



These grants mainly benefit the Columbus Jewish community, with priority given to core Jewish community agencies. Emphasis is placed on new service initiatives or expanded services that address unmet community needs, complement or improve existing community services, increase agency self-sufficiency, attract new clients, or maximize service delivery. General operating support is not provided, but technology and capital funding can be considered.

We urge applicants to zero in on their most important and compelling strategic goals. We want to leverage our grants to support programs that will be impactful, help organizations fulfill their mission statement, enable them to stay ahead of the curve, and take a long-term view of who and what they are.

Community Grants can be awarded for a wide range of programs, including those addressing social service needs, leadership development, health and Jewish family needs, strategic planning and outreach. We hope to better align the applicant's mission and strategic goals with those of the Foundation. We look to leverage Foundation funding to support programs that will bring about a significant impact in our community, move an organization closer to fulfilling its mission statement, enable providers to stay ahead of the curve with service delivery and strategic planning, and/or propel grantees to take a long-term view of who and what they are.

Certain projects may be eligible for multi-year funding, particularly if they are integral to the successful implementation of clearly defined strategic planning objectives. Continued funding is contingent upon measurable success in meeting the strategic objectives and available funds.

Grant Eligibility

1. All organizations must be established and current under IRS Code Section 501(c)3.
2. The applicant agency must be on sound financial footing.
3. Applications from individuals will not be entertained.
4. Foundation grants are not intended to:
 - a. supplement or duplicate Federation and/or United Way allocations,
 - b. fund general operations, and/or
 - c. support fundraising-related travel missions.
5. Grants for special and unique professional development requests are only available once every five years. (If the program is offered more than once in the five year period, funding shall only be considered for staff members previously not funded within the five year period.)
6. Synagogue requests must be inclusive, community-oriented, and/or collaborative projects.
8. Proposals for capital (building-related, but not operational) or technology funding can be submitted. No applicant shall receive capital funding per site more than once every ten years (beginning with the time of the last capital grant for that site), unless there has been a catastrophic event. Because of limited available funds, synagogue capital campaign requests cannot be entertained.
9. Programs must start within 18 months of grant approval date.

- 10. Mini Grant applications will be accepted and reviewed on a quarterly basis:**
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| <i>September 15, 2017 deadline</i> | <i>November 1, 2017 notification</i> |
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| <i>February 15, 2018 deadline</i> | <i>April 1, 2018 notification</i> |
| <i>April 15, 2018 deadline</i> | <i>June 1, 2018 notification</i> |

Mini-grants are capped at \$1,000 for community organizations and \$2,500 for Jewish community organizations.

Application Guidelines

1. The Community Grants Committee will accept proposals only during the Fall Grant Cycle. Proposals must align with both the Foundation and Community Grants Committee missions.
2. Proposals must support the agency mission, including any short-term and medium-term initiatives.
3. Proposals can be submitted as a new or expanded service initiative and should address unmet community needs, complement or improve existing community service needs, increase agency self-sufficiency, attract new clients, or maximize service delivery.
4. Programs must have measurable goals/objectives and a strong evaluation plan.
5. Proposals for continued funding will be accepted subject to Foundation pre-approval.
6. Multi-year grants are approved for a one-year period and may be extended for up to two additional years, subject to evaluation and review. Funding for multi-year grants can be phased down over time at the discretion of the grant committee. Continued grant funding will be evaluated based on these criteria: program implementation is according to schedule; measurable success in meeting the strategic objectives; grantee submits a long-term funding plan and reports on the implementation of that plan with each request for continued funding, including communication with future funders following the Foundation grant period; continued need for Foundation funding; interest on the part of the Foundation to provide continued funding, and available funding.