

2025 NowGen Gather Grants

NowGen, a program of the Center for Jewish Philanthropy (CJP), is pleased to provide limited grants (up to \$180) that empower individuals aged 22-45 within the Jewish community to create their own meaningful Jewish experience. Our program is committed to supporting and funding unique experiences that embody the spirit of community building, connection strengthening, and the opportunity to practice Judaism in your own way. Funding priority is given based on the date of application submission, filling a communal need, and creativity of project concept. Priority will also be given to proposals available to those outside the applicant's network with support from CJP.

We have transitioned to a rolling application process. Programs must be hosted within 45 days of submission. Applicants can expect a decision within 3-5 business days, and we will reach out with any follow-up questions as needed.

When You Receive A \$180 NowGen Gather Grant You Can:

- Host a Jewish holiday celebration
- Invite friends over to cook a Jewish or holiday food or dish
- Host a Jewish-related art night
- Host an evening to reconnect with camp, Birthright, or school friends
- Host a book club event or movie watch party
- Organize an Israeli wine night, game night, poker night, football or basketball game, a nature hike or camping trip, a BBQ, a meet up at a fee-based local event (Jewish or otherwise), a volunteer project... whatever and wherever you want!

***Please note that due to the presence of OneTable in the Phoenix community, CJP will not approve funding for Shabbat meals. Learn more about OneTable's wonderful offerings [here](#).**

The NowGen Gather Grants program does not include personal milestone events (birthdays, engagements, baby related events), Jewish organizational outings/events, or events open to the community.

Want help in thinking of a program idea? Have an idea for a program but not sure if it's the right fit for this grant? Involved with another organization or congregation in town and want to propose an event in partnership with NowGen? For all this and more, contact Andrew Gibbs, CJP NowGen Director, at agibbs@phoenixcjp.org.

NowGen Gather Grant Details

Who is eligible to receive a Gather Grant?

Any Jewish-identifying individual, couple, or friend group, in the greater Phoenix area can apply to receive (up to) a \$180 NowGen Gather Grant.

What about if I want to do a family-friendly event?

We are thrilled to offer PJ Library Get Together grants for PJ Library families looking to gather. Contact PJ Library Director, Marcy Lewis at mlewis@phoenixcjp.org for more information.

What does my event need to look like? How Jewish does it need to be?

Everyone interprets "Doing Jewish" in their own way, and NowGen Gather Grants are designed to embrace and encourage that distinctive expression of Judaism. We encourage you to design an experience that is both comfortable and meaningful to you, opening the door to endless possibilities! While we've provided some event ideas on this page, you have the creative freedom to take charge of the details for your unique event.

Who and how many people do I need to invite to my event?

We request that a minimum of 10 Jewish-identifying people unrelated to you and ages 22-45 attend your event.

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How can I spend the \$180?

You can spend the \$180 in a plethora of ways to bring your event to life including food, activities, and supplies. **Please note that admission to events/attractions including other Jewish organization's events is not eligible for funding.**

How are grants evaluated?

Funding priority is given based on the date of application submission, filling a communal need, and creativity of project concept. Priority will also be given to proposals available to those outside the applicant's network with support from CJP.

All requests must align with CJP values, including creating a sense of belonging and connection for participants, and be hosted for the purpose of building community.

What exactly do I get if I am awarded a NowGen Gather Grant?

- Ideas and guidance: You'll find event ideas on this page. We're also happy to connect with you over email, phone, or Zoom. You don't have to do this on your own!
- Connection with Jewish people in your area: If you want to host an event, but need help with the guest list, just reach out!
- Up to \$180: We know that event budgets will differ. During the post-event evaluation, you will have the opportunity to share the amount you're requesting reimbursement for, up to \$180. You'll receive up to \$180 in the form of a check after you host and share details about your event with us. We expect all hosts to be fiscally responsible when hosting their events. We reserve the right to request receipts during the post-event process.

Ok, I'm in. What do I need to do?

1. Complete the Gather Grant application online by the date indicated in the orange Grant Opportunities section above. We'll notify you within 5-7 business days about the status of your application.
2. Plan and host your event with at least 10 attendees. Mention during your event that this opportunity was powered by the Center for Jewish Philanthropy of Greater Phoenix's NowGen Gather Grant program.
3. Take lots of photos!
4. Share details and photos from your event in a short post-event survey and ask your attendees to complete a survey as well.
5. (Encouraged but optional) Share details and photos/videos from your event on your social media accounts. Include a link to NowGen's social media accounts (@nowgenphx) to make sure others know about this fun opportunity. Suggested language: **"This event was powered by a CJP NowGen Gather Grant"**
6. Receive up to \$180 via check within 10 business days of submitting your survey.

Questions? Please contact nowgen@phoenixcjp.org.

Additional FAQs

Can we host events on Shabbat that are not related to a Shabbat observance?

To honor the diversity of observance within our community, we ask that Gather Grant events *not* directly related to Shabbat (such as Shabbat lunch, Havdalah, or Jewish learning) be scheduled **outside of Shabbat hours**—ideally on **Saturday evening after sundown** or another day of the week.

This policy also applies to **Yom Tov (festival) days** of Jewish holidays, which are traditionally observed as non-working days.

Our goal is to make Gather Grant events as inclusive and accessible as possible for all levels of Jewish observance. If you have a unique idea or specific timing in mind, we're happy to discuss and explore options with you.

Do events need to be Kosher?

The simple answer is no! While it's not mandatory for events to be kosher, in the spirit of inclusivity, we highly encourage that a kosher option at least be available, especially if your event is open to NowGen community members beyond your immediate circle. When possible, packaged food makes inclusive options more feasible.

Are there any restrictions on the funds?

Funds can't be used for:

- Personal milestones (including birthday parties, showers, engagement parties, baby naming ceremonies, etc.)
- Jewish communal events already planned or other public events
- Activities that are deemed political
- Fundraising events (i.e. no donations may be solicited at the event)
- Events deemed high-risk at the discretion of CJP staff

Can funds be used to purchase or provide alcohol?

We recognize that alcohol can be considered an enhancement for young adult events. If you choose to allocate funds for this purpose, please ensure that you are doing so in a responsible manner and abiding by all the guidelines listed on the grant application.