



Jewish Federation
of Greater Philadelphia

**FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT FOR JEWISH COMMUNITY FUND GRANT CYCLE
FISCAL YEARS FY22-24**

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Funding Announcement for Greater Philadelphia Organizations

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia has long been guided by our mission of mobilizing financial and volunteer resources to address the communities' most critical priorities locally, in Israel and around the world. We take care of vulnerable people who need help, engage informed and compassionate communities in repairing the world and energize Jewish life and Jewish learning.

To advance this mission, Jewish Federation works closely with partner organizations who share our values and offer programs that sustain members of our communities, strengthen connections to Jewish life, and promote a universal responsibility for Jews both in Israel and across the globe. Jewish Federation's focus for this time period centers around the following broad themes:

- **All of Israel are responsible for one another (Talmud, Shevuot 39a).**
Serving Vulnerable Populations: As Jews, we are required to care for others in our community, in Israel and around the world, ensuring food security, safe housing, financial independence, and appropriate support for aging with dignity.
- **Teach a child according to their way, when they are old, they will not depart (Proverbs, 22:6).**
Shaping our Jewish Future: As a community, we are responsible for providing immersive educational and experiential opportunities that create deep and long-lasting connections to Judaism and the Jewish people and inspire the next generation of leaders.
- **To be a free nation in our land, the land of Zion, Jerusalem (Hatikvah).**
Connecting with Israel: As Zionists, we believe in the centrality of Israel and work tirelessly to create deep connections to the land, ensuring her safety, security, prosperity and existence as a homeland for all Jews.

Specifically, in this granting period we are seeking to fund programs in the Greater Philadelphia area that will:

Serve Vulnerable Populations

- Promote self-sufficiency, food security, housing stability and independence in Jewish individuals;
- Support and enhance the communal social service system.
- Allow Jewish adults to age with dignity with home delivered meals, home repair, socialization, transportation, care management and access to continued learning opportunities.
- Reduce hunger among low-income Jewish adults through emergency food distribution.
- Create pathways for low-income Jewish adults to access public benefits and work supports to promote independence.

Shape the Jewish Future

- Promote and increase formal and informal Jewish educational opportunities for children and teenagers; including but not limited to day school education, Jewish camping and other immersive experiences.
- Connect young families with resources and engagement opportunities in Philadelphia and Israel that will influence Jewish leadership and participation.
- Increase engagement of young adults to strengthen Jewish identity, Jewish wisdom, communal leadership and Jewish practice.
- Celebrate the diversity of our Jewish community ensuring that historically disconnected groups, such as interfaith families, LGBTQ+ individuals, Russian speaking Jews, Hebrew speaking Jews, and Jews of Color, are connected to Jewish life, promoting programs that are welcoming, Jewish values-based, and responsive to their needs and interests.
- Increase opportunities for adult Jewish education that creates ongoing opportunities for learning, community building through Jewish values, and motivation to give back to the community.
- Enhance the sense of belonging to a Jewish community, including outside traditional institutions, by creating connections and shared experiences to those who share geography, interests, age, gender and/or other defining characteristics.
- Ensure Jewish Philadelphia has the infrastructure to foster connections between religious and cultural institutions and support diverse religious/cultural expressions of Judaism.

Connect with Israel

- Provide access to transformative Israel experiences and Israel education that ignite connection to Jewish Peoplehood worldwide and inspire participants to take on

leadership roles within the Jewish community when they return.

- Support Aliyah and travel opportunities to enhance connections worldwide.
- Enhance opportunities engagement between local community members, Israelis and Jews around the world.
- Work to ensure that every Jew in Philadelphia, Israel and across the world can live and express their Jewish identity safely, openly and with no fear.
- Create celebrations of major holidays and accomplishments in Israel for the Greater Philadelphia community to enhance connections between the two communities.

Application Process:

To qualify for a grant from the Jewish Community Fund, organizations must show proof of non-profit status, provide services in Greater Philadelphia, Israel or to Jewish communities globally. Programs must align with the funding priorities as outlined in this LOI. Membership organizations (for example synagogues and youth groups) may apply for funding provided that the program is open to the entire community and pricing and participation options are uniform. All grants from the Jewish Community fund are programmatic grants.

Important Dates:

- **Friday, October 30, 2020**-Letters of Intent Due
- **Monday, November 30, 2020**-Selected applicants invited to complete a full application during our Request for Proposal (RFP) stage.
- **Friday, January 29, 2021**-Proposals Due
- **End of May 2021**-Selected grantees notified of awards.

Funding Announcement for Israel Agencies

The Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia has long been guided by our mission of mobilizing financial and volunteer resources to address the communities' most critical priorities locally, in Israel and around the world. We take care of vulnerable people who need help, engage informed and compassionate communities in repairing the world and energize Jewish life and Jewish learning.

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The goals for Jewish Federation's investments in Israel for Fiscal Years 2022-2024 are the following:

- Increase social cohesion through improving the social mobility of vulnerable populations in Israel such as new immigrants, the elderly (including Holocaust survivors), Haredi population, minorities, and youth at risk with a focus on communities in the periphery.
- Expand the multitude of Jewish expressions, practices and opportunities in Israel and enhance opportunities for traditional connections and new forms of engagement between community members and Israelis and Jews around the world.
- Ensure that every Jew in Philadelphia, in Israel and across the world, can practice Jewish life safely, openly and with no fear. The Jewish Federation also seeks to enhance resiliency among communities in Israel and globally facing security threats, trauma and natural hazards.
- Support legacy partners to help maintain a global Jewish safety net infrastructure, while facing new challenges and using new methodologies.

Specifically, Jewish Federation is seeking partner organizations that work in the following areas:

- Reducing food insecurity and loneliness of elderly and immigrant populations in Israel, especially among Holocaust survivors.
- Addressing food insecurity for Jews in despair around the world.
- Addressing poverty in Israel by providing quality education and job opportunities for communities at risk.
- Supporting infrastructure and programs that create increased acceptance of various types of Jewish expression.
- Deepening engagement opportunities between Jews in Philadelphia with peers in Israel and around the world.
- Creating meaningful Israel travel experiences.
- Developing programs to combat Boycott and Divestment Strategies (BDS), combat antisemitism and strengthen resilience.
- Supporting Jews who seek to make aliyah.

Priority consideration will be given to organizations that:

1. Work In multiple locations.
2. Have projects that operate in the Negev
3. Currently or have plans to cultivate strategic partnerships and collaborations with other philanthropies.
4. Promote creative platforms for social justice led by and catering for young adults.
5. Demonstrate a commitment to continuous and deep learning.
6. Embrace advocacy as a means to create long-term social change.

Applications are accepted BY INVITATION ONLY. For more information, contact Tali Lidar, Manager, Israel Office of the Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia, tlidar@jewishphilly.org, 52.613.0757.

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