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INFORMATION FOR PROSPECTIVE GRANT APPLICANTS – 2019 GRANT CYCLE

All programs must start March 2019 or later

NEW LOI DUE DATE – OCTOBER 4, 2018

Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Phoenix Mission Statement: *Building a permanent source of financial support for a vibrant, enduring Jewish community.*

Since 1972, the Jewish Community Foundation has been helping people support the Jewish and secular causes that are important to them. We provide resources to make the community's vision a reality and we respond to emergencies facing the Jewish people.

WHAT GRANT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE

Grants for the 2018 grant cycle are supported by three unique endowments:

- Fund for Jewish Philanthropy
- Field of Interest funds
- Jewish Women's Endowment Fund.

Fund for Jewish Philanthropy and Field of Interest Funds

Grants from the Fund for Jewish Philanthropy of the Jewish Community Foundation ("Foundation") and Field of Interest Funds allow the Foundation to support new and innovative programs and address unmet needs in the Jewish community.

Field of Interest Funds

Each year, Field of Interest Funds also provide support for **local** grants to support Jewish education and programs for physically disadvantaged children.

- **Babette Himler Education Fund** awards a grant to support Jewish education in greater Phoenix.
- **Physically Disadvantaged Children's Fund** provides a grant to a program serving physically disadvantaged children in greater Phoenix.
- **Max Schlissel Education Fund** awards a grant to aid and support Jewish education in greater Phoenix.
- **Paul Vermes Fund for Disabled Youth in Israel** provides a grant to a program that supports disabled youth in Israel.

The Jewish Women's Endowment Fund

Dedicated to fostering social change by addressing the root issues of problems, the Jewish Women's Endowment Fund makes grants to projects that expand and improve opportunities and choices in all aspects of the lives of Jewish women and girls. Organizations in Greater Phoenix and Israel (which meet criteria listed in the Israel section, below) may apply for funding.

GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS SERVING GREATER PHOENIX

The Foundation's primary grantmaking focus is **servicing the Greater Phoenix Jewish community**.

WHAT WE FUND

The Jewish Community Foundation will consider applications in the following categories:

- **New programs** designed to address unmet needs in the Jewish community, or which offer a unique approach to enhancing the Jewish community. Preference will be given to innovative programs and projects. **We will consider second year funding for a new project, but you must indicate IN THE YEAR ONE LETTER OF INTENT that you intend to apply for second year of funding.** If so, we will request your plan for Year Two funding when you are invited to submit a full grant application. If the Foundation approves Year One funding, it is not a guarantee that Year Two funding will be approved.
- **One-time programs** that offer the Jewish community both immediate benefits and the potential for long-term enrichment (*e.g. seminars, exhibits, community-wide events*).
- **Existing programs that are functioning at a high level may receive grant funding.** Such programs must address otherwise unmet community needs. **Additionally, program expansion** for well-established programs will be considered if the request reflects a significant new component to the project. Examples of qualified expansions include: serving a different population (expanding a program to include grandparents raising their grandchildren; launching the program in a different region (East Valley, West Valley); expanding a school program to a different grade or school, necessitating a new curriculum. *Merely serving additional people does not meet the Foundation's definition of a program expansion.*
- **Capacity building**, defined as improving the overall performance, effectiveness, and financial sustainability of **local** Jewish organizations, to better fulfill their missions. Qualified examples include, but are not limited to: strategic planning; program planning and evaluation; board and staff leadership development or training; endowment building; marketing and communications; and financial resource development.
- **Applicants requesting grants of \$5,000 or less that serve the local Jewish community have the option of applying through our expedited "Small Grants" process. Applications submitted through the "Small Grants" process will be reviewed on a streamlined, rolling basis. The total amount available this year for the "Small Grants" process will be limited to those funds not granted through the regular grants process.**

Funding areas for "Small Grants":

- new programs
 - events
 - time-sensitive needs or opportunities: urgent or unforeseen needs, or requests that capitalize on a time-limited opportunity (funding or otherwise)
 - capacity building
- **A different application is required for the "Small Grants" process. More information can be found under the "Small Grants" tab of www.jcfphoenix.org.**

WHAT ARE THE FOUNDATION'S FUNDING PRIORITIES

- Interfaith responses to community needs or issues, designed to strengthen community relations and foster collaboration;
- Jewish education;
- Research projects that improve the quality of Jewish life;
- Resettlement aid and assistance services to Jewish refugees;
- Social service needs – including, but not limited to, health and welfare;
- Strengthening and increasing exposure to Jewish culture; and
- Training opportunities in the fields of health, education, science, humanitarian aid, culture and community relations that would have demonstrable value for the Jewish community.

The Foundation encourages collaboration between organizations. Please see page 4 for information.

GRANTS TO ORGANIZATIONS SERVING ISRAEL

- To improve the lives of vulnerable families and individuals in Israel by supporting programs that provide them with the tools needed to become self-reliant and break the cycle of poverty.

Examples of eligible programs include vocational training or education with accompanying social supports for individuals to obtain and maintain gainful employment; financial literacy and life skills, micro-lending and entrepreneurial efforts. Programs must fall under the categories described under grants serving greater Phoenix (new program, well-functioning existing program, one-time endeavor or a clearly defined significant program expansion). Programs in this category that exclusively serve individuals with special needs are **not** eligible.

- Programs that specifically aim to improve relations between Jews and Arabs in Israel will be considered.

The Jewish Community Foundation will ONLY accept proposals from Israeli organizations:

- 1) Which Foundation staff, Jewish communal colleagues, board or grants committee members have volunteered with, visited or have first-hand knowledge of **OR** prior grant recipients that have satisfactorily fulfilled reporting requirements; and
- 2) That have received certified proper management (“nihul takin”) from the Israeli Registrar of Non-Profit Organizations; and
- 3) That are in good standing with a US-based 501(c)(3) charitable organization that will serve as the fiscal agent.

Please contact the Jewish Community Foundation prior to the LOI due date **BEFORE** submitting a Letter of Intent. Please do NOT wait until the last minute to contact JCF. If you are new to JCF, you must call at least three weeks prior to the LOI deadline. **If you are uncertain as to your eligibility, please contact Sheryl Quen at squen@jcfphoenix.org.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL APPLICANTS

TYPICAL GRANT RANGE

A typical grant ranges from **\$2,500 - \$20,000**.

Grants above \$20,000 may occasionally be awarded, but larger allocations generally are reserved for programs that will become an ongoing part of an organization’s work. **Letters of Intent requesting \$25,000 or more will not be accepted without Foundation approval AT LEAST THREE WEEKS BEFORE submission of the Letter of Intent.**

WHAT THE FOUNDATION DOES NOT FUND

- Organizations that are **NOT** recognized as registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit entities
- International organizations that are **NOT** in good standing with a US-based 501(c)(3) fiscal agent
- Multi-year grant requests, with the exception of year two funding as described under new programs
- General operating support
- Capital, endowment, ongoing or other fundraising campaigns
- Scholarships
- Equipment purchase to replace or upgrade equipment for an existing program/service/office
- Donor, staff or volunteer recognition events
- Grants to individuals
- Projects in their entirety
- Proposals from organizations that do not follow our application procedures
- Renewed support to past grantees that have not met our reporting requirements

GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS

For all proposals not submitted through our “Small Grants” process, the Jewish Community Foundation conducts one grant cycle each year, which includes a two-step application process:

▪ Step One – Letter of Intent

Any organization applying for a grant must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) online, following the Foundation’s LOI instructions, below.

▪ Step Two – Submission of Full Application

If the Foundation approves the Letter of Intent, the organization will be invited to submit a full grant application.

2019 Grant Cycle Timeline

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| • October 4, 2018 | Letters of Intent Due |
| • By November 30, 2018 | LOI Decisions Announced |
| • December 18, 2018 (by noon AZ time) | Application Deadline (if invited to apply) |
| • Late January/1st week of February | Presentations to the Foundation |
| • Mid-March 2019 | Grant Decisions Announced |

LETTER OF INTENT INSTRUCTIONS

- Organizations may submit only **ONE** Letter of Intent on behalf of their organization each cycle.
- In addition, organizations may participate in collaborative requests. An organization may serve as the lead program or fiscal agent for **ONE** collaborative request in any given grant cycle. LOIs for collaborative efforts must include Letters of Support from all participating organizations.
- An organization may serve as the fiscal agent for another organization. When the only connection is serving as the fiscal agent, it does not impact an organization’s ability to submit an LOI on its own behalf or as part of a collaborative request.

The Letter of Intent must be submitted online via the Foundation’s new portal. No other submissions will be accepted.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS – VERY IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

The Jewish Community Foundation encourages organizations to submit letters of intent for collaborative efforts. We believe collaboration between local organizations can strengthen the caliber of services provided to the Jewish community and increase communication between service providers.

If you seek support for a collaborative project or program, **one** organization must serve as the program contact and fiscal agent – submitting the letter of intent, completing the grant application (*if invited to do*), accepting fiduciary responsibility for any funding awarded and accepting reporting responsibility. In addition, all organizations participating in the collaboration must be identified in the Letter of Intent.

Please Note: If the Foundation invites a full grant application, **LETTERS OF SUPPORT** from each collaborating agency **must** be included with the application.

If you have questions regarding the Jewish Community Foundation’s grantmaking program, please do not hesitate to contact Sheryl Quen at (480) 699-1717, ext. 1782 or squen@jcfphoenix.org.