

## Lillian Fund Grant Guidelines

### Our Mission

The Lillian Fund, a giving circle for women of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford, seeks to support qualified non-profit organizations in the Greater Hartford region that serve women and children. During the year, Lillian Fund members learn about challenges facing women in our community through educational and volunteer opportunities. Members vote on which project receives a grant from the Fund.

The Fund is named for Lillian D. Wald, a Jewish woman who championed the rights of Eastern European immigrants living on New York's Lower East Side at the turn of the century. In 1893, Lillian Wald founded the Henry Street Settlement, a neighborhood health center that later became the Visiting Nurse Service. The Fund carries on Lillian Wald's legacy. The Lillian Fund giving circle has a low barrier to entry and seeks to be inclusive of all women who want to join.

### Grant Making Process

The Lillian Fund Committee accepts and reviews grant proposals in conjunction with the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford staff and giving circle members. Grant proposals are due May 15 of each year and grant decisions are typically shared over the summer. Requests can be for up to \$10,000. Applications and grants are non-renewable. Please send completed applications to [emacgilpin@jcfhartford.org](mailto:emacgilpin@jcfhartford.org) by May 15.

### When applying for a grant from the Lillian Fund, please consider the following:

- A limit of one grant application from an organization will be considered each grant cycle.
- Focus on the impact of the grant and its alignment with the long-term goals of the program and/or project. Grant reviewers require a comprehensive understanding of the *why* behind the proposal, not just the *what*.
- Put yourself in the position of the grants committee member who is not familiar with your program. Anticipate the questions they might have and address these in the written proposal.
- The submission of a grant does not guarantee funding in part, or in whole, by the Lillian Fund. The Lillian Fund reserves the right to fund a grant at whatever level it deems appropriate.
- An organization may apply to one Jewish Community Foundation giving circle in any given year.

Questions about the grant application process should be directed to Elana MacGilpin, Development Officer, [emacgilpin@jcfhartford.org](mailto:emacgilpin@jcfhartford.org).