



## **JUF Security Grant Program Request for Proposals**

The Jewish United Fund of Metropolitan Chicago (JUF) is pleased to release this Request for Proposals (RFP) for the JUF Security Grant Program, a new grant program to enhance security for Jewish institutions in Chicago.

Through this RFP, JUF will award matching grants for Jewish institutions in the Chicago area to support new or increased security operations and new or expanded capital security projects. JUF will award up to \$50,000 per facility towards site-specific projects.

Detailed information about the JUF Security Grant Program's priorities and application process can be found below. JUF will also continue to monitor the Department of Homeland Security grant program's progress and process this year, and will take that program's guidelines, geographic area, and exclusions into consideration in its own grant program.

Please review the JUF Security Grant Program RFP in its entirety prior to submitting an application for funding from JUF.

### **Purpose of JUF Security Grant Program**

As vandalism and threats against Jewish community institutions escalate, JUF is committed to helping our community remain secure. The JUF Security Grant Program will support *new or increased* security operations and *new or expanded* capital ("target hardening") security projects.

#### Eligible security operations include (but are not limited to):

- Staff training
- Security personnel – new positions or increased coverage only

#### Eligible capital/target hardening projects include (but are not limited to):

- Alarms
- Access control systems (e.g. key cards or biometric scanners, remote classroom locks, interior door locks)
- Exterior/Entryway doors
- Shatterproof windows and/or window film
- Video cameras
- Exterior lighting
- Walk-through metal detectors or conveyer belt x-ray systems

## Who is Eligible to Apply:

- Existing nonprofit organizations serving the Jewish community (religious and secular organizations explicitly associated with Jewish tradition) in the Chicago metropolitan area who possess current 501(c)(3) status.
- Synagogues and other Jewish religious organizations who do not possess current 501(c)(3) status but are able to document that they are incorporated under the Illinois Religious Corporation Act or equivalent.
- Chicago-based organizations that operate camps, conference centers, or other remote campuses and facilities that serve members of the Chicago Jewish community are eligible to apply.
- Organizations may apply for either owned or leased facilities.
  - o Those applying for capital improvements/target hardening to leased facilities must provide documentation of their lease end date and their landlord's approval of all proposed projects. The lease term should be at least as long as the useful life of the proposed equipment.
- All organizations are eligible to apply regardless of prior affiliation or funding from JUF.
- Organizations may apply for new or increased short-term or event security, but requests for full-time or permanent security operations or capital enhancements will be prioritized.

## What Kinds of Proposals Will Be Prioritized for Fastest Approval and Largest Grants:

- Organizations serving vulnerable populations in the facility (including children, elderly, and those with disabilities), and facilities that serve large numbers of vulnerable individuals.
- Facilities with identified security gaps and vulnerabilities.
- Facilities with a public-facing, identifiable Jewish presence (including a Jewish name, religious signage or logo, Hebrew lettering, or Israel affiliation, etc.).
- Organizations with institutional readiness to match required funds and execute the project, including:
  - o A current security plan in place;
  - o Staff fully trained on the security plan;
  - o The ability to match grant dollars;
  - o Capacity to execute the project in a timely fashion;
  - o Organizations with the ability to sustain security operations expenses beyond the grant term.

## Grant Size and Term:

- Grants of up to \$50,000 will be available for a one year period.
- Applicant organizations will be required to match the grant amount.
- Grant amount and match requirements will be based on total proposed project budget. (See chart below for examples.):
  - o If your institution's total project budget amounts to \$50,000 or less, JUF will provide grant funding up to of 50% of the total project budget, with a maximum

grant of \$25,000. Your organization will be required to provide the remaining funding needed for the project.

- If your institution’s total project budget exceeds \$50,001, JUF will provide grant funding up to 33% of the total project budget, with a maximum grant of \$50,000. Your organization will be required to provide the remaining funding needed for the project.

**EXAMPLE OF GRANT MATCH REQUIREMENTS<sup>1</sup>**

Total Project Budget	JUF Max Grant	JUF Max Percentage	Required Recipient Match	Recipient Percentage
\$25,000	\$12,500	50%	\$12,500	50%
\$45,000	\$22,500	50%	\$22,500	50%
\$50,000	\$25,000	50%	\$25,000	50%
\$60,000	\$19,800	33%	\$40,200	67%
\$75,000	\$25,000	33%	\$50,000	67%
\$100,000	\$33,000	33%	\$67,000	67%
\$125,000	\$41,250	33%	\$83,750	67%
\$150,000+	\$50,000	33%	\$100,000+	67%+

- Matching funds can be from the organizations’ current funds or new dollars raised for this purpose. The match does not need to come from new donors to the organization.
- All grants will be for a 12 month term.
  - Proposed projects should be of appropriate size, scope, and cost that the applicant organization can reasonably plan to complete the full project within 12 months of the grant start date.
  - Should unavoidable delays in fabrication, construction, or installation of capital projects arise, JUF will consider all reasonable requests to extend the length of the grant term.
  - Applicants should inquire with their local authorities about required permits and fees prior to submitting their application and project budget.
  - All project costs beyond the JUF matching grant are the responsibility of the applicant organization. JUF will not provide loans to grantees.
- Applicants requesting funds for ongoing security operations should be prepared to explain how their increased security will be sustained after the JUF Community Security Grant term ends.

**Application Process and Timeline:**

- Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis through June 30, 2017.
- All proposals must be submitted online at <http://juf.fluidreview.com>.
  - Please submit one proposal for each site for which you are applying for funding.
- Funding decisions will be made on a rolling basis beginning in April 2017.
  - Applicants can expect a response within 4 weeks of their submission.

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<sup>1</sup> This chart is for illustrative purposes only. Any project size is allowable. Please take note the maximum grant amounts JUF will award.

- Applications will be approved in the order in which they are received as long as they are consistent with the purpose of the grant program, fit the priority criteria, and as resources allow.
- Proposals will be reviewed and recommended by a committee of security and planning professionals and approved by a JUF Board committee.

**What the JUF Security Grant Program Will Not Support:**

- Ongoing, existing security operations.
- Organizations without facilities in the Chicago metropolitan area.
- Individuals, private foundations, or endowment programs.
- Requests which, based on the information submitted, do not demonstrate institutional readiness to take on a project of proposed scale.
  - o In these instances, JUF will work with the applicant organization to help achieve readiness and re-evaluate the proposal at a later date.

**Reporting Requirements:**

Organizations will be required to submit a 6-month progress report and a final report after 12 months.

Both the progress and final reports must include total project expenditures to date with the appropriate documentation to support.

Capital projects will additionally be subject to a physical inspection and verification after the project has been completed.

All grantees will be asked to return unspent funds or funds expended outside the terms of this RFP and the guidelines of the JUF Community Security Grant Program.

**How to Apply:**

Submit a Proposal Online at: <http://juf.fluidreview.com>.

*If you have already created an account on the FluidReview website for a prior application to the Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago or the JUF Breakthrough Fund, you may log in with that same account.*

**For more information:**

About the JUF Security Grant program: send questions to [security@juf.org](mailto:security@juf.org)

About security assessments or vendor recommendations: send questions to [security@juf.org](mailto:security@juf.org)

About FluidReview and the online grant application system: send questions to Sarah Follmer, JUF Director of Grants: [SarahFollmer@juf.org](mailto:SarahFollmer@juf.org)