

Israel-World Jewry Bureau – Proposed Policies and Guidelines

POLICY STATEMENT

The Israel-World Jewry Bureau of The Birmingham Jewish Federation gives preference to grant requests from organizations/agencies that focus on our 9 targeted areas:

- Israeli Security Needs & Security Needs Elsewhere
- Social Services
- Portrayal of Israel in Media
- Anti-Semitism
- Strengthening the connection between the people of Birmingham and the people of Israel and the Jewish World
- Threat of a Nuclear Iran
- World Wide Jewish Needs
- Economic Development
- Immigration and Absorption

GUIDELINES

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Grantee must be a 501(c)(3) -- mandatory
- They must have an "American arm" or "Friends of..."
Or, if they do not have this, the grantee must be approved by Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) *
- Programs and projects which have an impact on many people for a limited amount of money.
- The request must be solely for Israel or World Jewry.
- Preference will be given to organizations with an established Local Advocate and/or a strong Birmingham community history/affiliation

Activities and Agencies that the IWJB is reluctant to fund:

- Religious institution
- Political groups/organizations/campaigns

- In post 9/11 world, you can't give directly to overseas organizations without a thorough vetting process of their financials, boards and board member affiliation.
- Since Birmingham can't do the vetting ourselves we will only give to organizations that have a U.S. affiliate...." meaning Friends of..."
OR
- We send through JFNA's overseas office which does the vetting for us in Israel. We use JFNA because we are comfortable with their level of due-diligence.