



2021 SHULMAN JEWISH EDUCATION AND LIFE GRANTS INFORMATION

DESCRIPTION

Shulman Grants are made possible by an estate gift from Dr. Sol Shulman, professor of chemistry at Illinois State University for 23 years, who passed away in December 2010. Shulman Grants focus on Jewish educational programs and materials, Jewish-themed arts, music, and theater programs, and Jewish cultural enrichment programs in McLean County that are open to all. Examples of educational programs include books for libraries, lectures, school curriculum and the like. Programs and projects that benefit larger rather than smaller numbers of people are preferred.

Applications may be submitted from February 1 – February 26, 2021.

Applications will only be accepted through online portal. No paper applications or electronic submissions will be accepted.

If you apply for a Shulman Grant, you may not apply for the identical program to the IPCF General and IPCF/Mirza Arts and Culture Grants which run consecutively with Shulman Grants. You may, however, apply to multiple grant categories if the applications are for distinctly different programs and fit the criteria listed for the particular grant category.

- \$15,878 is available
- The range of grant awards in 2020 was \$1,050 to \$5,505; the average grant award was \$2,915. To see programs that were funded previously, visit <https://ilprairiecf.org/grant-recipients>
- Applicants are required to use a budget document developed by the IPCF's grants committees; budget document can be downloaded at <https://ilprairiecf.org/resources-2>; Word and Excel files are available under the Grants tab
- **Submission deadline is February 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. (Central Time)**
- Grant applicants will be notified of the outcome of their grant request by April 23, 2021
- Grant funding is for the period of June 1, 2021 through May 31, 2022
- Those organizations awarded grants will be sent a Grant Agreement; the Executive Director, CEO, or President of the Board must sign and return this document which outlines conditions and requirements for accepting the grant award

Grant awards will be distributed beginning in May 2021.

REQUIREMENTS

Grant Eligibility

Program must deal specifically with one or more of the grant foci listed above; funding may support a new or existing program

- Applicants must have tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, operate under a fiscal sponsor that is a 501(c)3 organization, be a local unit of local,

county, state or federal government or be a tax-exempt religious organization as recognized by the IRS

- Program must be available to residents of McLean County
- Program must be operated and organized in such a manner that no applicable anti-discrimination laws are violated
- Organizations that have received past grants from Illinois Prairie Community Foundation must be current on all grant Final Reports
- Executive Director, CEO or President of the Board of an organization applying must approve the application

What Is Not Funded

- Non program-related expenses
- Endowment campaigns
- Annual fund raising events and expenses
- Capital improvements or expenditures
- Conference or continuing education expenses
- Scholarships

IMPORTANT DATES

February 26, 2021 – Applications due by 5:00 p.m. (Central Time); no applications will be accepted after that time.

April 23, 2021 – Applicants notified of the Grants Committee's and IPCF Board of Directors' decisions

We regret that not all projects can be funded. A denial should not be viewed as a negative reflection on an organization, but rather a result of the number of applications received and the amount of funding available.

Questions? Contact Michele Evans, Grants & Communications Director, Illinois Prairie Community Foundation, 309-662-4477 or mevans@ilprairiecf.org.