

THE HADASSAH FOUNDATION®

Israel Grants 2021 Request for Grant Proposals

INTRODUCTION

The Hadassah Foundation (HF) is requesting grant proposals for up to \$70,000, paid out over a two-year grant cycle. This request is open to all organizations in Israel that meet the guidelines as outlined below.

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. For the first time this year, and as a result of the financial, health, and social implications of the coronavirus pandemic, HF is offering the option of applying for general operating support.
- **General Operating Support:** Will only be offered to feminist organizations 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.

Organizations may apply independently or in collaboration. Organizations that apply in partnership may apply for up to \$70,000 per organization.

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 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.

Response to COVID-19

The Coronavirus pandemic has exacerbated issues impacting women and girls around the world, and especially in Israel. Among the many issues impacting women, we see that women are facing an increased rate of job loss as compared to men, are a disproportionate number of essential workers, are taking on a far greater amount of household and family responsibilities, and are experiencing increased rates of sexual exploitation, forced marriage, and domestic violence. Despite these facts, there is a staggeringly low number of women, if any, appointed to coronavirus taskforces and other decision-making bodies.

We recognize that current programming may look different than it previously has, in order to address these current realities. In addition, we see that programs need to maintain an appropriate amount of flexibility, creativity, and planning in order to best confront the potential long-term consequences of the coronavirus and its many implications.

For these reasons, we are increasing our already strong emphasis on promoting women in leadership positions. Greater gender diversity in decision-making positions will help ensure that the current and ongoing needs of women and girls are heard, recognized, and adequately addressed.

ELIGIBILITY AND PROCESS

Eligibility

- Applicants — or their fiscal sponsors — must have *amutah* or *mossad tziburi* status.
- The project must take place in Israel.

The Hadassah Foundation will NOT fund:

- Capital campaigns

- Endowments
- Partisan political activities
- Individuals
- Scholarships

Proposal Process

Deadline: Proposals must be received by Wednesday, September 16th by end of the business day (5:00pm Israel Time). The Hadassah Foundation will not accept late or incomplete proposals. NO exceptions will be made. **Only one application per organization will be accepted.**

Important Dates

November 11, 12, 15: Interviews with finalist organizations via video-conference.

December 2020: HF will notify all applicants in writing of its decisions.

Selected grantee organizations will receive funding beginning January 2021 through December 2022.

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.