June 2020: Applicants receive grant notification decisions and payment schedules
• January 2021: Mid-grant check-in
• May 2021: Final grant report due