



Jewish
Women's Giving
Foundation
of Baltimore

AMA (ask me anything): We are hosting a virtual Open House for grant seekers on September 9th – MORE INFORMATION BELOW!

Request for Proposals 2021-2022 Program Year

The Jewish Women's Giving Foundation of Baltimore (JWGF), a program of The Associated: Jewish Federation of Baltimore, offers its membership opportunities to discover the power of women's philanthropy and to gain an understanding of the needs of self-identifying women and girls through a collaborative grant-making process. We strive to award grants through both a gender and Jewish lens, honoring the tradition of *tzedekah* (philanthropic giving) and *tikkun olam* (improving the world). All grant decisions are made collectively.

Mission Statement:

Guided by Jewish values and through a gender lens, we are a giving circle that promotes lasting social change by supporting organizations that transform the lives of self-identified women and girls. As part of our collaborative grantmaking process, we educate and empower our members to be strategic decision makers and philanthropists. We focus our grantmaking in greater Baltimore, Israel and overseas.

Should I apply? You should apply if you can check all of the following boxes:

- 501(c)(3) or equivalent:** Your organization has a 501(c)(3) tax status or is affiliated with a fiscal agent who is a 501(c)(3). International organizations should have 501(c)(3) status or the international equivalent.
- Gender Lens:** The program for which your organization seeks funding uses a gender lens. We prioritize programs that use a gender lens, i.e. that keep in mind the unique experiences, strengths and needs of women and girls. We recommend the following resources to learn more about using a gender lens:
 - Click [HERE](#) for an article from U.S. Trust entitled, "Giving Through a Gender Lens."
 - Click [HERE](#) for a YouTube video created by the Executive Director of the Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta.
 - Click [HERE](#) for a resource from Grant Craft entitled, "Grant Making with a Gender Lens."
- Local Geographic Impact (for U.S.-based programs):** The program for which you seek funding impacts clients in the greater Baltimore area. We will fund a program on the national level **only** if it impacts the lives of women and/or girls in the greater Baltimore area.
- International Organization:** You are applying for a program outside of the United States and were invited to do so (the RFP was emailed directly to your organization). AND, you have a fiscal sponsor in the United States that can accept the grant funds on your behalf.

"Gender equity does not mean "sameness." It is not about providing the same programs, treatment and opportunities for women and men. Rather, it is about providing meaningful opportunities that are appropriately targeted to each gender in order to achieve maximum impact. In the case of gender, equity can mean treating people differently to accommodate their differences." – U.S. Trust

Grant Size:

Grants will be awarded in amounts between \$5,000 and \$20,000.

Additional Items to Note about Eligibility and our Grants Process:

- Grants are awarded to improve the lives of self-identifying women and/or girls. We understand that funding through a gender lens does not exclude men and boys; however, self-identifying women and/or girls must be the primary beneficiaries of the program. **If you have any questions about your eligibility, including whether your program that serves men/boys primarily benefits women/girls, please call.**
- JWGF endeavors to allocate at least 50% of its funds each year in the Jewish community.
- JWGF does not provide multi-year grants through the annual grant cycle. Organizations must apply for funding during each grant cycle for a particular project. JWGF will fund an organization for no more than two consecutive years.
- JWGF grants may not be used for loans, individual scholarships or sponsorships, political campaigns, or endowment or capital campaigns.
- Grants are given out for the fiscal year of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

The Application Process:

For our grants process this year we are using an online grant system. It is our hope that the web-based system will be easier to access and make the application process smoother. That being said, it is the first time we are using it and expect that there will be some issues. If you encounter ANY problems or have ANY feedback, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Some important notes regarding the online grant system:

- Once you submit your application, you cannot edit the form. Please review your answers before submitting.
- **Uploading documents:** When uploading documents, we prefer that you upload in pdf format, if possible. If that is cumbersome, you should be allowed to upload documents in any format. If the document is not accepted because it is too large and you are unable to save it in a smaller size, please let us know as we can change the settings.
- **Tutorials:** When you access our site on the grant system, there are links to helpful (and short) tutorials. Please use them!

Ask Me Anything (AMA) Open House:

We will be hosting a virtual Open House on **September 9th** from **8-11am EST** and **1-3pm EST**. If you have any questions about our process, our application, whether you qualify for a general operating grant, if you need a letter of support, or just about anything, please join us!

ZOOM LINK: Click [HERE](#) to join the virtual AMA Open House on September 9th.

"It is not enough simply to paint the walls pink and call it a program for girls." - Jewish Women's Fund of Atlanta

Important Dates:

Letter of Inquiry Due	October 15, 2021
Organizations notified if JWGF will be requesting a full proposal	December 15, 2021
Full Grant Proposals due from those organizations invited to make submission	January 21, 2022
Site Visits	March 1 to 10, 2022
Organization notified of final funding decisions	April 28, 2022

TO APPLY:

Click [HERE](#) to access the online grant system. Follow the directions on the right side of the page.