

PROGRAM GRANT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- Q. Should I call or visit with someone before submitting my application or should I submit my idea for review in advance of the deadline?**
- A.** The grant application, application cover sheet, guidelines and these FAQs should answer most questions. If you have a question not answered by these documents, feel free to call Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services' executive director.
- Q. What is the primary focus of Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services (GMJSS)?**
- A.** GMJSS is interested in serving:
- Jewish Seniors whose needs are not being met, either because appropriate programs do not exist, existing appropriate programs do not have enough resources, and/or there are impediments to Jewish Seniors accessing existing programs; e.g., lack of adequate transportation, the need to be accompanied by a licensed aide, etc.
 - "Well seniors" who are healthy, able, active and mobile in order to provide social connection and intellectual stimulation to combat isolation among Jewish Seniors.
- Q. What agencies and/or organizations are eligible to apply for grant funding?**
- A.** Eligibility requirements:
- Be certified 501(c)(3) tax-exempt
 - Any organization or agency that provides programs and/or services that benefit Jewish Seniors
 - Agency or organization must provide programs or services directly to Jewish Seniors; i.e., not through any other organization
- Q. If we know a trustee of GMJSS, may we contact her or him?**
- A.** It is generally recommended that applicants utilize the GMJSS staff for discussion and correspondence regarding their organizations and grant applications.
- Q. We are a non-Jewish organization. May we apply?**
- A.** Yes, as long as you have a 501(c)(3) and serve Jewish Seniors.
- Q. Does GMJSS make grants to small businesses?**
- A.** No. GMJSS makes grants only to non-profit, charitable organizations exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the IRS Code, or to financially needy Jewish Seniors.
- Q. Can organizations/individuals located outside of San Antonio apply for a grant?**
- A.** Generally speaking, no. GMJSS' resources are dedicated to meeting the needs of Jewish Seniors in the metro San Antonio area.
- Q. If we applied for a grant last year and it was not approved, can we apply again?**
- A.** Yes, you may apply as many years as you like regardless of whether a grant is approved.

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- Q. Last year we received a GMJSS grant. Does that mean it will be easier for us to receive one this year?**
- A.** No, each year brings a new grant cycle and requires a new application focused on the criteria and priorities of GMJSS. However, an organization's demonstrated capacity to achieve the proposed outcomes in the grant application might influence whether GMJSS would invest funds for a project in a new grant cycle.
- Q. Is there a limit on the amount of funds we can request?**
- A.** No, but the amount requested should be reasonable in relation to your overall budget, and we prefer to fund 50% or less of the cost of a program or service. Organizations applying for grants should plan to fund part of the project or use matching funds from other sources, i.e., leverage funds when possible.
- Q. My organization is requesting a grant to fund a program that includes Jewish and non-Jewish Seniors. Can grant funds be used to fund programs like this?**
- A.** Yes, but grant funds can only be used to support the Jewish Seniors; funding from other sources will be needed to support the non-Jewish Seniors enrolled in the program. Your application must detail how this will be accomplished and tracked.
- Q. May grant funds be used to support daily operations of programs that support Jewish Seniors?**
- A.** Yes. Awards will typically be made to organizations to subsidize existing programs when the grant is used for expansion of new people enrolled, for unmet needs of Jewish Seniors, or for strengthening of impact of an existing program.
- Q. What is GMJSS looking for in terms of outcomes/reports?**
- A.** Results of programs or services supported by GMJSS grant dollars must be quantified. We want to know what is made different or improved by our grant dollars. "More" or "better" are not measurable outcomes. Quantitative as well as subjective reporting of programs is required.
- Q. Why is impact important?**
- A.** Having impact – making a difference to San Antonio's Jewish senior community – is the reason for the existence of this GMJSS. The greater the impact of our grant dollars, the better investment we have made of our funds.
- Impact may mean:
- Providing positive benefits to individual senior recipients
 - Enhancing or improving self-sustaining organizations
 - Effecting needed change and adding value in the communities we serve
 - Contributing to the broader efforts to improve the human condition of seniors
- Q. If I am not sure what you are looking for in some of the application questions, where can I get help?**
- A.** First, refer to the [Grant Guidelines](#). If you still have questions, call Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services' executive director at (210) 616-4811.