

Reconstructing Judaism's Auerbach Ignition Grant

Supporting Reconstructionist rabbinical students, recent graduates and students enrolled in the Leading Through Innovation inter-seminary course
2020-21

Reconstructing Judaism is delighted to award a total of \$10,000 in Ignition Grants to support innovation that strengthens Jewish community and engages the un/under engaged. We support change makers in the Reconstructionist Community and those from across seminaries because of our commitment to foster emerging expressions of Jewish life—always helping to shape what it means to be Jewish today and to imagine the Jewish future.

Multiple awards in the amount of *up to \$1,000 each* will be given to seed small-scale projects led by a student(s) presently enrolled at RRC, a recent graduate(s) (2018 or later) and students currently enrolled in the inter-seminary course Leading Through Innovation (LTI). Up to \$5,000 is available to Reconstructionist community students and rabbis and an additional \$5,000 is available for students currently enrolled in the inter-seminary course, LTI.

Timeline:

Ignition Grant applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from April 20, 2020 through May 4, 2020. Proposals should be submitted to Cyd Weissman, cweissman@reconstructingjudaism.org. Award emails will be sent within 10 days of receipt. Projects should conclude by October 2020.

Grant recipients will participate in a June 10th to 11th NYC **LTI Convening**. Funding available for transportation and housing.

Grant Criteria:

1. Project tests an innovative pilot for Jewish living and engagement in America;
2. Must serve Jews outside of New York City and Los Angeles;
3. Potential for expansion into a larger-scale project; and
4. Welcomes women, LGBTQ+ and Jews of Color among all other applicants.

Grant funds cannot be used to employ staff from Reconstructing Judaism, RRC, The Glean Network, Clal or a participating seminary. Students can receive a maximum of one Ignition Grant per application cycle.

Recipients will provide a final grant report about what they were able to accomplish and most importantly, what they learned. We ask recipients to share the stories of their work with the communications departments at Reconstructing Judaism and Clal.

Be bold. Be willing to fail and to learn in order to meet a challenge or explore an opportunity in the Jewish community.

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Provide cover page with contact information.
Limit application to 2 pages double- spaced.

Project Overview

1. A 1-sentence summary
2. The problem: What is the problem or challenge you are trying to solve? Why is this problem or challenge important? Elaborate as needed.
3. Overview of Your Solution: What is your project?

JTBD (Who do you seek to serve, and why)

1. Who is the main constituent group for your project? Why did you choose this constituent group?
2. What are the Jobs to Be Done of your constituent group? How did you discern these insights?

Your solution

1. What is your solution to these problems? What features help constituents meet their needs, relieve pains, and create gains?
2. What makes your project unique?
3. Include a project plan and budget.

Your why

1. Who are you? Why does this project matter to you, personally / spiritually / emotionally / etc.?

Questions: Connect with Cyd Weissman, Vice President, Innovation and Impact, Reconstructing Judaism at 215.576.0800, ext. 257.

