



The Jewish Women's Foundation of Metropolitan Chicago Grants Awarded December 2002

Economic Security/Advocacy

Economic Empowerment for Women "*A Business of One's Own*" – To support this project, dedicated to helping Jewish and Arab women across Israel establish micro enterprises (cottage industries) by offering life skills and empowerment training, business training, distribution of small loans and ongoing consultation and network building. **Amount: \$9,000**

Jewish Communal Professionals of Chicago (JCPC) Sulam: A Ladder for Women in Jewish Communal Service – This project seeks to enhance women's professional advancement in the field of Jewish communal service. The project will offer professional development workshops for women, and will gather and share successful strategies used by Jewish communal organizations, for-profit corporations, and other employers for addressing issues such as work/life balance. **Renewal Grant Amount: \$7,250**

Education/Spirituality/The Arts

Community Foundation for Jewish Education of Metro Chicago Miriam's Path: The Project for Jewish Women's Education and Leadership – Continued support for development of centralized, user-friendly resources in the field of Jewish Education and leadership development for women and girls in the Chicago area. The project will also develop and distribute age appropriate and cutting edge curricula on Jewish women and girls' issues. Two "Rosh Hodesh: It's a Girl Thing" groups for teen girls are being offered through the Response Center/Skokie and the Jewish Reconstructionist Congregation in Evanston. New this year will be the integration of a curriculum from Lilith, the award winning Jewish quarterly, into the coursework of a variety of schools and adult education programs in the community. **Renewal Grant Amount: \$12,000**

The Hillels of Illinois Rosh Chodesh and Beyond: Jewish Women's Programming at the Hillels of Illinois – This project will help Jewish women establish communities on Illinois campuses through multi-faceted programming. Each campus, as well as the Hillels Around Chicago (HAC), will have a Jewish Women's Group, featuring Rosh Chodesh programming and a Women's Seder at Passover. There will be joint programming across campuses as well as programs that can be replicated across Illinois and across the country. **Amount: \$14,000**

Spertus Institute of Jewish Studies "Shaping History: Chicago Jewish Women in the 20th Century" – To support the exhibition, "Shaping History: Chicago Jewish Women in the 20th Century," which opens in March 2003 at Spertus Institute and on the Spertus Institute website. Related educational programming will include the opening program, 3-4 lectures, a mini-course, reading group discussion, and family program. **Amount: \$5,000**

Girls/Special Target Populations

Hillel Torah North Suburban Day School Young Women's Initiative: A Celebration of Jewish Texts – To support a program to develop a proficiency in text sources inherent to Torah learning. Previously considered by some to be a young man's arena, the school recognizes a need for young women to expand their knowledge base and develop their own mastery of key Jewish texts. Young women in the project will be provided with knowledge to affect change in the religious sphere or become effective leaders in the religious community. **Amount: \$5,627**

Response Center Medical Unit – Continued funding for consultation and training related to dating violence, date rape drugs, sexual assault and sexual abuse. Funding will also support the development of leadership opportunities

for young women including Medical Unit teen board and a teen led newsletter as well as a group for safer dating/Healthy Relationships and a group for Survivors of Assault. **Renewal Grant Amount: \$10,000**

Girls, continued

A Sporting Chance Foundation Youth Development & Health Collaborative: Solomon Schechter – To support the collaborative program “Get in the Game,” an after school program to be held at the school. This program uses sports to build strong girls by enhancing their physical well being, self-esteem, leadership and team building skills, as well as promoting academic excellence, goal setting and conflict resolution skills. **Amount: \$6,000**

Health & Violence Prevention

Jewish Women International Study of Domestic & Relationship Abuse in the Chicago Jewish Community – JWI will direct a needs assessment of domestic and relationship abuse in the Chicago Jewish community. The study will gather information about the level and types of abuse, what support individuals and families need, and will identify outreach, education and training needs for Jewish and other domestic violence organizations. The Chicago study will be the first stage in implementing JWI’s national needs assessment. **Amount: \$10,000**

Mount Sinai Hospital with Sinai Medical Group Breast Care Initiative for Jewish Women Immigrants: Year II
The program provides breast care screening and education to a target group of Jewish immigrants who have been processed through the Touhy Health Center, an affiliate of Sinai Health Systems. Mammography, clinical breast examinations and instruction in breast care are provided to this group of women from the FSU and Bosnia and parts of Eastern Europe. The funding will provide approximately 80 women with breast cancer screening. **Renewal Grant Amount: \$8,500**

Shalva – General operating support for this organization whose mission is to bring safety to Jewish homes and relationships through the prevention and alleviation of domestic abuse in the Jewish community. **Amount: \$9,000**

International

Association of Rape Crisis Centers in Israel ARCCI’s Legal Department Project: Promoting legislation towards the eradication and prevention of sexual assault in Israel – To support the formation of a new legal department in Israel’s National coalition of rape crisis providers. The department will deal with legislation and litigation as well as coach law enforcement professionals working with sex crime victims. ARCCI will also create a library resource center where the latest research and legal rulings would be available to lawyers. **Amount: \$8,000**

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago: Partnership 2000 and the Chicago-Kiev Kehilah Project The Three-way Women’s Health Initiative – Kiev, Kiryat Gat and Chicago – The project is a multi-faceted and culturally -sensitive preventative health exchange which ultimately aims to improve the health of Jewish women in Kiev, Ukraine and Kiryat Gat, Israel. More that 100 women will benefit from the project in Year One, including very low-income single moms, teenage girls, and new immigrants. **Amount: \$5,000**

New Israel Fund Empowerment and Leadership Training Program for Ethiopian Women – Renewal support for this project that targets Ethiopian women from communities throughout Israel to foster their development as effective advocates for themselves and their families and to cultivate a cadre of Ethiopian women leaders. Currently, more than 200 Ethiopian women between the ages of 20 and 45 are involved in the program. **Renewal Grant Amount: \$7,600**

Nisan Young Women Leaders Leadership Development Program: Nisan’s two-year Leadership Development Program empowers young women 15-25 with knowledge, tools, and experience fundamental for effective leadership and increases their familiarity with peers from the diverse ethnic and cultural populations in Israel. The program operates in multiple Israeli communities and works with equal numbers of Arab and Jewish girls. Nisan is one of the few organizations in Israel focusing exclusively on leadership development for girls. **Renewal Grant Amount: \$5,000**

Tzedakah Foundation Reproductive sexual health for Jewish women living in poverty – Support for this Argentinean project that promotes reproductive sexual health and focuses on detecting breast and cervical cancer. The project will help approximately 1500 Argentinean Jewish women living in poverty to access preventative health services. **Amount: \$10,000**