

# Robison Foundation for Jewish Elders ChikChok Grants - 2026

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*Oregon Jewish Community Foundation - Grants*

## *Instructions*



## ChikChok Grants

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Robison Foundation for Jewish Elders (RFJE) supports community organizations and initiatives by funding programs that enhance the lives of elders in the Jewish community of greater Portland and Southwest Washington by supporting their social, spiritual and physical well-being. To achieve its mission, RFJE offers funding through three grant track opportunities:

1. **ChikChok** (“fast-track”) grants are designed to support time-sensitive opportunities that benefit elders. These grants are intended to respond to emerging needs or unexpected opportunities, fund short-term programs, events, or pilot activities; and provide quick-turnaround support with minimal administrative burden. ChikChok applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with decisions made quarterly.
2. **Nitzan** (blossom) grants are designed to support early-stage ideas and modest program expansions. These grants are intended to pilot new concepts with room to grow, expand existing programs in a limited but meaningful way; and bridge the gap between small, rapid-response funding and larger investments.
3. **Kadimah** (move forward) grants are designed to support growth, innovation and capacity-building to better serve elders. These grants are intended to launch new programs or expand existing ones, address identified community needs or service gaps; and invest in strategic planning, infrastructure and organizational capacity. There are two Kadimah grant cycles per year.
4. **Kulanu** (all of us) grants are designed to support cross-organizational collaboration and create lasting, system-level impact. Kulanu grants support significant program growth, innovation and capacity-building. These grants are intended to fund collaborative, multi-

organization initiatives, address systemic challenges and service gaps; and focus on sustainable, communitywide solutions.

**This Request for Proposal relates to ChikChok grants.**

### [The Purpose of the ChikChok Grants](#)

**ChikChok** (“fast-track”) grants are designed to support time-sensitive opportunities that benefit elders. ChikChok applications are accepted on a rolling basis, with decisions made quarterly.

Grant funds will be used to address the following priority needs:

- Respond to emerging needs or unexpected opportunities
- Fund short-term programs, events or pilot activities
- Provide quick-turnaround support with minimal administrative burden

### [Grant Size and Timeframe Parameters](#)

Grant awards will be up to \$3,000 each.

**May 13, 2026:** The grant cycle will open.

**May 28, 2026:** We will be hosting an applicant info session virtually.

**July 1, 2026:** We will close the cycle.

**By July 30, 2026:** We will notify applicants of decisions.

If you have additional questions, please contact [info@rfje.org](mailto:info@rfje.org).

## *ELIGIBILITY QUIZ*

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**Is your organization a public charity, religious organization, or sponsored by a public charity?\***

### Choices

yes

no

## Eligibility

### Eligibility

- Applicants must be qualified charitable nonprofit 501[c][3] organization or tax-exempt religious organization as determined by IRS regulations. If you are a fiscally-sponsored organization, please contact us before you begin an application process.

- Synagogues may apply for grant funds for projects to serve older adults, but proposals must demonstrate intentional, non-traditional engagement that exceeds routine services.
- Organizations may submit only one stand-alone grant application and may submit up to three additional grant applications in collaboration with other organizations in Greater Portland and SW Washington.
- Applicant organizations or collaborators need not be Jewish or Jewish-affiliated, but programs or services must prioritize or directly serve Jewish seniors.
- Programs may serve both Jewish and non-Jewish seniors, provided Jewish participation is documented at 75% or higher.
- Grant funds must be expended within 12 months or less of award allocation, or longer with permission. Upon project completion or up to 12 months from notification of award, grantees must submit a Final Report. To apply for additional funds within one-year of a grant award, a progress report will be requested.
- Collaboration with other aligned non-profit organizations in a joint grant application is encouraged. Funds will be awarded to the lead applicant who will also be responsible for measured outcomes reporting.

#### **Ineligible for Funding:**

- Applications will not be accepted from individuals.
- Unrestricted general operations and not eligible for funding in this cycle.
- Projects which are for political purposes, capital campaigns, or for-profit ventures will not be funded.
- Projects seeking funds for costs usually covered by insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid are highly unlikely to be funded.

You must submit a full grant application before the deadline. No exceptions will be made for late applications. Organizations are strongly encouraged to contact Robison Foundation Executive Director, Sonia Marie Leikam at [soniamarie@rfje.org](mailto:soniamarie@rfje.org) to schedule a phone session before submitting the full grant application to discuss your proposal and to strengthen your application.

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#### **Does your organization have a 501(c)(3) tax exempt status?\***

##### **Choices**

yes

no

#### **Is your organization based in and primarily serves the greater Portland area or SW Washington?\***

##### **Choices**

yes

no

## *INELIGIBLE*

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Thank you for your interest in applying for a grant from the Robison Foundation for Jewish Elders. Because your answer to one or more of the questions was "no," your organization is not eligible for a grant without speaking with our team. If you are a fiscally sponsored organization or not based locally but you serve our local community, please reach out to [info@rfje.org](mailto:info@rfje.org).

## *ORGANIZATION INFORMATION*

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### **Organization Name\***

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### **Is your contact information correct?\***

Review the contact information associated with your organization's account.

#### **Choices**

yes

no

## *PROJECT INFORMATION*

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### **Program Type\***

Please check all that apply.

#### **Choices**

Respond to emerging needs or unexpected opportunities

Fund short-term programs, events, or pilot activities

Provide quick-turnaround support with minimal administrative burden

Other

### **Concise Program Description\***

Please tell us in one sentence how your program serves elders in the Jewish community in the greater Portland area and Southwest Washington.

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### **Complete Program Description\***

Tell us about your organization's planned activities, goals, expected/anticipated number of people served, and funding needs for the program. Include information about collaboration with other organizations.

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### **Amount Requested\***

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## Program Budget\*

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Please attach the total budget for the program for the grant period covered. Include any existing funds or in-kind contributions.

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## Optional Attachment

### OPTIONAL ATTACHMENT

You may submit one additional *clearly-named* attachment. It must be a Word, Excel or PDF file and formatted to print on paper no larger than letter-sized (8.5 x 11). List the attachment name and description here

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Description

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## SIGNATURE

### Affirmations:

By signing below you affirm:

- The organization is in good standing under the laws of the jurisdiction of its organization and holds a valid 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.
- The organization grants RFJE, its employees, officers, directors, agents, partners, licensees, and assigns, the absolute, irrevocable, and unrestricted right to use, reproduce, publish, and distribute the Grantee's name, brand, logos, and mission statement, as well as any photographs, video recordings, audio recordings, testimonials, and other media supplied by or created in connection with the Grantee's funded project.
- The person signing below is authorized by the organization to submit this proposal on its behalf.
- The information in this proposal is true, complete and accurate.

## Signature\*

Sign by entering your full name, job title and today's date. (e.g. Ploni Almoni, Executive Director, 01/25/2025).

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## Organization Address\*

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## Contact Phone Number

*Character Limit: 250*

## Contact Email Address\*

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