

I. DEFINITIONS

A. “Agency”

An entity that self-identifies as a Jewish communal organization and maintains the quality of Jewish life and/or promotes the pursuit of tikkun olam (repairing the world) for the Service Area (see I.D below). Houses of worship are excluded, except as specifically provided herein.

B. “Core Grants”

Core Grants shall mean either:

- 1) Funding for operations central to the accomplishment of an Agency’s mission which may include but are not limited to:
  - a) Rent or other occupancy expenses
  - b) Personnel-related expenses
  - c) Equipment or supplies
  - d) Security

Or

- 2) Funding for essential services provided by organizations not eligible for grants under section I.B (1) above, but that provide unique, essential services not otherwise available within the Jewish community and that are essential to Jewish life. Houses of worship that perform or sponsor such services may be eligible to apply under this section.

C. “Innovation/Emerging/Emergency Grants”

Funding for Innovation/Emerging/Emergency programs to support high-quality, new programs that provide an innovative approach or solution to an existing or emerging community need or respond to financial emergencies within the Service Area or that respond to humanitarian emergencies within or beyond the Service Area.

D. “Service Area”

Organizations that have their principal place of business within the area located between Manhattan, Kansas to the west, St. Joseph, Missouri to the north, Columbia, Missouri to the east and Joplin, Missouri to the south.

II. ELIGIBILITY

A. Core

Applicants for Core Grants must meet **all** of the following requirements:

- Must be located within the Service Area
- Must serve the Jewish community
- Must be qualified as tax-exempt under section 501c3 of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended (the “Code”) or, if providing essential

services under section I.B.(2) above, an equivalent religious exemption under the Code as a Jewish house of worship.

- Must have missions compatible with the Jewish Community Foundation

B. Innovation/Emerging/Emergency

Applicants for Innovation/Emerging/Emergency grants

- Must be qualified under section 501c3 of the Code;
- Must have missions compatible with the Jewish Community Foundation or are undertaking a program in formal collaboration with an organization eligible for a Core grant as demonstrated by a letter of support from the Core-qualified partner; and
- Must address Innovation/Emerging/Emergency as defined in Section I(C) above.
- Houses of worship are excluded, unless the program impacts a wide cross-section of the Jewish community, regardless of member affiliation.

III. GRANT SIZE AND FREQUENCY OF APPLICATIONS

A. Core Grants:

Core Grant requests and allocations may not exceed the lesser of 50% of the applicant's average annual budget for the five prior years or 20% of the total amount available to spend for all Core Grants in a given year as determined by the Jewish Community Foundation.

B. Innovation/Emerging/Emergency Grants:

Applicants may apply for up to 100% of the amount available to grant for this category. Successful applicants may apply for a maximum of two consecutive additional years of funding for a total of three years of funding.

IV. EXCLUSIONS

- 1) Capital campaigns
- 2) Fund-raising campaigns or events
- 3) Endowment, Reserves or other Savings