

Financial Support for Local Leadership Development Initiatives in the Diaspora

Dear Friends,

We invite you to submit applications for a grant through the WUPJ for programming on a local or regional level.

The aim of this grant is to provide support for the leadership development of WUPJ regions, communities, organizations and educational institutions. We define leadership in the widest sense and include all types of leadership – such as governance, education, youth, young adults, families, spiritual, music, activism, community, Israel and the environment. We are especially interested in innovative ideas and collaborative initiatives. The initiative must have an international component which could include the physical or virtual facilitation by WUPJ leadership and staff. We encourage you to consult with WUPJ staff about your program before submitting the application.

The application may be for a program that stands alone or that is part of a larger program. For example, it can be for workshops that are a part of the regional biennial or are part of a summer/winter camp.

Any organization that is a constituent of the WUPJ outside of Israel and North America may apply – such as the regional organization, affiliated congregations, day schools, Netzer and Tamar snifim, rabbinic councils, etc. In general, the more collaborators in a program, the better.

You may apply for any number of programs that will take place in 2024. Submitting the request is not confirmation for any financial assistance. The WUPJ reserves the right to approve or decline any of the requests, and any decisions will be at the discretion of the WUPJ steering committee.

Content requirements:

- Must have a leadership development component (community, regional, educational, organizational).
- Can be submitted only through the WUPJ, have an international component, and tie in with any aspect of the WUPJ Value Propositions.
- Must have a component about Progressive Zionism and Progressive Jewish Education.
- Part of the budget must include translation of Judaic / leadership development materials to your native language and/or adapted to your culture
- The regional organization is involved in the support of the project – This can include but is not limited to financial support, professional support, advertising, providing a meeting space and providing verbal and written backing.
- It may include the transportation and accommodations of a visiting lecturer/facilitator.

- The committee looks favorably on applications that are the collaboration of two or more organizational bodies. It is possible for the WUPJ constituent organization that is applying to invite an outside organization to be a partner.

Technical requirements:

- The applying organization must be formally affiliated with the WUPJ.
- Ability of the applying organization to provide 50% matching funds.
- The applying organization must have the ability to receive funds from overseas sources.
- The funds will be disbursed as reimbursement upon showing receipts – Therefore the organization must have the ability to pay the money up front and wait for reimbursement.
- These funds are only for activities in the Diaspora – Europe, Latin America, Asia, Australia and South Africa.
- The matching cannot come from funds the organization receives through KKL or other National Institution grants.
- The applying organization must fill out a report as outlined in the application form including sending photographs taken with the WUPJ and sponsoring national institution logos as applies.
- The deadline for applying is 31 July, 2023.

A steering committee appointed by the WUPJ Management Committee will review the applications and give an answer by 1 September, 2023.

If you have any questions, please contact Carla Neimarkas at mazkalit@wupj.org.

Wishing us all much success,

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