

CFJE FY18 Jewish Education Grants

For congregational and supplemental schools

The Community Foundation for Jewish Education of the Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago (CFJE) is pleased to announce the FY18 Jewish Education Grant cycle, the purpose of which is to provide targeted funds to select Jewish education institutions for the growth and improvement of their educational programs.

PROGRAM IN BRIEF:

Every Jewish supplementary school in Chicagoland is eligible to apply to CFJE for a grant of up to \$20,000.¹ Grants fall into two categories:

1. Planning Grants
2. Best Practices Grants

Priority will go to projects that are collaborative amongst institutions that serve similar student populations, but this is not a requirement to apply. Grants to maintain current operations will not be considered. Institutions may apply for more than one grant but can only be awarded one grant.

FULL PROGRAM DESCRIPTION:

Planning Grants. Planning grants are for schools that want to take a deep, nuanced look at a challenge before them but are not yet ready to implement solutions. Hypothetical examples include (but are not limited to): strategic planning for the school, a feasibility study for cooperative education work between schools that share a geographic proximity or long-term projection research.

¹ Eligibility assumes that a congregational or supplemental school has completed the Jewish School Census process by March 1, 2017, if applicable.

Best Practice Grants. Apply for this grant if you have identified an area of strength in your school and wish to broaden or deepen its impact. New initiatives will not be considered for this category. Hypothetical examples include (but are not limited to): a curricular approach or professional development area that has been effective in multiple classrooms but cannot be expanded without additional support.

DATES:

Consultation: CFJE's Executive Director Rabbi Scott Aaron, PhD, is available to discuss proposal ideas in January and February 2017. Although this is not required, it is highly recommended as an opportunity to help schools select the idea that best suits the intentions of the grant process. Scott can be reached at scottaaron@juf.org.

Grants Open: Applications will be available at www.juf.org/cfje and via email beginning December 16, 2016.

Deadline: Deadline for submitting grant proposals is March 1, 2017.

Announcements: Grant recipients will be announced March 31, 2017.

Important Information: All applications must be submitted as a PDF attachment to an email sent to scottaaron@juf.org on or earlier than March 1, 2017. No extensions will be granted for this deadline. Only the proposal information found on pages 3-6 of this document are required to be submitted. Additional pages for expanding on descriptions, summaries or budget notes are permitted if needed. A grant can benefit more than one institution but only one institution can apply for and receive the funds as the lead institution. Applicants must be Chicago-based congregational or supplemental education programs that serve local children; national curriculum or educational support providers are not eligible.

FY18 Jewish Education Grant Proposal Narrative

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Application is for (check one) Best Practices Strategic Planning

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

(PLEASE TYPE RESPONSES BELOW EACH QUESTION)

Date of Application:

Program/Project Title:

Lead School or Agency Name:

Main Contact Name and Title:

Contact Mailing Address, Telephone Number, and Email Address:

Grant Amount Requested:

Is your organization financially or otherwise stable?

If asked, can you provide proof of recent submission of tax form 990s? (Yes or No)

If asked, can you provide proof of non-profit status? (Yes or No)

Are other institutions going to participate in some way in this program/project? (Yes or No)

If yes, please list the name of the institution and the contact person there for their participation.

II. PROJECT SUMMARY

Can your organization complete the proposed project by June 30, 2018?
(Yes or No)

Please provide a few sentences summarizing the program/project for which you are seeking a Jewish Education Programming Grant.

III. PROJECT DESCRIPTION

(SHOULD NOT EXCEED 1,500 WORDS)

- What type of grant are you applying for (please specify Planning or Best Practices)?
- How does your initiative meet the criteria of this particular grant category (see page 2)?
- What rationale and evidence undergird your proposal?
- What are the initiative's objectives and outcomes?
- What is the primary market/target population for the project? How will the initiative will serve more students and/or serve the current students better?
- Outline the timeline and specific actions of the initiative.
- What measures or systems will ensure quality control?
- List any other organizations with which you will work to accomplish this project, including contact names and formal roles that have been discussed with each partner/what each partner brings to the expansion and their capacity to carry out the proposed expansion.
- Explain the methodology for evaluating program/project impact, the goals and objectives listed above and viably documenting student achievement.
- Why is this the right time to undertake this initiative?
- How will this project influence your school's work going forward?
- Explain why this initiative cannot be fully addressed within existing resources?

Insert description here

IV. BUDGET

Please provide a budget summary for the proposed initiative using the template below; do not submit additional budget materials/formats. The budget should include proposed grant and other funding that will cover direct and indirect costs for this specific initiative. If your institution currently receives a JUF core affiliate/beneficiary allocation please include dollars you will be directing from your allocation to this project.

Expense Categories	Requested Jewish Education Grant	Other Funding	Total
Personnel			
Consultants			
Materials			
Equipment			
Marketing			
Equipment			
Marketing			
Travel			
Professional Development			
Food			
Other (specify):			
Other (specify):			
Other (specify):			
Total Project Amount			

Budget Notes:

V. SIGNATURE PAGE

By submitting this proposal I, on behalf of the lead organization, hereby affirm that:

- A. The information contained is accurate to the best of my knowledge;
- B. We can provide documentation of organizational stability (audits, 990s, nonprofit status, etc.) and any other required information upon request;
- C. We are prepared to complete this project by June 30, 2018; and
- D. We will openly share any lessons learned and tangible results of this work by submitting a final report of accomplishments to CFJE at the completion of the expanded project.

Name, Title