



# THOMASES FAMILY ENDOWMENT of the YOUNGSTOWN AREA JEWISH FEDERATION

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Thomases Family Endowment of the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation. During his lifetime, Irwin Thomases was generous to both the Jewish and secular communities. He created this endowment so that upon his death his philanthropic values, including ensuring a Jewish presence in the general community, would live on. It was his hope to better the world in which we all live. The Endowment seeks to promote a spirit of tzedakah (defined as: charitable giving, typically seen as a moral obligation). **Organizations of interest are those which can prove their impact on the Mahoning and Shenango Valleys with their work on the Endowment's focus areas** outlined in the application.

There are three application deadlines each year - January 15, May 15 and September 15. Organizations may submit multiple applications within the same cycle but the applications must be accompanied by a cover letter explaining the priority order of these requests. Multi-year requests are also considered but can span no longer than five years.

All requests are reviewed by the Thomases Family Endowment Committee and approved by the Youngstown Area Jewish Foundation Board of Directors. Applicants will be notified of the decision one to two months following the corresponding application deadline. Organizations must then wait at least 12 months from that grant cycle deadline to submit another request.

If funding is granted, a progress report is required to be submitted 9 months after receiving payment. For organizations receiving multi-year commitments the report is due 9 months after receiving the last grant payment and/or before the submission of any other proposals. The committee will not entertain any future grant requests until a report is submitted.

The report should include the following information:

- Organization name, project title, contact name and title, date of grant and date of report.
- 1-3 page narrative addressing progress, updates and any changes to the program/project since the grant was made. Please share successes and/or setbacks.
- An updated accounting of the total program/project with an explanation of any changes from the original project budget.

Please direct all questions to Lisa Long, Financial Resource Development Director, via email or 330-746-3250 x175.

To be considered for funding please complete the following application in its entirety and **email** it, along with the requested attachments, to: [llong@jewishyoungstown.org](mailto:llong@jewishyoungstown.org) Incomplete applications and/or those not using this form will not be considered.

**THE THOMASES FAMILY ENDOWMENT OF THE YOUNGSTOWN AREA JEWISH FEDERATION  
GRANT APPLICATION**

<b>Organization Name</b>	
<b>Date of Application</b>	
<b>Mission Statement</b>	
<b>Mailing Address</b>	
<b>Name, title, email &amp; phone # of person completing application</b>	
<b>Website</b>	
<b>Name &amp; Title of Chief Professional Officer</b>	
<b>Board President</b>	
<b>Organizational Budget</b>	
<b>Project Title</b>	
<b>Project Budget</b>	
<b>Amount Requested</b>	
<b>Date &amp; Amount of Last Grant from Endowment (if applicable)</b>	
<b>Date Funding is Needed</b>	
<b>Other Funding Sources (Include name of funder, if the support is approved/pending &amp; amount of support/request)</b>	

**The Committee funds specific focus areas.**

**Please indicate the area(s) your proposal falls into by placing a check mark in the appropriate box(es) below.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Education
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Services (for Women, Children, Minorities & At-Risk & Economically Disadvantaged Populations)
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Justice (Civil & Human Rights)
<input type="checkbox"/> Community & Economic Development
<input type="checkbox"/> Coexistence/Shared Society
<input type="checkbox"/> Crisis/Emergencies

**The Committee considers specific types of grant requests. Indicate the funding you are seeking below.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Capital Project
<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge Grant
<input type="checkbox"/> Programmatic Funding
<input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Start-Up Grant
<input type="checkbox"/> Seed & Gap Funding

**Please provide the following attachments:**

1. Project budget outlining all income and expenses providing narrative description as needed.
2. Current operating budget.
3. Audited financial statement.
4. IRS determination letter.

5. Board of Directors List.
6. Annual Report.
7. Non-discriminatory policy statement.
8. Strategic Plan Executive Summary.

If necessary, provide an explanation for the lack of any of the above documents.

**Please submit a two page narrative proposal containing the following:**

1. Project description and purpose.
2. How does your project fit into the Endowment's focus areas as outlined above?
3. Who and how many will be served?
4. Using narrative and data please explain why this project is needed and how your organization determined this need?
5. How does this project fit into the mission of your organization?
6. How is your organization particularly qualified to offer this project?
7. Are other local organizations doing similar work? If so, what sets you apart?
8. Partners on this project and their role.
9. Implementation Timeline.
10. Project goals and objectives.
11. How the project's success/effectiveness will be measured both qualitatively and quantitatively?
12. Plan for donor acknowledgement.
13. How the Endowment's grant will be used to encourage other support.