



JCF Innovations Grant Guidelines

The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ's (JCF) Innovations Fund is now accepting applications for funding. Grants will be awarded to spark innovative projects and initiatives that enhance engagement in our Greater MetroWest NJ community (GMW), including Essex, Union, Morris, Eastern Somerset, and Sussex Counties.

Priority Areas

We seek to reach individuals who do not feel engaged in meaningful Jewish experiences. This funding will support innovative efforts to form and foster meaningful Jewish connections, including but not limited to the following:

- Single/married adults with no children, ages 21-45
- Interfaith couples/families
- LGBTQ community members of all ages
- Creative ways to address important issues facing our community

Prior to applying, and for questions about the grant process, please contact JCF Senior Development Officer Yaffa Karp at ykarp@jfedgmw.org or (973) 929-2982.

Eligibility

- Existing nonprofit organizations that possess current 501(c)(3) status
- Emerging organizations that apply with an appropriate fiscal sponsor with 501(c)(3) status
- Organizations from any state may apply. However, the proposed project must be implemented in Greater MetroWest NJ. The organization should have a person on the ground and/or a partnering organization in the region to oversee the project.

Funding

- Total funds available for multi-year funding starting in FY 2020: \$300,000
- We will not award microgrants. There is no limit to the amount that can be requested, up to \$100,000/year.
- We encourage multi-year funding and will consider requests up to three years in duration.
- We will consider funding a project that is part of a larger program, series, or initiative, but it is unlikely that we will fund a single event.
- We will not fund general operating support, capital improvements, endowments, lobbying, an individual, or an individual synagogue. However, partnership applications are encouraged.
- Grantees must agree to display the combined Jewish Federation and Foundation logo on marketing materials and distribute materials that promote community programs at events.
- We will consider only one grant application from an organization.

What JCF Is Looking For

- **Innovation/Scalability.** Creative, impactful, sharable, and new to our catchment areas.
- **Engagement in Jewish Life.** Fosters meaningful Jewish connections to targeted populations that do not feel engaged, reaching new audiences and creating multiple strong Jewish touchpoints.
- **Inclusiveness.** Inspires and engages individuals to feel welcome and valued in the community.
- **Goals, Measures, and Evaluation.** Provides clear goals and measurable indicators of success, as well as compelling evaluation plans.
- **Impact and Sustainability.** Plans for multiple efforts to impact individuals during and beyond the grant cycle.
- **Leadership.** Ensures strong leadership of the proposed project and within the organization, recognized as such in the field.
- **Implementation and Budget.** Proposes a clear plan for implementation and a realistic budget. We will favor requests for funds that will be matched or leveraged.

Application Process

To apply, please log into [our grant application site](#).

If you have not previously received a grant from JCF, you will need to create an account. Enter your username and password and click the Apply button in the header. Next, to access the application, enter access code **JCF20Innov**.

The application deadline is September 27, 2019.

A prospective applicant strategy and networking session will take place on Wednesday, July 31 at 9:30am at the JCF campus, 901 Route 10, Whippany, NJ 07981. While not mandatory, this will be an important session. Please RSVP to Yaffa Karp at ykarp@jfedgmw.org or 973-929-2982 by July 26.