

## Multi-year Grants - Spring 2025

Organization	Description	The Grant
<a href="#">Israel Hofsheets</a>  The organization is a non-partisan civic movement that works to change policy and legislation in religious-state relations in Israel.	The organization advocates for religious freedom and Jewish pluralism in Israel. It challenges coercive religious policies, promotes liberal Jewish values, and protects civil liberties. Key focuses include ending gender segregation in sports, opposing Rabbinical Court power over Soviet Union immigrants, protecting liberal education by scrutinizing extreme agendas in National schools, and publishing the Municipal Freedom Index to measure public sphere freedom. This is the last year of a two-year general operations grant. In addition to their ongoing work following October 7 <sup>th</sup> , they are working on petitioning the High Court to demand that funding be stopped for yeshivahs for "disengaged" Charedi, who encourage draft evasion among the 60,000 eligible strictly Orthodox men.	\$30,000 of a \$60,000 two-year grant started in spring 2024
<a href="#">Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism</a>  Guided by Reform Judaism and Tikkun Olam's values, the organization makes progressive and pluralistic Judaism accessible to all Israelis.	The organization provides spiritual first aid and pastoral counseling to evacuated communities impacted by the war. It offers solace, strengthens resilience, and gives a sense of community continuity to victims of terror, hostages' families, and displaced individuals. Through the Pastoral Counseling and Emotional Support program, its rabbis have provided hundreds of hours of individual and group counseling addressing grief, trauma, and resilience. This is the last year of a two-year grant for this program. As displaced communities return to their homes, the program's rabbis will ensure ongoing emotional care, help the communities process their losses, rebuild their resilience, and find comfort in Jewish traditions.	\$15,000 of a \$30,000 two-year grant started in the spring of 2024
<a href="#">Bustan</a>  The organization is a center for gathering, education and social change in Nof Hagalil, under the auspices of the Tikkun network that builds mission-driven communities.	Bustan fosters conceptual shifts among Nof Hagalil residents (northern Israel), decision-makers, and the broader Israeli public regarding the benefits of a shared society and the viability of a shared city by creating a model shared community. The community garden scheme and the protection of the forests around the town are part of the strategy to support this shift. Bustan views itself as an extension of the work undertaken at the Atzmon School Greenhouse, a GFF-funded program initiated in 2021. This is the final year of a two-year grant supporting their work in cultivating the sustainable development of Nof Hagalil's natural surroundings in collaboration with environmental organizations through community engagement. Residents will continue to transform local areas into recreational hubs and work on developing the Bustan Community Gardens.	\$17,500 of a \$35,000 two-year grant started in spring 2024
<a href="#">Teva Ivri</a> - Bar Kiama  The organization brings the values of sustainability into mainstream Israeli society.	Teva Ivri is part of an environmental and sustainability movement deeply rooted in religious values. The creation of the Green Municipal Coalition serves to duplicate an already successful Jerusalem model of municipal environmental activism by establishing four municipal coalitions that will collaborate with local leadership on the pressing issues in their towns. This is the final year of a two-year grant focused on creating coalitions of community groups committed to environmental sustainability in cities and towns across Israel. These groups work collaboratively to advance their agendas at the municipal level.	\$20,000 of a \$40,000 two-year grant started in spring 2024
<a href="#">Citizens Build a Community - Lod</a>  The organization focuses on young Arab citizens, aiming to promote conflict resolution, social change, and effective solutions to crime, violence, drug use, and poverty.	The organization implements projects that promote social responsibility, engagement, and mobility through educational and vocational training, empowering the city's high school seniors and post-high school youth, and ensuring their ability to give back to their community in the future. They provide Lod's youth with meaningful opportunities to realize their potential and create future community leadership and support networks that contribute to building a cohesive and inclusive community. This is the second half of the split grant from fall 2024, focusing on developing and implementing a resource development strategy to increase their donor base and ensure their future stability.	\$15,000

## Grant Overview - Spring 2025

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<a href="#">ICAR - Israel's Collective Action for Resilience</a>  The Collective brings together leading experts in medicine, psychology, public health, philanthropy, and investment to accelerate trauma healing and safeguard Israel's health, productivity, and security.	The organization was born out of the chaos that followed October 7th and seeks to map existing trauma, mental health, and resilience services in Israel and make sense of the many providers, agencies, departments, etc., in this realm. They do comprehensive work, keeping track of the numerous new players and evaluating the ever-emerging needs. ICAR is developing a long-term strategy for managing individual and national trauma by aligning resources and efforts with the broader population's needs. Funding will support peer learning and mentoring for a cohort of 20-30 nonprofit directors leading the efforts in underserved communities, including the Haredi community, Ethiopian Israelis, the LGBTQ+ community, Arab Israelis, women, and other marginalized groups.	\$60,000 over two years
<a href="#">Havinenu</a>  The organization provides emotional and psychological support to the ultra-Orthodox community.	Havinenu supports the emotional well-being of the ultra-Orthodox community. The organization offers mental health assistance tailored to the religious population with the seal of approval from recognized community Rabbis. This grant will support their mental health hotline by recruiting and training additional professional staff, ensuring overnight coverage through the expansion of international crisis responders to cover Israeli nighttime hours, maintaining and staffing 24/6 support, and increasing community outreach and awareness through collaboration with religious and community leaders to reduce stigma and encourage help-seeking in the community.	\$40,000
<a href="#">SAHAR</a>  The organization specializes exclusively in text-based online support in mental health and emotional well-being.	SAHAR is the Israeli pioneer in providing emotional support to those experiencing mental distress and suicidal thoughts in Hebrew and Arabic 24/7. The organization is a winner of the Minister of Health Volunteer Award and a member of the National Suicide Prevention Committee. Trained volunteers (Hebrew and Arabic speakers), supported by psychologists and social workers, operate text platforms to prevent crisis escalation and suicide. This grant supports the expansion of Arabic-language suicide prevention text services by increasing the number of volunteers, providing extensive training, appointing a volunteer coordinator, extending operation hours, and facilitating an Arabic community awareness campaign.	\$40,000 over two years
<a href="#">Wuste Tsega</a> - Center for Culturally Adapted Psychotherapy in a Changing Reality  The center works with Ethiopian Israelis in need of psychiatric assistance through a treatment approach combining Western medicine and traditional medicine.	Wuste Tsega provides culturally adapted trauma-informed therapy and group therapy for the Ethiopian Israeli community at four clinics in Hadera, Lod, Haifa, and Tel Aviv. Additionally, they offer training for mental health professionals, including those from the community and outside organizations. They address the cultural disconnect that can arise when Ethiopian Israelis interact with the traditional mental health system. The community's cultural behaviors are often misinterpreted, leading to challenges when offering mental health support.  This capacity-building grant will increase the number of one-to-one and group therapy sessions for Ethiopian Israelis. In 2024, there were 600 therapy sessions; in 2025, they aim to increase this to between 1,500 and 1,600 sessions. They will also increase the number of awareness-raising lectures open to the Ethiopian community, as well as the scope of direct work with mental health professionals from the Ethiopian community and non-Ethiopian professionals.	\$35,000
<a href="#">IGY</a>  Israel Gay Youth (IGY) is a socio-educational organization working with LGBTQ+ youth	The events of October 7th severely impacted the LGBTQ+ youth community in northern and southern Israel. For many LGBTQ+ youth, the war meant displacement from their home communities, isolation, and separation from IGY youth group centers that previously supported them. LGBTQ+ young people are reluctant to reach out to mainstream mental health services due to fears of being	\$22,000

and young people (12-23) in the formulation of sexual and/or gender identity.	<p>outed, discrimination, the need for parental consent, and the linkage of most services to the national health funds, resulting in permanent notes in medical records.</p> <p>IGY will deliver resilience workshops to approximately 250 LGBTQ+ young people in northern and southern Israel, one-to-one support for those needing additional guidance, and therapy sessions for youth identified as suffering from depression, anxiety, and severe distress.</p>	
<p><a href="#">Al Siraj Ltd. - Regional Council of Unrecognized Villages in the Negev</a></p> <p>The Council is a grassroots civil society organization prioritizing success and prosperity for Bedouin communities in the Negev. It nurtures Bedouin culture while respecting residents' aspirations.</p>	<p>The organization supports unrecognized Bedouin villages in the Negev region of Israel. On October 7th, during the Swords of Iron War, the Negev Bedouins were vulnerable due to their challenging socioeconomic status, their lack of emergency services, bomb shelters, and exclusion from early warning systems. The Women's Leadership Network was established to provide trauma support and train women to help their communities by identifying trauma (predominantly in women and children).</p> <p>This two-year grant will support the Women's Leadership Network in assisting Bedouin women in unrecognized Negev villages by addressing trauma, enhancing resilience, and training these women in emergency preparedness and crisis response.</p>	\$60,000 over two years
<p><a href="#">Ajeec Nisped</a></p> <p>They are an Arab-Jewish organization for social change made up of a joint team of Arabs and Jews working together to create a shared society where Arabs and Jews live together while preserving their respective identities and cultures.</p>	<p>Ajeec Nisped is a leading civil society organization promoting shared society and sustainable development in Israel, focusing on the Bedouin community in the Negev. Following October 7th and the war, it was clear that the Negev Bedouin communities were highly vulnerable, unprotected, and unprepared.</p> <p>The grant will enhance community resilience and preparedness by establishing volunteer Community Resilience teams (primarily men) in six Negev villages and Rahat. The structured emergency response teams will be trained and equipped to handle various emergencies, including fires, damage from rocket attacks, accidents, extreme weather events, and security incidents. The program uniquely bridges Jewish and Arab communities through joint training, regional volunteering, and collaborative emergency response.</p>	\$40,000
<p><a href="#">Adama Tova</a></p> <p>The organization is a community, volunteer-based, therapeutic community supporting the victims, including family members, who experienced prolonged trauma, coping with moments of terror, uncertainty, and psychological crisis following the events of October 7th.</p>	<p>The organization was established to provide mental health support to bereaved families and victims following the October 7th attacks. In the aftermath, families (spouses, parents, siblings, grandparents, etc.) mourning the loss of their loved one/s felt isolated in their grief, without existing support services in place to assist them.</p> <p>Adama Tova received grant support for activities provided by volunteers and salaried mental health care professionals at the Moshav Nahalal site to ensure the provision of activities tailored to the bereaved and victims of October 7th and the ensuing war (including, but not limited to, one-on-one therapy, group therapy, and workshops) that serve to strengthen emotional resilience and well-being.</p>	\$25,000