

## 2010 NEW INITIATIVE GRANTS PROGRAM GUIDELINES

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### DARE TO THINK BIG

The New Initiative Grants Program encourages community thinkers, social entrepreneurs and forward thinking organizations to propose programs of high impact and visibility designed to create positive transformation in the Greater Hartford Jewish community.

The Foundation is interested in funding cutting edge programs for up to three years that address important needs in the Greater Hartford Jewish community and have measurable outcomes. Collaboration is strongly encouraged.

### GRANT AWARDS

The Foundation will award grants of up to \$125,000 a year, over two to three years, in the following fields of interest: “Big Tent Judaism,” arts and culture, education, Jewish continuity, health and social services.

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### APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINES

All eligible applicants are strongly encouraged to attend the Grantseekers' Workshop to learn about the New Initiative Grants process, selection criteria and how to write a competitive proposal. Seating is limited and registration is required.

Application forms will not be available prior to the Grantseekers' Workshop. If you are unable to attend the Workshop but are interested in applying for a New Initiative Grant, please submit your request by email and we will send you an application form after the Workshop has taken place. Only one proposal will be considered per applicant and its partnering organizations.

### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

<b>Grantseekers Workshop</b>	<b>January 12, 2010</b>
Proposal Due	March 15, 2010
Invitations to Submit Full Application Mailed	May 5, 2010
Full Application Due	August 5, 2010
Grants Committee Review Process	September/October 2010
Grant Decisions	December 15, 2010

In order to participate in the Foundation's New Initiative Grants Program, you must meet at least one of the following requirements:

- Existing organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or a collaboration of such organizations
- Social entrepreneur(s) or group of community members partnered with an appropriate 501(c)(3) public charity acting as a “fiscal sponsor” that can receive grants and tax-deductible contributions for the program

*To determine if your program is the right fit for a New Initiative Grant, complete our Eligibility Checklist at the end of these guidelines.*

#### **PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

The following types of programs that benefit the Greater Hartford Jewish community are eligible for consideration:

- Innovative programs that have not been tested previously in any location
- Programs that have been piloted in Greater Hartford, proved to be viable and which are proposed for community-wide implementation
- Programs operating elsewhere in the United States that may be suitable for trial replication or adaptation in the Greater Hartford area

#### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

We look for the following:

- Applicants that have substantiated a community need for the proposed program
- Programs which have the capacity to create meaningful positive transformation in the Greater Hartford Jewish community
- Presence of innovative features that qualify the program as “cutting edge”
- Demonstration that the proposed program is aligned with, and appropriate to, the applicant’s core mission
- Programs with clearly articulated short-term and long-term measurable outcomes

Preference will be given to collaborative projects.

## PROGRAM EXCLUSIONS

The following types of applicants and programs are excluded from consideration for New Initiative Grants:

- Individuals, unless partnered with a “fiscal sponsor”
- Private foundations
- Endowment programs
- Individual synagogues or schools; however an application from a consortium of at least two (2) synagogues and/or schools is encouraged
- Requests for ongoing general operating expenses, including fundraising campaigns, existing financial deficits, continuation funding and program expansion
- Capital projects
- Programs not proposed for implementation in Greater Hartford

### Eligibility Checklist

If you can answer "**YES**" to ALL of these questions, your program may be eligible for a New Initiative Grant:

- Does your organization serve the Greater Hartford Jewish community?
- Are you either a nonprofit organization described in Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3) or social entrepreneur(s) with a 501(c)(3) public charity serving as your fiscal sponsor?
- Is your program aligned with the mission of the applicant organization or partnering fiscal sponsor?
- Does your program address a substantiated community need or have the capacity to create positive transformation in the Greater Hartford Jewish community?
- Does your program have unique elements that set it apart from existing programs and make it cutting edge?
- Does your program fall into **one** of these categories?
  - 1) A program that has not yet been tested in any location
  - 2) A program that has been piloted in Greater Hartford, proved to be viable and is proposed for community-wide implementation
  - 3) A program that has operated elsewhere and is suitable for trial replication or adaptation in the Greater Hartford community

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