



Community Connections Alumni Fund Request for Proposal (RFP)



Release Date: June 1, 2011

Deadline for Submission: July 29, 2011

Background

The **Community Connections Fellowship** is an 8-month leadership development program designed to empower the staff of UJA-Federation Network Agencies to engage in innovative community-based intergroup initiatives through skill-building seminars and trainings. It was necessary to continue to keep the graduated Fellows engaged in thinking about and working with diverse communities so a grant-making committee was created, comprised of alumni of the Community Connections Fellowship, called the **Community Connections Alumni Fund (CCAF)**.

The CCAF allows the alumni to participate in an 8-month grant-making process together to foster the development and implementation of smaller programs that can continue to strengthen communities. CCAF provides a small seed grant to an innovative project that is being developed in New York City and/or Nassau County.

Purpose

The **2011 Community Connections Alumni Fund** committee aims to promote the values of the fellowship by awarding a grant up to \$1,000 to support a non-profit organization that fosters education and empowers youth around physical health and/or mental health issues.

To be eligible applicants must be:

- Non-profit organizations with 501(c)(3) status in New York City and/or Nassau County
- Organizations promoting (or seeking to promote) healthy lifestyle choices that will create positive physical and mental health outcomes (including, but not limited to anti-bullying, afterschool workshops for at-risk youth, nutritional health education, etc.)
- Organizations with an annual operating budget of less than or equal to \$500,000

Guidelines for Eligible Projects

Favorable consideration will be given to new projects or programs, or to enhance current projects or programs that:

- Propose innovative strategies for addressing the needs of the target population
- Serves youth in any Grades K-12
- Promotes youth empowerment and education
- Learn healthy lifestyle choices that will create more positive physical and/or mental health outcomes
- Organizations not affiliated with a current CCF Fellow or Alumni

Timeline:

- Site visits to 5 finalists will be scheduled during August 2011 after all the applications have been reviewed and before a final decision is made
- The grant will be awarded during September 2011

Application forms can be downloaded at www.CommunityUplink.net/CCAF-APP.doc

While we prefer email applications, mail, fax, and hand-delivery are also acceptable. Completed applications from eligible candidates **must be received** (not postmarked) by **July 29, 2011 to:**

Community Connections Alumni Fund c/o Jewish Community Relations Council of New York 225 W. 34 th Street, 1607 New York, New York 10122	Email: CommunityConnectionsFellowship@gmail.com Fax: (212) 983-4084
---	--

For any additional information, please contact **Karen Lander** at **212-983-4800 x145** or **LanderK@jcrny.org**.



Community Connections Fellowship receives technical assistance from CAUSE-NY, the intergroup relations department of the JCRC-NY. The JCRC-NY is a beneficiary of the UJA-Federation of New York.