



Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix **2027 Community Impact Grants Program**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Thanks to the generosity of the Center for Jewish of Greater Phoenix's (CJP) donors, CJP awards grants to support the Jewish community locally, in Israel, and around the world. CJP is committed to innovative programming, the institutional health of local Jewish nonprofit organizations, energizing and sustaining local Jewish life, Jews in need, participation in the local Jewish community, supporting Israel and overseas programs, and responding to emergencies.

We welcome proposals from organizations serving the Greater Phoenix Jewish community. We encourage you to speak with us before applying to determine whether the submission aligns with our priorities. If you have any questions or want to discuss your application, please contact Sheryl Quen, Vice President, Community Impact at squen@phoenixcjp.org.

CJP's Mission: *To energize and sustain Jewish life and leadership throughout Greater Phoenix, in Israel and around the world.*

CJP's Vision: *To be an engaged, vibrant, and secure community rooted in Jewish values.*

Please read this document in full before submitting a grant proposal.

Application Opens:
August 18, 2026
Applications Due:
by 9 a.m. on October
15, 2026
Award Notification:
April 2027

ELIGIBILITY AND WHAT WE FUND

To be eligible to apply for funding from the Center for Jewish Philanthropy:

- The organization must be a 501(c)(3) organization, a qualifying synagogue or school. Schools and synagogues are only eligible for strategic initiative funding.
- The program must directly serve the Greater Phoenix Jewish community.
- Applicants must be current on requirements and reporting associated with prior CJP grants.
- The organization must be fiscally sound. Financial documents are required for all requests.
- **Funding for Israel and Overseas programs, including JFNA historic partners, is by invitation only.**

CJP will not fund proposals for: capital, endowment, or other fundraising campaigns; scholarships; equipment purchases that are not essential to a specific program or initiative; donor, staff, or volunteer recognition events; individuals; budget deficits; projects in their entirety; or organizations that endorse or promote antisemitism (according to the [IHRA](#) definition), or endorse or participate in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement.

IMPORTANT:

While there are three funding opportunities, organizations may apply for only ONE grant – either for general operating support (if eligible), a strategic initiative, OR a small grant. Organizations may receive only one CJP grant in a 12-month period.

GRANT TYPES AND HOW TO APPLY

General Operating Support

Local Jewish organizations vital to the local Jewish community that operate under their own EIN, **excluding** schools and synagogues.

Local Jewish Organizations are Eligible to Apply for General Operating Support if:

- The organization has been in existence for a minimum of three years.
- The organization has a proven track record of implementing programs/services.
- The organization operates under its own 501c3.
- The organization can measure the outcomes of its work.
- The organization has bylaws that clearly define the organization's purpose and identifies the duties and responsibilities of the governing body.
- The board meets regularly, and **100%** of board members make a meaningful contribution to your organization.

Not Eligible for General Operating Support Funding

- If your organization has received only a small grant in the past (not a grant during our annual grant cycle), you may **not** apply for general operating support.
- Schools or synagogues.
- Organizations that do not operate under their own 501c3.

How to Apply for General Operating Support Grants

Prior authorization is required for any request over \$25,000 for non-historic partner organizations. Contact Sheryl Quen via squen@phoenixcjp.org to discuss your request.

Submissions that do not follow this procedure will be rejected.

Applications must be submitted through CJP's grants portal. After applications are received, we may schedule a Zoom "site visit" with the Community Impact Committee. Visit <https://phoenixcjp.org/what-we-do/cjp-funding> to apply. General Operating Support applications are **due by 9 a.m. on October 15, 2026.**

Strategic Initiatives

Strategic initiative grants fund programs that address unmet community needs or programs that support the Jewish community locally, in Israel, and globally. CJP does not fund retroactively so programs should start after April 1. Please contact squen@phoenixcjp.org, to discuss if needed based on the program start date.

Funding is **not** restricted to new programs. The typical Strategic Initiative grant ranges from **\$5,000 - \$20,000.**

Prior authorization is required for requests over \$25,000. Contact Sheryl Quen at 480-699-1717 x 1782 or via squen@phoenixcjp.org to discuss your request. **Submissions that do not follow this procedure will be rejected.**

CJP's FOCUS AREAS

CJP participated in the Jewish Federations of North America's Community Pulse survey, which measured the following eight pillars of flourishing Jewish communities:

- **engaged** within their **local** Jewish community
- **educated.... about Jewish history, text, and culture**
- **belonging... within** the local Jewish community **as your whole self**
- **safety... and physical security** both individually and within their community
- **active...** politically and **socially, advocating** for Jewish causes **in the broader secular arena**
- **health... needs, both physical and mental, are met**
- **caring... to fulfill the emotional needs of community members**
- **connected...** to Israel and to the **global Jewish people beyond Israel and North America**

We are especially interested in the areas highlighted below, that work to meet the pillars of flourishing Jewish communities above. However, we will consider all programs that positively impact the Jewish community.

Community Building and Cohesion

- Programs that connect Jewish people to one another and to the Jewish community, particularly programs that promote engagement for underserved demographics.
 - *Community Pulse survey shows: Further strengthening community engagement presents a significant opportunity for growth. While 6 in 10 Jews are engaged with the Jewish community to some degree, there is a notable desire for deeper connection even among those who are minimally or not engaged at all.*
 - *Cultivating engagement is key, as it correlates strongly with increased satisfaction and a stronger sense of belonging within the community.*
 - *Drivers of and barriers to engagement as well as community needs should be considered and addressed to further increase participation.*
- Programs that provide Jewish educational and ritual experiences that increase meaning, motivation, and engagement in the Jewish community.
 - *Pulse Survey data reveals while Jewish learning is valued, there is a gap between interest and engagement.*

Capacity Building

- Programs that improve the overall performance, effectiveness, and financial sustainability of **local** Jewish organizations, to better fulfill their missions. Qualified examples include but are not limited to strategic planning; program planning and evaluation; board and staff leadership development or training; marketing and communications; and financial resource development. Capital and staff expenditures are only considered when they are an integral part of the initiative.

Leadership Development

- We are committed to investing in professional and volunteer leadership development to ensure our Jewish community's success.

Youth, Family, Mid-Life Engagement and Senior Services

- Programs that support engagement of youth, families, midlife adults (45-65) or seniors in Jewish life.
 - *Pulse Survey data shows that Phoenix ranks much higher for individuals age 65-74 but also has a large population of people age 45-54.*
 - *Pulse Survey data shares that these individuals are often described as "empty nesters" or approaching that stage and make up 38% of the Jewish adult population in Phoenix.*
 - *They are often **newcomers** to the community who moved after their children were grown, making it easier for them to "fly under the radar" of traditional Jewish institutions*
- Programs that identify and engage marginalized segments of the Jewish community, such as LGBTQ+, multi-faith families or those with special needs.
 - *Pulse Survey data shows that 18% of Jewish households have at least one member who is LGBTQ+.*
 - *Non-Jewish partners are less likely to feel that Jewish community organizations reflect diversity, and two-thirds report they are less connected to the Jewish community.*
- Social service programs to assist vulnerable individuals and families with basic needs, as well as those to help improve self-sustainability, with an emphasis on seniors.
 - *Pulse data reveals that 23% of Jewish households say they are just managing or cannot make ends meet.*
- Ensuring that people with special needs/disabilities and their families receive the support they need and feel included in the Jewish community.
 - *21% of households have a member who has a physical or mental disability*

Antisemitism

- Programs that meaningfully address antisemitism or build bridges in the non-Jewish community.
 - *Data from the Pulse Survey reveals that many Phoenix Jews feel safe as a Jew in public today, but fewer are comfortable showing their Jewish identity and feel physically safe in Jewish spaces, a barrier we need to overcome to increase engagement; promoting awareness of safeguards in place is key.*
 - *Young Jewish adults (18-34) support Israel, but experience antisemitism at higher rates*
 - *Community members place a high value on community interfaith and multi-ethnic connections and 62% think we need to do a better job doing so.*

How to Apply for A Strategic Initiative Grant

Strategic initiative applications must be submitted through CJP's web portal. Visit <https://phoenixcjp.org/what-we-do/cjp-funding> to apply. Strategic Initiative Applications are due by 9 a.m. on October 15, 2026.

- **Grants Over \$10,000**

- Organizations requesting over \$10,000 complete a grant application. We may schedule a Zoom “site visit” with the Community Impact Committee.

- **Grants \$3,001 - \$10,000**

- Organizations requesting **\$3,001 - \$10,000** will complete a streamlined grant application.

COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS

CJP encourages organizations to submit applications for collaborative efforts.

For a collaborative strategic initiative **one** organization must serve as the program contact and fiscal agent. All organizations participating in the collaboration must be identified in the application and Letters of Support from all partners **must** be included.

- Organizations that participate in a collaborative request may submit **one** application for a separate strategic initiative **OR** one general operating support application on behalf of their own organization. An organization may serve as the lead program or fiscal agent for **one** collaborative request in any grant cycle.
- An organization may serve as the fiscal agent for another organization. When the only connection is serving as the fiscal agent, it does not impact that organization’s ability to apply on its own behalf or as part of a collaborative request.

SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM

Small grants allow CJP to consider requests that are off cycle (outside the timing of the annual grant cycle). **We encourage you to apply for small grant outside of the annual grant cycle.** Applicants requesting grants of \$3,000 or less that serve the local Jewish community may apply through our expedited Small Grants process. Requests may be for new or existing programs. Please note we review these **quarterly**.

Organizations that receive funding in the annual grant cycle are **not** eligible to apply unless it is for an emergency that immediately impacts your ability to serve your constituents.

We will review applications that benefit the local Jewish community, including strengthening local Jewish non-profit organizations. Requests may be for new or existing programs, but we prioritize funding for:

1. An unforeseeable, time-sensitive opportunity that will benefit a broad constituency beyond the applying organization.
2. An opportunity to leverage matching grant dollars for a charitable activity.

How to Apply for A Small Grant

Access the small grant guidelines and application [here](#). Small grant applications should be emailed to Sheryl Quen at squen@phoenixcjp.org. Small grants are accepted on a rolling basis.

2027 Community Impact Grants Program Calendar for general operating support and strategic initiative requests

Activity	Date
Grant Cycle Announced	August 18, 2026
General Operating Support Applications Due	October 15, 2026 – 9 a.m.
Strategic Initiative Applications Due	October 15, 2026 – 9 a.m.
Strategic Initiative Applicant Presentations	November 2026
General Operating Support Presentations	January 2027
Grant Notifications	April 2027

FUNDING CRITERIA FOR STRATEGIC INITIATIVES AND SMALL GRANTS

Each request is assessed on its own merits. The CJP considers the following factors in making its recommendations:

- Is this a pressing issue for the community and has the need or issue been clearly defined?
- Does the initiative directly support one or more CJP impact areas?
- How does the proposed program solve this problem or issue? Is there data or information supporting the need?
- Are there proposed measures that reflect what success looks like?
- Does the budget demonstrate other sources of funding, as well as an appropriate balance between the numbers of people served and the dollars requested?
- Does the program involve partnerships or collaborations with other community organizations?
- Does the program clearly fall within the organization's stated mission?
- Can the requesting organization deliver the program or service?
- Is this the most appropriate organization to offer the program?

GRANT APPLICANT AGREEMENT

All grant recipients are required to sign a grant agreement which includes the stipulations below and submit progress reports which will be detailed in the funding agreement letter.

All Grantees are required to support the CJP as listed below, and each grant type (general operating support, strategic initiatives, or small grants) has its own additional marketing and engagement commitments:

Support the Center for Jewish Philanthropy's Fundraising Efforts

The Annual Campaign provides the financial resources for CJP's Community Impact grants process. We therefore ask all grant recipients to:

- Support our fundraising efforts.
- Educate employees, volunteers, and donors about the support CJP provides to your organization.
- Invite a representative from CJP to address your Board of Directors once a year.
- Formally encourage participation in CJP's fundraising and community programs/events.
- Encourage key stakeholders, staff, and the Board of Directors of the recipient organization to support CJP's Annual Campaign with a meaningful contribution.

A. General Operating Support Grant Recipient Commitment

If funded, General Operating Support grant recipients must agree to the following:

Marketing

- Prominently display CJP's logo and partnership statement (see below) when promoting the organization for which you received funding via print and online materials, including on your website home page with a hyperlink. This includes acknowledging the CJP in all print and electronic marketing or media materials.
- CJP's partnership statement is: "Supported by the Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix."
- Provide one complimentary full-page ad to CJP for your major fundraising event.
- Include the CJP in all donor listings, including your annual report.
- CJP will be recognized as an event sponsor in all event materials and public acknowledgments for activities supported by CJP's general operating support, with recognition at least equal to other sponsors contributing at the same level.
- The grantee may be asked to make a presentation to CJP's Board of Directors regarding the use of the grant and the impact it had on its constituents.
- Provide written testimonials, stories, and high-resolution photos to CJP for inclusion, as appropriate, in our print and electronic marketing.
- Include squen@phoenixcjp.org on your mailing list.

CJP Engagement

- Host at least one CJP representative at your major fundraising and community events.
- Offer the CJP the opportunity for a promotional display at your organization's major fundraising and/or community outreach event(s).
- When appropriate, a member of the Community Impact Committee or our staff may attend programs on behalf of the CJP at no additional cost.

B. Strategic Initiative Grant Recipient Commitment

If funded, Strategic Initiative grant recipients must agree to the following:

Marketing

- Prominently display CJP's logo and partnership statement (see below) when promoting the program for which you received funding via print and online materials. This includes acknowledging the CJP in all print and electronic marketing or media materials.
- CJP's partnership statement is: "Supported by the Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix."
- Provide one complimentary ad (minimum half page) to CJP for your major fundraising event.
- Include the CJP in all donor listings, including grantee annual report.
- The grantee may be asked to make a presentation to CJP's Board of Directors regarding the use of the grant and the impact it had on its constituents.
- Provide written testimonials, stories, and high-resolution photos to CJP for inclusion, as appropriate, in our print and electronic marketing.
- Include squen@phoenixcjp.org on your mailing list for information related to the program.

CJP Engagement

- Host one CJP representative at your major fundraising and community events **if** the grant is over \$10,000.
- Offer the CJP the opportunity for a promotional display at your organization's major fundraising and/or community outreach event(s).
- When appropriate, a member of the Community Impact Committee or our staff may attend the program on behalf of the CJP at no additional cost.

C. Small Grant Recipient Commitment

If funded, Small Grant recipients must agree to the following:

- Programs receiving CJP funds must use the CJP logo on all marketing materials related to the program and our partnership statement: “Supported by the Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix.”
- Include the Center for Jewish Philanthropy in all donor listings, including grantee annual report.
- When appropriate, a member of the Community Impact Committee or our staff may attend the program on behalf of the CJP at no additional cost.
- Provide stories that highlight the impact of the program or service and high-resolution photos for inclusion in our marketing materials.
- Include squen@phoenixcjp.org on your mailing list for information related to the program.

AVAILABLE FUNDING

Annual Campaign and Endowment Funds

Funds raised through Center for Jewish Philanthropy’s Annual Campaign, grants from the Fund for Jewish Philanthropy Endowment Fund and Field of Interest Endowment Funds allow the Center for Jewish Philanthropy to support programs and address unmet needs in the Jewish community locally, as well as in Israel and overseas.

Field of Interest Funds

Field of Interest Endowment Funds provide grant support for specific areas and are governed by the criteria set forth by the donor who created the fund. The Community Impact Committee makes recommendations for Field of Interest grants in accordance with the donor’s intent.

- [Eva and Dolf Hubschman Endowment Fund](#) awards grants to support projects and organizations that provide support or services to secular Jewish Israelis with the following priorities: 1) resettlement of immigrants and refugees; 2) response to violence; and 3) education and promotion of education about Israel. **Invitation only.**
- [The Jewish Women’s Endowment Fund](#) is dedicated to fostering social change by addressing the root issues of problems. The Jewish Women’s Endowment Fund makes grants to projects that expand and improve opportunities and choices in all aspects of the lives of Jewish women and girls locally and in Israel.
- [Physically Disadvantaged Children’s Fund](#) provides a grant to a program serving physically disadvantaged children in Greater Phoenix.
- [Max Schlissel Education Fund](#) provides funding for Jewish education in Greater Phoenix.

QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

We rely on your feedback to guide our grantmaking process and welcome your questions or comments. While it is not appropriate (or, in many cases, helpful!) for us to offer specific guidance on the design or implementation of your proposed activities, we are happy to clarify any aspect of our application, these guidelines, or other aspects of the Community Impact Grants Program. Email Sheryl Quen, Vice President, Community Impact at squen@phoenixcjp.org.