



A Cutting Edge Grant to BaMidbar engages high school students in a nine-month wellness fellowship focused on improving mental health among peers, and equips local Jewish professionals and parents with skills to recognize and address the mental health needs of teens.

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Grantee	Program	Field of Interest
2023		
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles Zioness Jewtina y Co. JIMENA The LUNAR Collective Friendship Circle Jewish Studio Project Organization for Social Media Safety	<i>Fighting Antisemitism Empowerment Project</i> <i>Los Angeles Zioness Fellowship Program</i> <i>Jewtina y Co.: Dedicated L.A. Presence</i> <i>Sephardic Leaders Fellowship</i> <i>The LUNAR Collective Los Angeles Hub Expansion</i> <i>Creative Center for Adults</i> <i>Activating Creativity to Improve Health in Jewish L.A.</i> <i>Social Media Safety: Protecting LA Jewish</i> <i>Students' Mental Health and Well-Being</i>	Combatting Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism Combatting Antisemitism and Anti-Zionism Empowering Diverse, Inclusive Jewish Populations Empowering Diverse, Inclusive Jewish Populations Empowering Diverse, Inclusive Jewish Populations Promoting Health, Well-Being and Safety Promoting Health, Well-Being and Safety Promoting Health, Well-Being and Safety
2022		
BaMidbar Foundation for Jewish Camp Hillel at UCLA with USC Hillel and Hillel 818 Holocaust Museum Los Angeles Jews of Color Initiative OpenDor Media Our Big Kitchen LA Sacred Spaces Tzedek America Valley Beth Shalom with Temple Ramat Zion and Temple Judea	<i>LA Regional Programming Hub</i> <i>DEI Coaching Project</i> <i>LA Campuses United Against Antisemitism</i> <i>Augmented Reality App</i> <i>LA Incubator</i> <i>Collaborative School Program: Empowering</i> <i>LA Jewish Educators in Israel Education</i> <i>Community Youth Initiative</i> <i>Spark Program</i> <i>Mitzvah Project Central</i> <i>Sayva: A New Approach to Positive Aging</i>	Mental Health & Wellness Inclusive Jewish Communities Combatting Antisemitism Combatting Antisemitism Inclusive Jewish Communities Israel Advocacy Youth Engagement Inclusive Jewish Communities Youth Engagement Seniors
*In 2020, Foundation grantmaking shifted to COVID-19 response.		
2019		
Community Legal Aid SoCal in partnership with the Jewish Divorce Assistance Center Jewish Graduate Student Initiative RespectAbility Safe Parking LA SVARA Trybal Gatherings USC Hillel	<i>Safe and Healthy Jewish Families Project</i> <i>Jewish Executive Women's Leadership</i> <i>Project Moses: LA Jewish Leaders with</i> <i>Disabilities Program</i> <i>Jewish Community Safe Lots</i> <i>SVARA Los Angeles</i> <i>Trybal Gatherings LA</i> <i>Bradley Sonnenberg Wellness Initiative</i>	Vulnerable Populations Next Gen Engagement Special Needs Vulnerable Populations Jewish Continuity Next Gen Engagement Next Gen Engagement
2018		
Act.II Bet Tzedek Fuente Latina Hillel 818 IsraAID US Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters of Los Angeles Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles The Miracle Project	<i>The Los Angeles Media Room</i> <i>For the Sake of Our Elders: A Campaign</i> <i>to Fight Elder Abuse</i> <i>Fuente Latina Los Angeles</i> <i>Jewish Identity Project</i> <i>Humanitarian Professional Network</i> <i>Teen Talk</i> <i>LIFE @ Home (Living, Inspired, Fit, and Engaged)</i> <i>Campaign for Civil Discourse</i> <i>Miracle Masters</i>	Israel Advocacy Seniors Israel Advocacy Next Gen Engagement Israel Advocacy Youth Seniors Jewish Continuity Special Needs

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2017		
Families of Lone Soldiers	<i>Los Angeles Center</i>	Vulnerable Populations
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>Family Camp Pilot</i>	Youth
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>Y & S Nazarian Foundation Iranian Young Adult Outreach and Engagement Initiative</i>	Next Gen Engagement
Karsh Family Social Service Center	<i>Volunteer Engagement Project</i>	Jewish Continuity
OneTable	<i>Los Angeles Launch</i>	Next Gen Engagement
StandWithUs	<i>J.D. Fellowship</i>	Israel Advocacy
Upstart	<i>Upstart LA</i>	Jewish Continuity
Wise Readers to Leaders	<i>Tikkun Olam Corps Program</i>	Youth
2016		
Aleph Institute	<i>Project Tikvah</i>	Vulnerable Populations
Builders of Jewish Education	<i>Project EnAble</i>	Youth
Honeymoon Israel	<i>Honeymoon Israel Los Angeles</i>	Next Gen Engagement
Israeli-American Council	<i>IAC Center Engage</i>	Israel Advocacy
Jerusalem U	<i>Step Up For Israel</i>	Israel Advocacy
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>AcrossGen</i>	Seniors
Jewish Women's Theatre	<i>Next@The Braid Arts Council</i>	Arts & Culture
Los Angeles Jewish Home for the Aging	<i>Connections to Care: Interoperability Platform</i>	Seniors
Moving Traditions	<i>Coming of Age</i>	Youth
Pico Union Project	<i>The Sanctuary@Pico Union</i>	Arts & Culture
Reboot in partnership with IKAR	<i>Death Over Dinner: Jewish Edition</i>	Next Gen Engagement
Union for Reform Judaism	<i>6 Points Sports Academy California</i>	Youth
2015		
Beit T'Shuvah	<i>Elaine Breslow Institute for Jewish Clergy and Educators</i>	Vulnerable Populations
Chai Lifeline	<i>i-Shine</i>	Vulnerable Populations
Custom and Craft	<i>Custom and Craft Los Angeles Studios</i>	Next Gen Engagement
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>Edah – A Rabbinic Fellowship for our Future</i>	Jewish Continuity
Jewish Los Angeles Special Needs Trust	<i>Jewish Los Angeles Special Needs Trust</i>	Special Needs
Shalom Hartman Institute of North America	<i>Hartman Los Angeles: Building Jewish Community</i>	Jewish Continuity
Shalom Institute: Camp and Conference Center	<i>Shemesh Organic Farm Employment Internship Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities</i>	Special Needs
Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills in partnership with Temple Isaiah	<i>ChaiVillageLA</i>	Seniors
theatre dybbuk	<i>theatre dybbuk</i>	Arts & Culture

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2014		
American Jewish University InterfaithFamily.com	<i>Institute for Jewish Creativity</i> <i>InterfaithFamily/Los Angeles</i>	Arts & Culture Vulnerable Populations
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>Campus Impact Network</i>	Next Gen Engagement
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>Jewish Teen Engagement Initiative</i>	Youth
Jewish Graduate Student Initiative	<i>Center for Ethics and Fellowship</i>	Next Gen Engagement
JQ International	<i>Caring for LGBTQ Jews, Families, and Allies in Need</i>	Vulnerable Populations
USC Davis School of Gerontology	<i>Dor Vador: Sharing the Wisdom of Elders</i>	Seniors
2013		
Bnei Akiva of Los Angeles	<i>Moshava California</i>	Youth
Creative Community For Peace	<i>Creative Community For Peace</i>	Israel Advocacy
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>Los Angeles Jewish Abilities Center</i>	Special Needs
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>NuRoots Community Fellows</i>	Next Gen Engagement
2012		
Los Angeles Museum of the Holocaust	<i>The LAMOTH Art & Memory Programs</i>	Youth
Remember Us	<i>The Righteous Conversations Project</i>	Youth
Silverlake Independent Jewish Community Center	<i>Culture Lab</i>	Arts & Culture
Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services	<i>Vista Inspire Community Inclusion Program</i>	Special Needs
2011		
Academy for Jewish Religion	<i>Interreligious Studies Programs</i>	Jewish Continuity
Beit T'Shuvah	<i>Creative Matters</i>	Vulnerable Populations
Israeli-American Council	<i>IAC Care</i>	Israel Advocacy
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>The Ezra Network</i>	Vulnerable Populations
Moishe House	<i>Moishe House LA</i>	Next Gen Engagement
Simon Wiesenthal Center	<i>iAct Impact</i>	Jewish Continuity
2010		
ETTA	<i>J-CHAI: Jewish Community Housing for Adult Independence</i>	Special Needs
JConnect	<i>Community Experiences for Jewish Young Adults</i>	Next Gen Engagement
Netiya	<i>Netiya</i>	Jewish Continuity
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>PJ Library Los Angeles Community</i>	Youth

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2009		
Funding to increase support services via: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Builders of Jewish Education - Jewish Big Brothers Big Sisters - Jewish Family Service - Jewish Free Loan Association - Jewish Vocational Service 	<i>Jewish Family Relief Network</i>	Vulnerable Populations
Jewish Jumpstart	<i>Jumpstart L.A.</i>	Jewish Continuity
2008		
30 Years After AJC (American Jewish Committee) Jewish Artists Initiative Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles Vista Del Mar Child and Family Services	<i>The Iranian-Jewish Community at a Crossroads</i> <i>Interfaith Work</i> <i>The Quest for Transformational Jewish Art</i> <i>The NextGen Engagement Initiative</i> <i>Nes Gadol S</i>	Next Gen Engagement Jewish Continuity Arts & Culture Next Gen Engagement pecial Needs
2007		
Camp Ramah in California Friendship Circle of Los Angeles Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>Camp Ohr Lanu</i> <i>Programs for Youth with Special Needs</i> <i>Jewish Community Summer Overnight Camp</i> <i>Support Initiative</i>	Special Needs Special Needs Youth
Jewish Free Loan Association Jews for Judaism	<i>Nursing Student Loan Fund</i> <i>Community Mobilization & Empowerment</i> <i>Against Proselytizing</i>	Vulnerable Populations Jewish Continuity
JQ International LimmudLA	<i>JQ International</i> <i>LimmudLA</i>	Vulnerable Populations Jewish Continuity
2006		
Builders of Jewish Education	<i>Jewish Education Customer Relations</i> <i>Management Program (JKIDLA)</i>	Youth
Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles	<i>HaMercaz Collaborative: Serving Jewish Special</i> <i>Needs Families</i>	Special Needs
Jewish World Watch	<i>Mobilization of Jewish Community to Eradicate</i> <i>Human Rights Abuses in Darfur</i>	Vulnerable Populations
Reboot	<i>Reboot Jewish Identity Among Creative</i> <i>Young Adults</i>	Next Gen Engagement
StandWithUs	<i>The High School Outreach Program</i>	Israel Advocacy