

THE HADASSAH FOUNDATION®

2021 US Grants Request for Grant Proposals

INTRODUCTION

The Hadassah Foundation (HF) is requesting proposals for grants ranging from \$40,000 to \$70,000, paid over a two-year grant cycle.

HF will fund new or existing programs or general operating support.

- **Program Support:** The program must utilize a gender lens and be designed to create sustainable social change for women and girls in the Jewish community.
- **General Operating Support:** HF is offering the option of applying for general operating support to feminist organizations in the Jewish community that utilize a gender lens throughout their work and that have missions that align with HF's priority of promoting gender equality in positions of power. All of the organization's work must directly pertain to improving the status and lives of women and girls.

Included below is additional information on these topics. Organizations may apply independently or in collaboration.

For organizations that have previously been awarded a grant from the Hadassah Foundation, we will fund the same program for a maximum of two 2-year grant cycles (or up to four years in total). After four years, organizations are invited to submit a proposal, but the proposal must be for a different program.

GRANT FOCUS

The Hadassah Foundation aims to promote gender equality in positions of power. Programs applying for funding must work within the Jewish community and toward one or more of the following areas:

- **Promoting leadership advancement:** initiatives that increase the number and capacity of women in positions of leadership.
- **Breaking glass ceilings:** initiatives that provide opportunities for women and girls to advance in all fields, particularly those not previously accessible to them.
- **Increasing political representation:** initiatives that promote the representation of women in policy advocacy and public service.

- **Eliminating religious barriers that create unequal and/or separate playing fields:** initiatives that ensure interpretations of religion do not infringe on women's rights.

Gender Lens

HF looks for programs that build on the unique strengths, perspectives, and experiences of women and girls. We recognize that gender influences people's needs, causes differing outcomes, and associates with various assumptions and norms. Programs that utilize a gender lens may occur in a gender-specific (girls/women only) and/or multigender environments.

Social Change

Social change programming focuses on the root causes of problems, working to improve the conditions that lead to inequality. HF seeks to promote solutions to underlying obstacles that impede the full participation of women and girls in society. We are interested in how your program influences and brings about social change in the form of: changing how an issue is defined, changing individuals' behaviors, increasing community engagement, changing policies and systems and/or maintaining past gains in these areas.

For more information on social change programming, see [Clohesy Consulting's social change diagram](#). As part of this mission, HF strongly encourages the active participation of women and girls in the governance of organizations that we support.

ELIGIBILITY AND PROCESS

Eligibility

- Applicants—or their fiscal sponsors—must have 501(c)3 status.
- The project must take place in the United States.
- **HF will NOT fund:** Capital campaigns, partisan political activities, endowments, individuals, or scholarships.

Process

Deadline: Proposals must be received by email no later than 12:00pm ET on Thursday, February 11, 2021. The Hadassah Foundation will not accept late or incomplete proposals.

Important Dates

Thursday, February 11, 2021: Grant proposals are due by noon ET. Only proposals that are received by this date and include all requested materials will be considered.

Week of April 19-23, 2021: Organizations will be notified if they have been selected as a finalist, and interviews will be scheduled.

May 3-5, 2021: Interviews with finalists via video-conference.

June 2021: HF will notify all applicants in writing of its decisions.

Selected grantee organizations will receive funding beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2023.

To Complete the Grant Proposal

The Hadassah Foundation is using the [Common Grants Application](#) as its system to receive and review grant applications.

1. To learn how to complete a grant application on the Common Grants Application System [watch a short video](#).
2. [Register your organization as an applicant](#) on the Common Grants Application.
3. [Log-in to the system](#) to complete a grant proposal.