

Dear Ma'alot Grant Requester:

The application for a Ma'alot Grant change is updated when we need to clarify what is expected in the content. The grant committee reviews applications when received, discusses each one and then approves, returns for more information or declines it. Our goal is to increase the quality of each submission and approve awards. The criteria for each information item on the application has changed to make your input more specific and succinct. We need "quality" of information not "quantity." The maximum award for this year is \$1,250.

Here is some additional guidance:

- Read the application carefully **BEFORE** starting to fill it out. If information is missing or incomplete your application could be delayed.
- Involve your Rabbi and Executive Director to ensure the request will support and further the programs for the fiscal year. They usually have experience in writing grants.
- Have a third-party congregant read it for clarity. If they do not understand it, neither will the committee.
- Applications will be reviewed for educational content and as a business proposal by you, to the committee. Expenses, sources of income, goals and objectives must be clearly stated, achievable and realistic.
- The planned program **MUST be Israel Centric**, not just **Jewish Centric**.

If you need additional guidance during the request process, Rabbi Paul Freedman or a designated member of the committee is available to answer questions.

The application is on the JNF Website at www.jnf.org/maalot. If your narrative exceeds the number of characters for a specific line you may send an addendum with your submission. Again, quality of content and not quantity is the goal.

We do have finite funding from JNF and NBN. In the past they have been willing to provide additional funding when the right applications have been received and approved.

The list of Ma'alot Grant Recipients for 2021-2022 is on the second page.

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