



### **Promising Practices Program Cohort FAQ**

Q: Do we need to/can we serve other older adult populations besides Holocaust survivors?

A: No. It is a continuation of your previous program. The Promising Practices Program is intended to only serve Holocaust survivors and their family caregivers.

Q: If we accept this grant, will this prohibit us applying for future RFPs?

A: No, it will not.

Q: Are there limits to what can be funded?

A: Please see page 5 and 6 of last year's RFP for items that cannot be funded.

Q: Is there any flexibility, with regards to programming?

A: No, with the exception of accommodations for Covid-19.

Q: Are any places doing socialization events right now?

A: Some are easing back into it, but not all. Do what is comfortable and safe in your community. We recommend following the safety recommendations of the CDC, local officials, and your agency.

Q: What is the application and RFP process for this? Is it similar to when we applied?

A: It will be a narrative template and a detailed budget. It will be very simple compared to previous applications.

Q: When will the narrative template come out?

A: October 2020 (tentatively)

Q: Will the payments be sent quarterly, twice a year, once in full?

A: Biannually.

Q: When is the match required by?

A: August 31, 2021

Q: What counts as match? What if they have funds that they recently received – can that count as match, even if it was previously raised?

A: The only sources excluded from match are federal funds, funds used to meet the match for other grants, and funds used to meet Claims Conference match. Claims Conference funds, KAVOD SHEF funds, and Jewish Federation's Human Services Relief Matching Fund can only be included as match **if both of these** conditions are met:

- The match funding must go to the same population as served the the JFNA funded program, and
- The match funding must be used for the same purpose as the JFNA funded program.

The funds do not need to be new. Yes, previously received funds can count as match. If you have concerns about fundraising the minimum matching funds, please contact Bradley Laye, Fundraising Consultant at [Bradley.Laye@JewishFederations.org](mailto:Bradley.Laye@JewishFederations.org).

Q: Can we use funding from the Federation that is for all Jewish older adults (Holocaust survivors and non-survivors) for our match?

A: Yes, but you can't use our grant towards your match

Q: What will be the required reporting?

A: Evidence of Match, Quarterly Programmatic and Spending Reports, a mid-year evaluation report, and Quarterly check-in calls.

Q: Would it be possible to add in a mental health assistance component?

A: TBD

Q: Can we use this funding for food? There is more need now.

A: Only if food was part of your original program.

Q: Can they serve caregivers of older adults w/ a history of trauma? The agency has the capacity and skills.

A: Only if it was part of your original program.

Q: Can we expand the program to include other related programs?

A: No.

Q: Can this program also be applied to the Holocaust survivors in our regional program?

A: Yes, as long as you communicate with other catchment areas.

Q: What is the definition of trauma?

A: There is not one definition of trauma but the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) describes individual trauma as resulting from "an event, series of events, or set of circumstances that is experienced by an individual as physically or emotionally harmful or life threatening and that has lasting adverse effects on the individual's functioning and mental, physical, social, emotional, or spiritual well-being." **For purposes of this grant, ACL is similarly focused on serving older adults with a *history of trauma*.**

Q: Can we pay for internet for clients with JFNA funds?

A: Yes, you may pay for Internet with JFNA funds.

Q: Is it okay to target all Holocaust Survivors with this program, not just those already showing cognitive impairment?

A: the purpose of this program is to continue promising practices that have been proven effective, so you can quickly start providing services that will improve Holocaust survivors' lives.

Q: Can family caregivers be included in the program?

A: You may enroll family caregivers who are caring for Holocaust survivors into this program.

Q: Can we use local Federation money given to the Holocaust Survivor Program as part of the match or is it only funds specifically from the Federation for our specific program?

A: You are welcome to use local Federation funds as match to the JFNA grant if they help Holocaust survivors or family caregivers in your specific program, support staff working on that specific program, or cover program space or equipment related to that specific program. In other words, there needs to be a clear nexus between those funds and this program.

Q: Can we hire someone before January 1st in order to gear up for the program?

A: We plan to start paying your agency at the end of December, so that you can start operations at the beginning of January. You may hire and prepare for this grant as early as you see fit. We want to fund your agency and plan to work with you so that your agency receives this award; however we do not anticipate issuing an award letter until December.

Q: Are there any financial criteria imposed for survivors to be a part of this program?

A: We do not have any financial guidelines for clients to access our programs, and yield to your criteria.