



Jewish Community Foundation Legacy Fund Innovation Cycle FAQ

1. What is the Community Legacy Fund (CLF) and what are its goals?

The Community Legacy Fund is comprised of unrestricted permanent endowments contributed to the Foundation. Grants are awarded from the Community Legacy Fund after review and evaluation by the Foundation’s Grants Committee and approval by the Board of Trustees.

The goal of the Community Legacy Fund is to provide for a robust, vibrant Kansas City Jewish community. Funds may be used for, but are not limited to: safety net services, Jewish education, community relations, and cultural arts.

2. What is the timeline for the Innovation Cycle?

Application Deadline: April 1

Notification: June 15

3. What types of Innovative programs will you fund?

Funding is intended to support high-quality programs that provide a new or innovative approach or solution to an existing or emerging community need.

4. How will my application be evaluated?

Below is the scoring rubric by which applications will be evaluated.

Application Programmatic Criteria	Range 1-6 Points
How well does the applicant articulate the innovative nature of the program?	
	Range 1-3 Points
Does the program provide a service or address a need which is not currently met?	
How well does the program fit this organization’s mission?	
Are the Program activities clearly articulated and will impact be measurable?	
Financial Criteria	Range 1-3 Points
Is the budget balanced, realistic, and cost effective relative to the potential impact?	
Does the organization have the financial capacity to launch the program?	
Will Legacy dollars make a significant impact on the applicant’s ability to launch the program?	
Total Points	

5. What type of organization can apply for a grant?

Applicants for Innovation grants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Must be located within the Service Area (see 6 below).
- Must serve the Jewish community or be an agency that self-identifies as a Jewish communal organization which maintains the quality of Jewish life and/or promotes the pursuit of tikkun olam (repairing the world). Houses of worship are excluded.
- Must be qualified as tax-exempt under section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the “Code”).
- Must have missions compatible with the Jewish Community Foundation.

An agency that does not meet the criteria above may submit an application only for a program produced in formal collaboration with a qualified organization, as outlined above, as demonstrated by a letter of support by the qualified partner.

6. What geographic area will you support?

The Service Area is restricted to Kansas City and neighboring Jewish communities. This extends to Manhattan, Kansas to the west, St. Joseph, Missouri to the north, Columbia, Missouri to the east and Joplin, Missouri to the south.

If an organization’s national office is not located in Kansas City, but has a Kansas City affiliate which is within the service area and which directly serves this geographic area, that organization may apply, but grant dollars will be restricted for use solely within the Kansas City area.

7. Where do I find the application form? How do I apply? Is there a page limit?

- a. Applicants **must** contact the Director of Funder Services and Education at the Jewish Community Foundation prior to applying at bfine@jcfkc.org or 913-327-4618. If contact is not made prior to submission, the application may not be reviewed.
- b. You may download the grant application form and budget form here. <https://www.jcfkc.org/resources/policies-forms.html>.
- c. Applications must be submitted electronically to *both* astarks@jcfkc.org and bfine@jcfkc.org by April 1.
- d. There is no page limit for the application.

8. For what size grant can I apply?

Applicants may apply for up to 100% of the amount available to grant for this category each year. This calculation will be posted annually by February 1. **The total amount for 2020 is \$79,500.**

Successful applicants are allowed to apply for the same innovative program, limited to three times total.

Grants in this cycle will not affect eligibility or amount available in core cycle.

9. Is there anything that is not eligible for funding?

As in the past, Community Legacy Fund dollars may not be used to support:

1. Capital campaigns
2. Fund-raising events/campaigns
3. Endowment, reserves, or other saving programs

10. How do I recognize the Community Legacy Fund in my publicity?

More details about this will be shared in the award letter that will accompany your check and information may also be found at jcfkc.org/acknowledgment.