

Israel- World Jewry Bureau –Explanation of Process

Thank you for inquiring about the Israel World Jewry Bureau (IWJB).

Most organizations are brought to the IWJB committee by community members who either have an existing relationship with the organizations or find them compelling enough to want to pursue sending Birmingham dollars to assist them. That community member serves as the “Local Advocate” for the organization.

Each organization completing a Request Form no later than January 10, 2017, with or without an existing Local Advocate, will be considered by a vetting subcommittee based on the mission, policies and guidelines of the IWJB. After the initial subcommittee review, select organizations will be invited to complete a full application for consideration by the IWJB. All organizations, including those receiving allocations in previous years, must complete this Request Form.

Preference will be given to organizations with an established Local Advocate and/or a strong Birmingham community history/affiliation.

Please keep in mind that Birmingham’s Jewish community is small, and there are only so many organizations that can be funded. In 2016, \$181,000 was allocated between 18 organizations. Most grants awarded were between \$1,000 and \$5,000, and not all organizations that applied were awarded grants.

First Step

Whether you are an organization that has applied or received funding in the past or a new organization (with or without a Local Advocate), you must complete the Request Form by January 10th 2017. Our policy statement and guidelines from the last allocation cycle are attached for your information.

Second Step

Following review of the Request Forms, select organizations will be invited to complete a full application for consideration by the IWJB. Please note that being invited to complete a full application does not guarantee an allocation.

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