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Dear Colleagues:

Jewish education is critical to empowering Baltimore community members to live meaningful Jewish lives. The Jewish Educational Enhancement Program (JEEP) annually provides local Jewish organizations with the opportunity to reach new learners and increase Jewish learning in Baltimore. By effectively reaching a wider target audience, we can collectively strengthen Jewish Baltimore.

Even though the pandemic may have forced your organization to think differently about program implementation, Jewish education is more important than ever to inspire Jewish identity, deepen knowledge and connect with each other during these difficult times. Therefore, the FY22 JEEP funding process remains the same with two key exceptions. 1) Your organization can apply even if you already received funding for three years in a row. We recognize that not everyone will be able to safely implement the same type of request and this is an opportunity for those organizations who can to remain eligible. We anticipate that this change will only be for one year. 2) Through this year's JEEP process, organizations can request a grant from up to \$5,000 to a more ambitious project of up to \$7,500 (representing a smaller amount for the cap). The larger grant will be awarded based on a) creativity of the proposed project, b) potential impact on the learners, c) sustainability of the educational effort described in the proposal and d) total funds available.

JEEP applications must be filled out on line by going to our website (www.cjebaltimore.org/grants) and clicking on the JEEP Application link. There is also a link for a printable version that can be useful in your preparation of the proposal but the final version must be submitted online. Additionally, on our website you will find a link for a fillable budget form which must be used to submit the budget when uploading the application. Please make sure to download the file first and then save it to your computer before uploading to the application.

The deadline for submitting your proposal is January 14, 2021. Applications received after this date will not be considered. Please refer to the attached eligibility requirements for more information.

This letter may have been sent to several people at your organization. Each organization can only submit one application. Please confer with others in your organization in order to ensure that only one proposal will be submitted.

For those of you who received JEEP grants to implement this year, please look out for information about having a CJE board member schedule a virtual visit with you. We look forward to partnering with you to encourage more members of our Baltimore community to engage in meaningful Jewish learning experiences.

If you have any questions regarding your eligibility both for this year and next, please contact Terri Rosen at tnrosen@cjebaltimore.org or 410-735-5008.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Amian Frost Kelemer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Amian Frost Kelemer