

A NETWORK FOR UJA'S SECOND CENTURY

At UJA-Federation of New York, we identify and meet the needs of New Yorkers and Jews everywhere and strengthen the Jewish future. All through the power of collective action.

At the heart of our collective power is a most precious asset: an interconnected ecosystem of nonprofit partners. Together, we're an incredible force for good in New York, in Israel, and around the world.

As the Jewish community continues to change, we must evolve the ways in which we address the issues facing our community. As we prepare to celebrate UJA-Federation's centennial and launch our second century, we find ourselves at an inflection point, an optimal moment to evaluate our relationship with our nonprofit partners.

HISTORIC MODEL

Our historic network model reflects a binary system: an organization is either "in the Network" (receiving an annual core operating support grant) or "out" (receiving targeted grants). Moreover, this model does not acknowledge the full breadth of our investment and relationship with all organizations in our ecosystem.

SECOND CENTURY MODEL

UJA and our network of nonprofit organizations are linked, sharing a vision and commitment for the greater good of the Jewish community. By reorganizing our ecosystem, we represent a network that is set up to be dynamic and capable of evolving to meet UJA-Federation's strategic priorities and the needs of the community.

This new network model recognizes four categories of organizations within our network, each of which plays a strategically important and differentiated role. Each confers a range of benefits available from UJA and commensurate responsibilities of an organization to UJA and to others in the ecosystem. This model strengthens partnerships and expands our network of relationships, opening the door for greater innovation and collaboration in new and profound ways.



THE FOUR CATEGORIES

Core Partners

Core Partners have the strongest alignment across mission and vision, and are our force in the community to realize our mission. Acting as good citizens of the UJA network, our core partners share our values, and hold leadership roles both in the public eye and with their professional peers. UJA offers core partners access to unrestricted core operating support, block and targeted grants, and the greatest access to financial and capacity-building resources. Core Partners are also held to the highest levels of responsibility and oversight, including full agency assessment, and submission of accountability guidelines.

Strategic Allies

Strategic Allies are organizations that specialize in a unique area of need, expand UJA's reach, and serve as force-multipliers to tackle pressing communal challenges. Dynamic and fluid relationships with these agencies make it easier to develop nimble approaches to realize our mission in the community. Strategic Allies are eligible for block and targeted grants, providing flexible financial resources that achieve greatest impact. They may be able to access other financial and capacity-building resources. In order to receive these funds, our Strategic Allies will complete an agency assessment and meet accountability guidelines that are commensurate with the level of support they receive.

Targeted Grantees

Targeted Grantees have access to UJA targeted funding, challenge funds, and/or receive coaching support to solve specific problems through program development, specialty projects, and/or R&D. These opportunities become available based on communal and organizational needs. Funding is contingent on the completion of standard grant applications, annual metrics, reporting, and evaluation.

Community Circle Organizations

Community Circle organizations are mission-aligned and welcomed thought partners who bring knowledge and expertise to our community table. They participate in UJA events and programs, and are recognized as meeting local needs. Community Circle organizations can become Targeted Grantees or Strategic Allies as needs arise.

