

JCF GRANTS AWARDED FOR 2020

The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ (JCF) has awarded 31 grants for a total of \$322,302. An additional \$173,700 was also awarded in ongoing commitments to previous grantees. These grants, approved for the upcoming fiscal year, are part of a strategic initiative aimed at helping people throughout the local and international Jewish community through a wide variety of innovative programs. This year, grant priority areas included support for education, the elderly, and the needy in the Greater MetroWest area; support for people with disabilities, seniors, and refugees in Israel; cultural enrichment in Israel; and, for the Innovations grants, support for programs that can reach those who do not feel engaged in the GMW Jewish community.

Grant applications are evaluated by an esteemed committee of lay leadership to determine recipients. The application process was robust and competitive in all categories.

- JCF awarded \$50,902 for one-time Greater MetroWest Community grants to seven programs that serve the needs of the community.
- JCF awarded \$23,900 for one-time Israel Restricted grants to four programs that serve underserved communities in Israel.
- JCF awards \$247,500 over three years for Innovations Funding grants to two community outreach programs.

JCF FY2020 Grant Recipients

Greater MetroWest Community Grants

Aryeh Adventures – \$4,500

Jewish Learning on the Road: Hire an education director to run summer Jewish learning and adventure trips for teens, half of whom have special needs. Many of the staff and participants identify as LGBTQ.

Congregation Beth Hatikvah – \$4,902

5 Senses of Judaism: Offer an education series for families with young children, using a curriculum that invokes the five basic human senses. Child-led activities will explore Jewish themes and holidays at each lesson. Open to the entire Greater MetroWest community.

Daughters of Israel – \$5,000

Orchestra Series: Run musical events with musicians from the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra for residents and their families.

Holocaust Council and Newark Initiatives – \$5,000

Professional Development: Provide scholarship funds to any GMW Holocaust educator, enabling them to engage in advanced study opportunities at selected seminars in Europe and Israel.

JCC of Central New Jersey – \$10,000

Spiritual and Social Work Support for Seniors: Offer enrichment programs, run by a social worker, that address the social, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual challenges resulting from social isolation and loneliness.

JFS of Central New Jersey – \$12,000.

Project CEASSE: Educate the public and professionals about elder abuse through presentations and literature. Project CEASSE also provides counseling, case management, and home health aide services to clients and caregivers.

Sinai Special Needs Institute – \$9,500

Connecting Students with Special Needs to Their Jewish Heritage: Provide scholarships for educational field trips in the area and/or provide financial supplements for the heritage trip to Poland that Sinai students take with RKYHS mainstream students.

Israel Restricted Grants

Be'er-Sova Community Restaurant – \$2,900

Be'er-Sova Community Restaurant: Run a soup kitchen providing fresh and/or hot meals for those in the Be'er -Sova community who struggle with food insecurity. 85% of clients are elderly.

Center for Excellence in Arts and Design in Ofakim – \$8,500

Afterschool Program: Offer art and design experiences for high school students living in Ofakim.

Network to Network, a program in Machshava Tova – \$10,000

Network to Network: Offer computer and social media training to prepare people with mental and social disabilities for integration into society.

The Ramat Eliyahu Community – \$2,500

Health Gymnastics: Provide exercise programs for Ethiopian-Israeli senior citizens.

Innovations Fund Grants

NCSY/JSU – \$150,000 over 3 years

FY20-\$65,000, FY21-\$50,000, FY22-\$35,000

Build Together: Hire a family service director who will create parent-student cohorts to engage in year-long study, volunteer, and engagement activities, expanding beyond existing high school clubs. This program is open to all in the GMW community.

Rappers and Rabbis – \$97,500 over 3 years

FY20-\$42,500, FY21-\$35,000, FY22- \$20,000

Rappers and Rabbis: Run community-wide engagement opportunities using hip-hop music. R&R aims to build bridges between the rabbinical tradition of poetic interpretation and hip-hop music through friend-raising events, open mics, Torah and rap sessions, and other programs including podcasts and large-scale retreats.

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