

Reconstructing Judaism's Auerbach Ignition Grant

Reconstructionist rabbinical students & recent graduates (2021 & 2022)
2023–2024

Reconstructing Judaism is delighted to award multiple **Auerbach Ignition Grants** to support innovation that strengthens Jewish community and engages the un/under-engaged. We support change makers in the Reconstructionist community who shape new pathways to meaningful Jewish life.

Multiple awards up to \$1,500 each will be given to seed small-scale projects led by a student(s) presently enrolled at RRC, or a recent graduate(s) (2021 or later).

Timeline

Ignition Grant applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from May 15, 2023, through December 13, 2023. Proposals should be submitted to Cyd Weissman, cweissman@reconstructingjudaism.org. Award emails will be sent within 10 days of receipt. Projects should conclude by June 2024.

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. Demonstrate 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. 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 may ask recipients to share the stories of their work with the communications department at Reconstructing Judaism.

Be bold. Be willing to fail and to learn to meet a challenge or explore an opportunity in the Jewish community. [Learn the stories of previous grantees.](#)

Reconstructing Judaism's Auerbach Ignition Grant Application Instructions

Format

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

Content

Provide a 1-sentence summary of your project.

Provide information about the following questions:

1. What is the problem or opportunity you are addressing?
2. Describe your project.
3. Who will you serve?
4. What are the needs of those you wish to serve (jobs to be done)? How did you discern these insights about the people you wish to serve? What helps you believe your project is a good response to their needs?
5. What makes your project unique?
6. Include a project plan (what will you do and when) and budget.
7. Your big why! Share a little about yourself. Why does this project matter to you?

Questions

Connect with Cyd Weissman, Vice President, Engagement and Innovation, Reconstructing Judaism at cweissman@reconstructingjudaism.org.

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