



## Jewish Federation of Madison Community Grants 2026 through the Cheryl Rosen Weston Fund

The Jewish Federation of Madison (JFM) is accepting proposals to support projects that connect Jewish youth and adults with diverse members of the general Madison community to advance social justice, build community partnerships, and improve the well-being of all community members. Projects must meet the specific criteria of the Cheryl Rosen Weston (CRW) Fund and align with the mission of the Jewish Federation of Madison.

### **Jewish Federation of Madison Mission Statement:**

The Mission of the Jewish Federation of Madison is to inspire, build, and sustain vibrant Jewish life by fostering diverse opportunities to connect at every age and mobilizing our community in common purpose, in Madison, Israel, and around the world. JFM acts to develop the resources and create the initiatives required to support agencies, activities, services, and programs that strive to fulfill this mission.

### **Cheryl Rosen Weston (CRW) Fund Criteria:**

1. CRW Funds will support activities for middle school, high school, and college youth for activities concerning social justice, as well as cultural and social activities which provide opportunities for Jewish youth to interact and join with diverse members of the Greater Madison community.
2. CRW Funds will support the facilitation of joint activities between the Jewish community and members of other faiths and diverse organizations within the Greater Madison area which promote social justice, religious tolerance, and the advancement of the well-being for all community members.

Applicants are invited to apply for an annual grant of up to \$10,000. Recipient organizations must be 501c3 registered. Proposals and grants will be accepted and approved once during the calendar year. The next cycle of grants will be due March 1, 2026 (extended deadline), with decision for grant approvals to be made in April 2026. Grant recipients will be expected to submit an interim project report by September 1, 2026, and a final project report by January 15, 2027.

Projects will be evaluated based on their ability to create social change. Social change philanthropy focuses on the root causes of problems, working to improve the conditions that lead to inequality. We are interested in how your project influences and brings about change in the form of: changing how an issue is defined, changing individuals' behavior, increasing community engagement, changing policies and systems, and/or maintaining past gains in these areas. Jewish Federation of Madison reserves the right to request funds back if the granted project does not take place.

### **Grant proposals must include:**

Cover sheet, two-page project description, and program budget. Details on each section are included on the following page.

Proposals and questions should be emailed to Robyn Sperling at [rsperling@jewishmadison.org](mailto:rsperling@jewishmadison.org).



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**Please include all items noted below with your grant proposal.**

## **Cover Sheet:**

- Name of Organization
- US Nonprofit Tax ID#
- Executive Director
- Program Title
- Amount Requested
- Organization Address
- Name of Primary Contact Person for this Grant
- Email
- Website
- Phone
- Program Evaluator
- How did you hear about this grant opportunity?
  - Jewish Federation of Madison Website
  - Jewish Federation of Madison Email
  - Jewish Federation of Madison Social Media Channel (please specify which) Facebook, Instagram, X, Threads, LinkedIn
  - Other (please specify)

## **Program Description:**

- **Project name:**
- **Organization background:** Provide a brief summary of the organization's mission, goals, history, projects/programs, and major accomplishments, success stories and qualifications.
- **Project description:** Briefly describe the proposed aspects of the project/program: how it relates to the organization's mission, the capacity to carry out, and who will benefit.
- **Relevance to CRW Fund and JFM Mission:** Please explain how this project fulfills the missions of the Cheryl Rosen Weston Fund and the Jewish Federation of Madison.

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- Cheryl Rosen Weston (CRW) Fund Criteria. Projects must meet one of the following criteria:
  1. CRW Funds will support activities for middle school, high school, and college youth for activities concerning social justice, as well as cultural and social activities which provide opportunities for Jewish youth to interact and join with diverse members of the Greater Madison community.



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2. CRW Funds will support the facilitation of joint activities between the Jewish community and members of other faiths and diverse organizations within the Greater Madison area which promote social justice, religious tolerance, and the advancement of the well-being for all community members.

- **Organizational structure and expertise:** Provide a brief summary of the organization's mission, goals, history, projects/programs, and major accomplishments, success stories and qualifications.
- **Partner organizations:** What specific local partner do you plan to work with on this project? How will each organization contribute to the project? Please include a letter of support from the partner organization.
- **Outcome/Evaluation:** What are your expected outcomes? How will you measure those outcomes? How will the program be evaluated?
- **Social change:** How does this program address social change? What does success look like? How will you know the project is successful?

## Program Budget:

- Financial Information
- Total Money Requested
- Project Budget: Please explain any budget items that are not self-explanatory
- List the names of your organization's top five current funding sources

## Documents:

- Proof of 501c3 status
- Most recent 990