

## **Reconstructing Judaism's Auerbach Ignition Grant**

For Innovating Reconstructionist Rabbinical Students and Recent Graduates  
2022–2023

Reconstructing Judaism is delighted to award a total of \$8,000 in Ignition Grants to support innovation that strengthens Jewish community and engages the un/under-engaged. We support change makers in the Reconstructionist community who shape new pathways to meaningful Jewish life.

Multiple awards in the amount of up to \$1,500 each will be given to seed small-scale projects led by a student(s) presently enrolled at RRC, or a recent graduate(s) (2020 or later). This year's grant provides support from the Ritualwell.org platform and staff for marketing; social media reach; educational design and more.

**Timeline:** Ignition Grant applications will be accepted on a rolling basis from April 1, 2021 through May 13, 2022. Proposals should be submitted to Cyd Weissman, [cweissman@reconstructingjudaism.org](mailto:cweissman@reconstructingjudaism.org). Award emails will be sent within 10 days of receipt. Projects should conclude by April 2023.

### **Grant Criteria:**

1. Project tests an innovative pilot for Jewish living and engagement in America; 2. Must serve Jews outside of New York City and Los Angeles; 3. Demonstrate potential for expansion into a larger-scale project; and 4. Welcomes women, LGBTQ+ and Jews of Color among all other applicants.

Grant funds cannot be used to employ staff from Reconstructing Judaism. Students can receive a maximum of one Ignition Grant per application cycle.

Recipients will provide a final grant report about what they were able to accomplish and, most importantly, what they learned. Recipients commit to 3 Zoom gatherings to share ongoing learning and challenges with fellow recipients. We may also ask recipients to share the stories of their work with the communications department at Reconstructing Judaism.

Be bold. Be willing to fail and to learn in order to meet a challenge or explore an opportunity in the Jewish community. [Learn the stories of previous grantees.](#)

### **Reconstructing Judaism's Auerbach Ignition Grant Application**

Provide a cover page with contact information.

Limit application to 2 pages double-spaced. Please answer the following questions:

1. Provide a 1-sentence summary of your project
2. What is the problem or opportunity you are addressing?
3. Describe your project.
4. Who will you serve?
5. What are the needs of those you wish to serve (Jobs to be Done)? How did you discern these insights about the people you wish to serve? What helps you believe your project is a good response to their needs?
6. What makes your project unique?
7. Include a project plan and budget.
8. Your big why! Share a little about yourself. Why does this project matter to you?

Questions: Connect with Cyd Weissman, Vice President, Innovation and Impact, Reconstructing Judaism, at [cweissman@reconstructingjudaism.org](mailto:cweissman@reconstructingjudaism.org).

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