**Letter of Intent (LOI) Instructions & Cover Page: Israel Grants**

**Grant Purpose**

The Jewish Community Foundation of Los Angeles is committed to supporting organizations that address two important areas facing Israel: 1) Economic Development/Self-Sufficiency and 2) Jewish Identity.

**Grant Specifications**

$100,000 - $250,000 for a three-year period.

**Applicant Eligibility Criteria (Please check all that apply. Organizations that are not able to check all criteria should not apply.)**

Organization is in possession of a Nihul Takin – Certificate of Proper Management.

Organization has a 501(c)(3) U.S. fiscal sponsor such as an “American Friends of” organization or nonprofit structured to serve as a fiscal sponsor, such as P.E.F. Israel Endowment Funds.

If a prior Israel Grantee, the grant period must be complete prior to applying for another Israel Grant.

Organization demonstrates a sustainable funding approach that includes at least three distinct funding streams (e.g., government, foundation, individual) and does not rely too heavily on any one. We are interested in organizations that have obtained significant support from reputable and diverse funders, both inside and outside of Israel.

Organization has an operating budget that does not exceed $10 million.

**Program Eligibility Criteria (Please check all that apply. Organizations that are not able to check all criteria should not apply.)**

Program has been in existence for a minimum of three years prior to applying for an Israel grant.

If organization has previously received an Israel Grant from the Foundation, the program must be different from the one previously funded.

Organization has an annual program evaluation process in place (in-house or with an outside evaluator) and is able to provide specific evaluation results in its application.

Program predominantly benefits Jewish Israelis living in Israel.

***Select One:***

For Economic Development/Self Sufficiency: Program includes one of: 1) job creation and/or job placement services; 2) business and/or financial literacy for underserved adults; 3) business and/or financial literacy for high school students.

***or***

For Jewish Identity: Program fosters a pluralistic Jewish identity through an increase in Jewish knowledge, cultural understanding, engagement and practice for all Jews.

**Instructions**

* Please send this completed cover page (with checks next to each of the eligibility criteria that your organization and program meets) along with your responses to the questions below. Your responses should not exceed **two pages.**

Applicant Information

* + Applicant name
  + Contact Name, Title, Email
  + 2018 annual operating budget (in U.S. dollars)
  + Has your organization applied for a grant from The Foundation before? If so, when? Did you receive a grant?
  + Website
  + Populations served (e.g., at-risk youth, women, immigrant community)
  + Brief applicant description including year founded and mission (3-5 sentences)
  + Brief description (no more than 2-3 sentences) of the qualifications of the organization’s leader.

Program Information

* + Program name
  + 2018 program budget (in U.S. dollars).
  + Three largest program funders in 2018 (be sure to include specific names of foundations, individuals and government entities)
  + Geographic location(s) served by the program (please specify which cities)
  + Target population
  + Year program began
  + Number of anticipated program participants in 2018 and cumulative numbers served
  + Brief description of the program including target population, objectives and activities
  + Description of the measured impact of the program. Please note, The Foundation considers this one of the most important aspects of your LOI.
    - Describe the impact of your program. Provide at least three specific examples (for example, 80% of participants found jobs after completing the program; or, 150 out of 200 students reported that they will attend Shabbat services once a month.)
    - Explain how your organization measured this impact and achieved your program’s outcomes.
* Completed LOIs must be received electronically no later than **Monday, March 19, 2018.** Applicants will be notified by **late May** if they are invited to submit a full application.

**How To Submit The LOI**

* Save the Cover Page and LOI as one document in Microsoft Word and label document using the format: “*Organization Name*-*2018 Israel LOI*”
* [Click here to upload files.](https://jewishfoundationla.sharefile.com/share/upload/r9f6f7cd90da495b8)

Foundation staff will review your LOIs to determine whether you will receive a full application. Should you have any questions or need assistance, please contact Sara Hahn at (323) 761-8717 or [shahn@jewishfoundationla.org](mailto:nstrongin@jewishfoundationla.org).