



## **Applying to the Mack Ness Fund 2025**

The Mack Ness Fund of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ (JCF) aims to advance the Israel's Negev region. Through grants to NGO's and Amutot, the Mack Ness Fund support strategic economic growth, expanding the region's population, advancing communities and employment, and seeding small and medium sized businesses and innovation.

### **Timeline for the Mack Ness Fund- Grant Process-**

The grant period:	July 1, 2025 -June 30, 2026
Letter of Intent (LOI) Application Deadline:	November 18, 2024, at 24:00!
Responses to LOI:	December 3, 2024, via email
Full Application Deadline:	January 6, 2025, at 24:00!
Site visits for finalists:	March 23-27, 2025
Grant award announcement:	on or before May 15, 2025

### **Requirements for Applying**

All organizations applying for funding **must have** registered Amutah status in Israel and must have Nihul Takin status with the Registrar of NGOs (Rasham HaAmutot).

The grant duration is one year. However, the Mack Ness Fund will consider funding for a second or third year, depending upon its priorities, and the grantee's performance and growth potential.

### **Information Sessions**

All prospective grantees are invited to an important meeting in October 15, 2024 at 9:30. There will be a presentation about priorities and applying and time for questions and answers. Please register [here](#) for the meeting. For more information, contact [odelia@jfedgmw.org.il](mailto:odelia@jfedgmw.org.il) or Tel: 054-6112275.

## **This year's Funding Priority Areas- Revitalizing the Negev 2025**

***The Mack Ness Fund seeks to fund bold, relevant, and innovative efforts aimed at rebuilding and revitalizing the economic and demographic base of the entire Negev region.***

- Address current challenges related to the region's economy.
  - Rebuilding and strengthening small businesses; promoting new start-ups.
  - Addressing workforce shortages, employment, and mentoring challenges
  - Revitalizing agriculture, agro-tech development, and related training
  - Starting or expanding other economic engines that will grow the region and its population.
  - Addressing the need for capacity-building
- Strengthen collaborative community efforts to encourage returning and living in the Negev.

The Council will prioritize proposals with the following key elements:

- Program goals and enumerated objectives which address specific acute needs and ideally will be incorporated into a vision and strategic planning for the long term.
- Leadership/team which are strongly committed to this project.
- Aiming for strategic impact through specific actions which are measurable, replicable, and/or scalable.
- Programs that involve municipal leaders, strong partnerships with quasi-governmental or governmental authorities, or collaborations with nearby communities are encouraged.
- Leveraging other funding sources to support and sustain the project.
- Organizations with a history of working with other Foundations and philanthropists.

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**Letter of Intent- due**    Nov 18, 2024

Please submit (up to) **2-pages** letter of intent by November 18, 2024, to [odelia@jfedgmw.org.il](mailto:odelia@jfedgmw.org.il). Your letter should include all the following information:

- Title: Name of program for which you are requesting support
- Contact person and information
- Organization name and address,

- Name and address of the relevant municipality (or regional council).
- Amuta status of organization in Israel renewal date: (for the main amuta, that the funding will be awarded)
- Year established and current mission: Note the year established and summarize your organization's mission (2-3 sentences)
- Project Needs and Description
  - o What are the distinctive needs and/or issues that your program plans to address now?
  - o List two-three specific goals(aims) to be pursued with specific objectives and activities that will occur to pursue these goals.
  - o Indicate how your program goals and objectives are consistent with the current Mack Ness Fund's **Funding Priority Areas**
  - o Describe your target audiences and number of projected beneficiaries as well as programs or events.
  - o Geographic focus: Which cities/towns/regional councils will be targeted?
  - o Impact: Provide two-three measurable indicators of success in achieving your goals and who will be responsible.
  - o Tell briefly about the leadership of the proposed project- person or team.
  - o How will the project be marketed to both prospective participants and the communities as a whole?
  - o Why is the project needed now?
- **Partnership:**
  - o Indicate your partners such as the municipality and other organizations. Indicate their committed roles such as in developing the proposal, fulfilling the goals of the grant, grant oversight and grant promotion, etc.?
- Timeline: What is the timeline of operation for this program?
- What challenges do you foresee?
- Budget and Funding Request (please list in \$US):
  - o Overall (full) budget,
  - o Intended specific request from the Mack Ness Fund,
  - o Amount the parent organization will contribute,
  - o Other funding will be used -please indicate if confirmed or pending.

for any more questions or explanations please contact us at:

<https://www.macknessfundjcf.org>

Good luck!