



WRJ Central District Programming Grants INFORMATION

About these Grants:

WRJ Central District is committed to supporting our affiliated sisterhoods and women's groups in developing programs that foster connections to Sisterhood, Spirituality, and Social Good. These grants are meant to support programs which otherwise may not have the financial resources to proceed. Sisterhoods from WRJ Central District are encouraged to submit one grant request per Central District term, for up to \$500. Programs must conform to our WRJ mission statement: *Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) strengthens the voice of women worldwide and empowers them to create caring communities, nurture congregations, cultivate personal and spiritual growth, and advocate for and promote progressive Jewish values.*

History:

These grants have been made possible through the past generosity of Augusta Egelson, who supported YES Fund Uniongram donations in memory of her husband, Rabbi Louis I. Egelson, and Anita Baker and past presidents of District 9, who supported sisterhood membership efforts. We honor these women and others who have supported our district over the past 100 years by continuing their legacy of support for the sisterhoods and women's groups in our WRJ Central District.

Applications:

Applications will only be accepted from WRJ affiliated sisterhoods and women's groups in good standing. Applications will be accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis.

Requests can be made for one-time or regularly occurring programs, though grants will only be awarded for a single Central District term. Programs receiving a grant must take place within 18 months of grant receipt. Grant requests are intended to be need-based, and to support programming that would otherwise not take place. Grants may not be used to fund general operations.

Requests for grants may include, but are not limited to:

- *Engagement in educational or social activities.*
- *Engagement that promotes spirituality.*
- *Engagement in social-action activities.*
- *Engagement towards Jewish practice, Zionism and Israel, or worship.*
- *Engagement that supports a sense of community among members.*
- *Engagement to energize or increase membership.*

Funding:

The *maximum* grant amount will be \$500.00. The Grant Committee reserves the right NOT to fund the entire amount requested. Only 1 grant per sisterhood, per Central District term, will be considered. How the grant money will be paid out may vary based on the individual grant. The Grant Committee will determine the payment schedule, and it will be based on the implementation of the program. If payment is required in advance for up-front costs, arrangements will be made. Unused grant funds must be returned to WRJ Central District.

Evaluation:

Grant recipients will be required to submit a report on the use of their funds by June 30 and/or upon completion of the event.

Marketing:

Recipients must agree to include information on their promotional and marketing materials acknowledging the underwriting of their program or event by WRJ Central District. Recipients may be asked to participate in a future district event, sharing information on their program and their use of WRJ Central District Grant funds. Sisterhoods who receive grants are encouraged to invite WRJ Central District participation or a district representative to attend their funded program. When requested, the district will help with the promotion of this program through WRJ Central District channels, including the Isha L'Isha Bulletin, website, and social media.

Applications should be sent via email to: WRJCD.awards@gmail.com, or by postal service to the WRJ Central District Awards Chair.

For questions or assistance in completing the application, please contact the WRJ Central District Awards Chair, at WRJCD.awards@gmail.com