



The Jewish Community Foundation announces the 2012 Grant Program

The Foundation is the central address for planned giving in the Jewish community and manages over 300 separate endowment funds worth approximately \$30 million.

Through the growth and stewardship of permanent endowment funds and the distribution of income to a wide range of eligible organizations, the Foundation strives to meet the needs of the local community as well as national and international Jewish causes.

Mission Statement

The Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Vancouver promotes the values of *Klal Israel*, *Tikkun Olam* and *Tzedakah*, and through the provision of planned giving opportunities and prudent financial management is committed to ensuring the long-term financial stability of the community and to providing opportunities for community members to leave a legacy that sustains those values.

Broad Objective of Grant Program

The Foundation's grant program supports opportunities that enhance Jewish continuity and deepen Jewish identity, enabling the Jewish community to keep its commitment to the Jewish people of British Columbia and Israel.

The Package

Enclosed please find all information related to the 2012 grant program. Included here are:

- A guide to the application process
- The grant guidelines
- A timeline for the 2-step application

Grants can be made only to agencies with a Canadian registered charitable tax number. Please follow the instructions carefully to ensure that your project is eligible for consideration. Failure to apply in a proper or timely manner may jeopardize the consideration of your application.



GUIDE TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS

STEP ONE: Letter of Intent

After you have reviewed the grant guidelines (attached), send us a **typed** outline of your project of no more than two pages, (8½ x 11) containing the following information:

- *Introduction to your organization, **including your charitable registration number***
- *Statement of the needs or community priorities that the project addresses*
- *Concise description of the activities to be undertaken*
- *Clear statement of who will benefit from the project*
- *Start-up and completion dates*
- *The cost of the project **and** the amount being requested from the Foundation*
- *Brief statement on how the success of the project will be evaluated*

We encourage applicants to be brief but informative and to use lay language. You will be invited to submit a full application only with the prior submission of a Letter of Intent.

The Chair of the Distribution Committee and the Director of the Jewish Community Foundation will review your Letter of Intent. You may be contacted if additional information is needed. If your project meets the Foundation's criteria, you will be invited to apply and will receive an application. If your project is not considered eligible for further consideration, you will receive an explanation.

Letters of Intent may be forwarded to:

Jewish Community Foundation –Grant Program
Suite 200 – 950 West 41st Avenue
Vancouver, BC V5Z 2N7

STEP TWO: Grant Application (if invited to submit)

Your formal application must be returned by the deadline for consideration at the **2012** grant review meeting of the Distribution Committee. Grant recommendations will then be presented to the Board of Trustees of the Foundation for ratification. Following this meeting, you will receive written notification of the Trustee's decision. As detailed in the timeline, the grant cycle--from application deadline to notice of the final decision--takes approximately 8 weeks.

Attached please find the grant guidelines, plus the timeline for the process.

We recognize the effort that goes into preparing grant applications and want to help organizations make complete submissions. If you have any further questions about the grant application process, please do not hesitate to contact our office at **(604) 257-5100** or fax **(604) 257-5110**.



GRANT GUIDELINES

Guiding Principles

The Foundation's grant program supports opportunities that enhance Jewish continuity and deepen Jewish identity, enabling the Jewish community to keep its commitment to the Jewish people of British Columbia and Israel. **Grants can be made only to agencies with a Canadian registered charitable tax number.** All grant requests must be for single year funding.

Criteria

In awarding grants, consideration will be given to the following factors:

- There is a demonstrated need for and clear benefits from the project or program for which the grant is requested.
- The project or program has a relationship to Jewish concerns and purposes and has the potential to benefit the Jewish Community, locally, nationally, or internationally.
- There is an expectation that an ongoing source of funding will be available to carry out the project or program on a regular basis if it is to be continued after the grant period.
- Priority may be given to proposals likely to have the broadest Jewish Community significance.
- Priority may be given to projects or programs undertaken collaboratively between two or more institutions serving the Greater Vancouver area.
- Proposals that appear to duplicate existing community services and programs may receive a lower priority.

What the Foundation will consider for funding:

- Pilot projects and creative initiatives
- Projects that build community partnerships and benefit a broad spectrum of the community
- Capital projects

What the Foundation will not consider for funding:

- 100% of a project's cost
- Operating expenses
- Deficit/debt reduction
- Israel projects with no direct impact on or connection to the Greater Vancouver Jewish community or not partnered with an agency of the Greater Vancouver Jewish community
- Commercial endeavors, including those with Jewish content
- Endowment funds