



Grants from the Columbus Jewish Foundation’s Social Justice Fund seek to fund programs that:

- Address social injustice.
- Provide leadership to and funding for local Jewish social action programs.
- Advance positive relations between the local Jewish community and other groups.
- Educate local leaders regarding issues important to the Jewish community.

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. Synagogue requests must be inclusive, community-oriented, and/or collaborative projects.
6. Programs must start within 18 months of grant approval date.
7. **Mini Grant applications will be accepted and reviewed on a quarterly basis:**

September 15, 2017 deadline	November 1, 2017 notification
November 15, 2017 deadline	January 1, 2018 notification
February 15, 2018 deadline	April 1, 2018 notification
April 15, 2018 deadline	June 1, 2018 notification

Mini-grants are capped at \$1,500.

Application Guidelines

1. The Social Justice Committee will accept proposals during the Fall and Spring Grant Cycles. Proposals must align with both the Foundation and Social Justice Committee missions.
2. **Renewal requests will be accepted for Spring Grant consideration. Applicants interested in renewal funding are strongly encouraged to submit a Renewal Interest Form by September 15, 2017.**
3. Proposals must be submitted as a new service initiative.
4. Proposals must support the agency mission, including any short-term and medium-term initiatives.
5. 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.
6. Proposals seeking limited support for capital improvements, construction, or purchase of permanent equipment can be submitted.
7. Programs must have measurable goals/objectives and a strong evaluation plan.

8. Proposals for continued funding will be accepted subject to Foundation pre-approval. 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:
- a. program implementation is according to schedule;
 - b. measurable success in meeting the strategic objectives;
 - c. 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;
 - d. continued need for Foundation funding;
 - e. interest on the part of the Foundation to provide continued funding, and
 - f. available funding.