



Jewish Women's Foundation of San Diego 2024-2027 Request for Proposals

Since its founding, the Jewish Women's Foundation of San Diego (JWF) has awarded over \$1 million to organizations and programs that benefit and enhance the lives of primarily Jewish women and girls locally and globally. Past grant making has addressed a variety of areas including self-esteem of teen girls, needs of single parents, caring for isolated seniors and women and girls living with hunger, homelessness, and poverty. Previous JWF Grantees can be found [here](#).

JWF is now accepting Letters of Intent for the July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027 granting initiative ["cycle"]. This cycle JWF will be granting up to \$75,000 (maximum \$25,000/year) to each organization over 3 years. Past JWF grants average \$39,000 total per organization. Before submitting a Letter of Intent (LOI), please review our **Mission Statement**, **Core Values**, and **Grant Guidelines** below to determine if your organization and/or program meet our criteria. We prioritize funding organizations and programs whose missions and values are aligned with ours.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Jewish Women's Foundation of San Diego is dedicated to supporting the Jewish community through innovative and creative funding to benefit and enhance the lives of primarily Jewish women and girls locally, nationally, and globally.

Guided by Jewish values, the Jewish Women's Foundation creates awareness of the issues and needs of Jewish women and girls. Through the work of this Foundation, women are empowered as funders, decision-makers, and agents for change in the community.

CORE VALUES

- **Tzedakah** – We value *justice* in its highest degree, preserving human dignity by helping people help themselves.
- **Tikkun Olam** – We seek to *repair the world* by supporting programs and organizations that we believe will be effective in making lasting and systemic change.
- **Kehillah** – We acknowledge and celebrate our diverse Jewish *community*, seek to work in partnership with our grantees, and encourage collaborations to leverage strengths among grantee organizations.
- **B'tzelem Elohim** – We view every individual in *God's image*, demanding respect for, compassion towards, and inclusion of different perspectives, generations, denominations, and cultures.
- **Gender Equity** – We support equal rights, representation, and opportunities for those who identify as women and girls.
- **Empowerment and Agency** – We give women and girls the power to grow and take control over their own lives through education, access, mentoring, and advocacy.
- **Innovation and Creativity** – We encourage taking informed risks, trying new ideas, and getting out of our comfort zone.



GRANT GUIDELINES

General Guidelines

- JWF will approve grants that are consistent with its mission and core values.
- JWF funds with both a “gender lens” and a “Jewish lens.” We are interested in programs that recognize Jewish women and girls have unique needs both because of their gender and their religious and cultural heritage. We look for programs that focus on the unique strengths, perspectives, and experiences of women and girls and recognize that the needs of females may differ from those of males. Deliberate attention to gender is an important component of a gender-sensitive program and may occur in both a gender-specific (girls/women only) and coeducational environment.
- JWF considers an organization’s overall support of women and girls as well as the specific project or program for which you are seeking a grant. This includes the extent to which Jewish women and girls are included among your leadership and key staff positions.
- JWF supports organizations through general operating and project-specific funding. General operating support will only be awarded to organizations exclusively supporting Jewish women and girls.
- We are interested in new initiatives as well as established programs. If the project is new, it must commence within one year of funding.
- JWF grants are awarded for a maximum of three years at a time and new programs, specifically, are encouraged to apply for multi-year funding.
- The 3-year granting period is July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2027.

Eligibility and Restrictions

- JWF funds 501(c)3 organizations and those sponsored by a fiscal agent with their own 501(c)3 status if a cooperative relationship between the two can be clearly demonstrated. Applicants in Israel or their fiscal sponsors must have *amutah* or *massad tziburi* status and will be required to meet other regulatory conditions if their application is approved. The fiscal sponsor must be willing to administer the grant and provide regular reporting.
- JWF currently prioritizes initiatives in San Diego and Israel. We will also accept proposals from statewide and national organizations if they have local impact.
- Proposals for grants in Israel will be accepted by invitation only.
- JWF encourages collaborations between non-profit organizations to leverage greater impact than would be accomplished individually.
- JWF does not fund individuals.
- JWF does not fund political campaigns or organizations such as PACS.
- JWF does not make loans, award scholarships/tuition reimbursements, nor do we provide sponsorships or buy tickets/tables for special events.



- Programs must take a cycle off after receiving funding before applying again; however, organizations may apply on behalf of different programs in consecutive cycles.

Potential Grant Awards

- There is no predetermined number of grants awarded each 3-year cycle, although at least one grant will be awarded.
- This cycle JWF will be granting up to \$75,000 (maximum \$25,000/year) to each organization over 3 years. Past JWF grants average \$39,000 total per organization.
- Previous JWF Grantees can be found [here](#).
- There is no restriction to the number of LOIs domestic organizations may submit each granting cycle provided they are for distinctly different programs. International organizations are eligible to submit one LOI per granting cycle.

Grantmaking Impact Areas

JWF supports programs in five impact areas. Prospective grantees are invited to submit program proposals that fit within one or more of these areas and must define which area(s) they are addressing in the Letter of Intent and application.

1. **Building Relationships:** projects that promote relationships among women from different cultures, denominations, and economic status. Issues that may be considered include cross-cultural conversations and collaboration.
2. **Economic Security:** projects that address building financial literacy and self-sufficiency, improving the economic status for women and their families. Issues that may be considered include professional development, and business development.
3. **Education, Leadership & Advocacy:** projects that provide educational opportunities for women and girls to increase their voices by developing skills such as negotiation and advocating. Issues that may be considered include teen mentoring, advocacy and leadership programs, community empowerment, and service-learning.
4. **Equity, Social Justice & Legal Reform:** projects that address the elimination of injustices and changing attitudes that systematically exclude or disadvantage women. Issues that may be considered include public policy implementation, legislative action, and social activism.
5. **Health, Well-Being & Safety:** projects that protect, promote, and educate about health and healthy lifestyles. Issues that may be considered include domestic violence, physical and mental abuse, health education, screening, and prevention programs.

PROCESS AND TIMELINE



Step 1 - Letters of Intent

For Domestic Projects: Projects taking place within the United States seeking grant funding must submit an LOI by Tuesday, January 16, 2024. Please note: U.S. based organizations seeking funding for a project that takes place overseas will be considered international organizations.

For International Projects: International projects may submit an LOI by invitation only.

LOI Guidelines: The Letter of Intent is intended to be a simple summary of your organization and program while not requiring a significant commitment from agencies. LOIs must be submitted through the electronic application form found [here](#).

Step 2 - Full Proposal

The JWF Grants Committee will review Letters of Intent and invite select organizations to submit full proposals. Organizations will be notified by Thursday, February 1, 2024 and must complete full proposal forms online by Friday, March 22, 2024.

Step 3 - Interviews/Presentations

The JWF Grants Committee will review proposals and may invite finalists to present their proposals in person or virtually and engage in dialogue with the committee. In-person/virtual presentations will take place on Thursday, May 9, 2024.

Step 4 - Award Notification

Grantees will be notified of their awards by May 31, 2024.

If you have any questions about the Grant Guidelines or Process, please contact Mara Glik at mara@jcsandiego.org.