

Interfaith Funders, Inc.

(Syosset, NY)

*Faith-based Community Organizing Seminary
Training*

Total Award: \$45,000 over 6 months

To support Faith-based Community Organizing Seminary Training, an initiative to provide training and experience for rabbinic students and Protestant seminarians in New York and Philadelphia in the principles and practices of Faith-based Community Organizing (FBCO). FBCO is a particular form of civic engagement among faith-based communities to advance the interests of low-income and middle-income neighborhoods and communities throughout the United States. The planning project will address the lack of leadership training available to clergy in leading their congregations in effective social change and aims to achieve broader and deeper participation of clergy and their congregations, particularly synagogues, in FBCO. During the six month planning process, Interfaith Funders will research and analyze the current practices, programs, and structures of rabbinic schools and seminaries; create an active advisory committee; convene allies and potential partners; and develop a three-phase plan to introduce FBCO training to rabbinic schools and seminaries.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$45,000 Jewish Life and Values/Contemplative Practice Program: *Goal I, Objectives 1, 2, 3, & 4*