



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 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.

**Important Notes (updated as of December 2025, please read thoroughly & watch this informational presentation-
<https://youtu.be/JjivjDkLaEg>):**

1. Organizations are only eligible to apply if they are located in our Partnership Region of Akko & Matte Asher. If organizations are located outside this region we will only accept a proposal specific to the work being done in our region. Please adapt the narrative and budget accordingly.
2. Organizations that currently receive a direct allocation from the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation and/or funding from the Social Venture Fund or the Jewish Funders Network are not eligible to apply.
3. Grants to Israeli organizations usually range from \$2,500-12,500/year. Please keep this in mind in terms of entering a realistic "Amount Requested" on the application below. If you'd like to put in an application for a larger amount please contact Ccampesi@jewishyoungstown.org in advance of submission.
4. There are three application deadlines each year. Complete applications, using the form below along with all required attachments, must be emailed to Ccampesi@jewishyoungstown.org and AvitalBe@jafi.org by 11:59pm Eastern Time on January 15, May 15 and September 15. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered. Please note that we must receive pre-grant approval from JFNA in order to consider your request. Therefore, in order to allow enough time for JFNA to ensure your paperwork is in order, organizations are encouraged to submit this application to Courtney and Jonny a month before the deadlines above.
5. Organizations may submit multiple applications within the same cycle but applications must be accompanied by a cover letter explaining the priority order of the requests.
6. Multi-year requests are considered but can span no longer than five years and can ask for no more than \$50,000/year. Multi-year commitments are usually reserved for capital projects.
7. Applicants will be notified of the funding decision one to two months following the corresponding application deadline.
8. Organizations must wait at least 12 months from any successful grant cycle to submit another request.
9. If funding is granted, a progress report is required to be emailed to Ccampesi@jewishyoungstown.org 9 months after the date on the grant check. 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. **This is separate from any reporting requirements to JFNA.** No reminders of this requirement will be given and the committee will not entertain future grant requests until a report is submitted. The report should be 1-3 pages total and include the following information:
 - Organization name and project title.
 - Narrative addressing progress, updates and any changes to the program/project since the grant was made including successes and/or setbacks.
 - An updated accounting of the total program/project with an explanation of any changes from the submitted project budget.

Please direct all questions to Courtney Campesi, Financial Resource Development Director (Ccampesi@jewishyoungstown.org /330-746-3250 x152) or Avital Ben-Dror (avitalbe@jafi.org/972-4-6055225).

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GRANT APPLICATION**

Organization Name	
Mission Statement	
Mailing Address	
Name, title, email & phone # of person completing application	
Website	
Organizational Budget	
Project Title	
Project Budget	
Amount Requested	
Date & Amount of Last Grant from Endowment (if applicable)	
Date Funding is Needed	
Other Funding Sources (Include name of funder, if the support is approved/pending & amount of support/request-Please highlight other Partnership communities/Federations)	

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 (in English and dollars):

1. Project budget outlining all income and expenses providing narrative description as needed.
2. Current operating budget of your organization.
3. JFNA Pre-Grant Application.

Do not send any other attachments.

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

1. How does your project fit into the Endowment's focus areas as outlined above?
2. Who and how many will be served?
3. An explanation of the project, why it is needed and how your organization determined this need.
4. How is your organization particularly qualified to offer this project?

5. Are other local organizations doing similar work? If so, what sets you apart?
6. Partners on this project and their role.
7. Implementation Timeline.
8. Project goals and objectives.
9. How the project's success/effectiveness will be measured both qualitatively and quantitatively?
10. What is your plan to secure donations from individual donors in Israel? Please include your monetary goal, converted to US dollars.
11. Plan for donor acknowledgement, including how the Endowment's grant will be used to encourage other support.