

# United Jewish Federation 2020 Community Growth and Impact Grants

## FAQ's for Applicants

### 1. What is the definition of a “new” program or initiative?

A program is new if it is not currently being offered elsewhere in our community and has not been offered by any community agency in the prior three years.

*Note: Projects for which UJF fundraised in the prior year, while not new, are eligible for a second year of fundraising.*

### 2. What is the definition of a program “expansion or enhancement”?

If the scope of an existing program is materially expanded to include a wider potential audience or a greater breadth of offerings, the program is eligible, even though it is not “new”.

### 3. What is the application deadline?

Applications are due by July 13th, 2020.

### 4. How do I apply if I am anticipating partnering with another agency for my project?

Both agencies should collaborate and submit just one application.

### 5. Can individuals apply for a grant?

Yes, as long as they have a non-profit, 501C3 organization willing to house their project.

### 6. Are capital projects eligible?

Yes, to the extent that the capital expense is required for a new program or initiative. Any capital expense should be included in the project's budget.

### 7. Will all project applications be accepted for potential funding?

Not necessarily, community representatives will convene to determine which projects will be accepted.

### 8. What if two organizations submit the same or similar proposals?

UJF will facilitate and encourage collaboration.

### 9. How often will periodic reports be required?

It will depend on the size of the budget, but will not be more frequent than quarterly.

### 10. What data will be required in the reports?

Required data will be tied to your SMART Goals and will describe the progress the project has made to date.

## **Funding Questions (If your project has been accepted.)**

### **11. When will I be notified of my award?**

The 2020 campaign concludes December 31, 2020. If your project has been fully funded before the end of the campaign, you will be notified when that occurs. All other projects will be notified by January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

### **12. When will I receive my award?**

The grant distribution schedule will be finalized on or before February 1. Initial cash disbursements will be mailed as early as February 1 and final payments will be made by December 31, 2021.

### **13. Are there a maximum number of grants that will be awarded?**

No.

### **14. If the funding for a project is met early in the campaign year, will fundraising for that grant be closed?**

Yes. No additional fundraising will be done once the project budget is met.

### **15. Are there minimum and maximum funding amounts?**

No.

### **16. What is the length of time of the grant?**

Grants are awarded on an annual basis. However, new projects are eligible for an additional grant in the subsequent year.

### **17. What if my project isn't fully funded?**

The funding of projects is community-driven, and the extent to which individual donors elect to support an initiative will determine its outcome. If partial funding occurs, it will be dealt with on an individual basis; organizations will likely have the opportunity to use their own funds to close the budgetary gap.

## **Community Questions**

### **18. How will the community be made aware of the different projects?**

UJF will have an integrated marketing plan which will include, but will not be limited to, a Campaign website, articles in the New Jewish Voice, community emails, as well as social media.

### **19. Will there be an opportunity for donors to make an undesignated gift?**

Yes.

### **20. How will the money that is raised by UJF but undesignated be allocated?**

Community representatives will convene to determine the best use for these funds based on community impact.