

**Answers to Questions received about the RFP
7/11/2017**

Eligible Applicants

1. Will proposals from new applicants be considered?
 - Yes, JFNA accepts applications from organizations that would be new grantees as well as from organizations that are current grantees. In terms of the point scale, there is no advantage or disadvantage to one type of applicant over another. Current grantees have additional questions to answer, but the points from those additional questions will be averaged onto a 100 point scale.

Eligible Populations

2. Does the RFP apply to Holocaust Survivors in general, or specifically to the subpopulations of survivors specified in the previous proposal such as those from the former Soviet Union?
 - The descriptions of Holocaust survivor populations have been expanded from the RFP of previous years to include all Holocaust survivors. Refer to page 9 of the RFP for the descriptions.
3. Can JFNA funds support people who are currently receiving services as older adults, but not specifically as Holocaust survivors?
 - Yes, if they are Holocaust survivors. Refer to page 9 of the RFP for descriptions.

Eligible Services

4. Can JFNA funds be used to train existing staff, volunteers, or paid or unpaid caregivers in PCTI supportive services?
 - Yes
5. Can JFNA funds be used for case managers to locate and connect with impoverished Holocaust survivors that are not currently receiving services?
 - Yes
6. Can JFNA fund services primarily focused on accessibility, physical health, and aging in place?
 - Yes, but JFNA cannot fund medical health care. JFNA can fund related matters such as a wellness program.
7. Does socialization need to be a component of the program?
 - No, but it can be.

8. Would you be able to outline specific areas that the JFNA grant covers, that Claims Conference does not cover?
 - We cannot speak to what the Claims Conference covers in terms of services. We recommend that you consult with the Claims Conference for the services and populations that those funds can cover. In terms of JFNA funds, in addition to serving Holocaust survivors, JFNA funds may be used to serve caregivers and train staff in PCTI care. JFNA funds may be used to provide services to Holocaust survivors residing in institutions. Additionally, JFNA does not require the German government's definition of Jewish Nazi victim. Please consult with the Claims Conference for the services and populations those funds can cover. Refer to page 5 of the RFP for a list of activities JFNA funds cannot cover.

9. Can JFNA funds cover dental care or hearing aids? Is that considered Medical?
 - No, because this is considered medical care. However, PCTI training programs for dentists or other medical professionals is allowed, as are programs related to making the care more accessible.

10. Can JFNA funds support religious programs such as a group Bar and Bat Mitzvah?
 - No, JFNA funds cannot support religious instruction.
 - An incidental religious component of a program, such as saying blessings before a meal, is allowable.

11. Would a "train the trainer" type of partnership be allowable? For example, can one agency conduct a multi-part training of PCTI care for a second agency that delivers the direct services?
 - Yes

12. Can JFNA funds cover occupational therapy and education?
 - Occupational therapy with a PCTI approach is allowable. Educational scholarships are not permitted, but educational training programs are allowable.

13. Can JFNA funds be used to pay for a psychiatrist to provide clinical supervision to clinicians offering counseling services to Holocaust Survivors?
 - Yes, supervision is allowable.

14. We have collected a list of approximately 300 Russian Jews from the Soviet Union. Would a needs assessment study be eligible for this type of funding?
 - Conducting a needs assessment in a PCTI manner as part of a project is an allowable use of funds. Please note, however, that the intention of this grant is to serve Holocaust Survivors, and not all elderly Russian Jews are Holocaust Survivors.

Funding Match

15. If our organization receives a grant from a different organization after August, can it be used in our application as a potential grant match?
- Subgrantees must demonstrate receipt of all cash matching funds for the first year of the grant by August 31, 2018, in addition to a specific plan for the commitment of all future in-kind donations.
 - Funds raised within four months prior to the subgrant's programmatic fiscal year (starting November 2017) may be considered new resources and used for this match.
 - Hypothetically, if a subgrantee receives a new programmatic grant on July 1, 2017 that is designed to be spent throughout the organization's own fiscal year (hypothetically July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018) and these funds are for the same program that is the subject of this application, the organization may use that grant as matching funds for the JFNA grant. Refer to pages 11 and 12 of the RFP.
16. Our match might come from a donor who has supported our services to Holocaust Survivors in the past. Would it be okay to reach out to this donor to specifically fund a new program funded through this grant, if it was a new donation for a new program?
- Yes. That is a new resource. The donor or foundation does not need to be new to the organization, but the donation needs to be new for this project.
17. How should we value in-kind support?
- Please use the reasonable value of goods and services in the market place to determine the value of in-kind donations. Once the program is underway and you are required to show receipt of the match, you will be asked to demonstrate how you determined the value.
18. Will a pledge that will be paid over three or more years, can the entire amount qualify for the match?
- No, the match must be received by the August 31, 2018 deadline for Year 1 in order for it to count toward the Year 1 match. Refer to pages 11 and 12 of the RFP.
19. Are "overmatch" funds essentially unrestricted as long as they are used for Holocaust survivors?
- They are unrestricted, as long as they are used for this JFNA funded project. Regular match funds are subject to the same restrictions as the JFNA/federal money, but overmatch funds are not.

Current Subgrantee Specific Question

20. We are currently part of Bravo Cohort so the 1st year of the new grant would coincide with the 2nd year of our current grant. How do we budget employee salaries if we plan to use current JFNA PCTI staff for both the current grant and the new initiative? Since salaries are covered for next year by the current grant, we cannot ask for salary funding in the new grant, but we would need salary funding in the second year of the new grant.

- Subgrantees cannot bill for salaries twice. For a Bravo Cohort member, the projects must be different. Therefore, the project staff should be reported on two different projects, and the staff time and salary divided accordingly. The Budget Narrative section is an appropriate place to describe these overlaps.

General Questions

21. Can you give us an idea of how competitive the application process will be? How many applicants were there in past years?

- We are expecting more applications this year due to the lower match requirement, but we are not sure how many applications we will receive.
- This year JFNA has approximately \$2.1 million to award, which is higher than the previous year.
- This is a competitive process and only the strongest proposals will receive funding.

22. How do we access the templates for the Questionnaire, Budget, Budget Narrative, and Work Plan?

- All templates are provided on the right hand side of the website:
www.HolocaustSurvivorCare.org.