



Covid-19 Mental Health & Isolation Reduction Grant: Jewish Summer Day Camp Experience 2021

Deadline to apply: Friday, June 25th, 2021

PURPOSE OF THE RELIEF GRANT

Federation CJA is pleased to launch the **Covid-19 Mental Health & Isolation Reduction Grant: Jewish Summer Day Camp Experience 2021**. This grant provides funding of up to \$10,000 per day camp for innovative summer programs enabling accessible alternative sources of Jewish content for Montreal Jewish children.

This grant program is in alignment with specific Federation CJA goals outlined in the new Strategic Plan (2021-25).

INTENDED OUTCOMES & IMPACT

As a result of this one-time grant opportunity, Federation CJA aims to invest in camping programs that

- a) Provide Jewish children access to camping experiences that contribute to high quality Jewish identity engagement opportunities by:**
 - a. Increasing access for Jewish children to socialize with other Jewish children in an in-person, outdoor, informal setting.
 - b. Decreasing financial barriers to Jewish camping
 - c. Ensuring that Jewish connections are fostered through innovative, creative, and inclusive programs.
 - d. Strengthening opportunities for Jewish children to be inspired to explore and develop their own sense of Jewish identity.
 - e. Reducing barriers to participation in informal Jewish education programming

- b) Provide Jewish children with diverse abilities including those living with disabilities access to support they need to live with active, engaged and fulfilling Jewish lives.**

GUIDELINES

- Program provides outdoor summer experiences for Jewish children between the ages of 5 - 12.
- Program services Jewish children in specific neighborhoods in the Greater Montreal Area.
- Programs incorporate Jewish content and inherently foster Jewish values such as:
 - o Tikkun Olam, Kehilla (community), Klal Israel, Teva (love of nature), Belonging, Meeting new people, Taking on new experiences, Solidarity, Jewish Identity, Israel and Hebrew, Friendship, Team work, Self-confidence.
- Program must recognize the State of Israel.
- Program is directly in response to the pandemic and social isolation issues amongst children.
- The following characteristics will be considered favorably:
 - o The program benefits an underserved segment of the Montreal Jewish community, whether in terms of geographic location, religious observances, language used, or otherwise.
 - o The program serves children with diverse abilities including those living with disabilities.
 - o The program serves children from lower socio-economic backgrounds.



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- The program promotes meaningful and inclusive participation of diverse members from our community.

OBLIGATORY

- Applicant is a Jewish non-profit organization or program provider with previous experience working with children, in either a formal or informal setting.
- Program adheres to all Canadian and Quebec government COVID-19 criteria.
 - Understanding that this is a moving target, the program must be flexible enough to adapt to the changing landscape.