

Jewish Council on Urban Affairs

(Chicago, IL)

*National Initiative***Total Award: \$110,000 over 14 months**

To support the National Initiative to leverage the experience and expertise of the Jewish Council on Urban Affairs (JCUA) and thereby further grow a dynamic American Jewish social justice movement through a national conference and rabbinic fellowship program. This grant will enable the JCUA to plan and hold a National Jewish Social Justice Conference -- in collaboration with other Jewish social justice organizations -- to share resources, strategize about how to more effectively build a movement, identify issues for joint action, and explore possibilities for a national network. Following the conference, working groups comprised of leaders who participated in the conference will convene to further explore the possible models and foci for national work and the role of JCUA and to create a plan (if desirable) for future collaborative efforts. As part of its work toward national impact, JCUA will also pilot an intensive summer Rabbinical Student Fellowship. Through work with JCUA's local partner organizations, skills training, text study, mentoring, and group reflection, a cohort of rabbinical students from a diversity of movements and seminaries will increase their knowledge of, commitments to, and ability to work in partnerships to address issues of social and economic justice. This Fellowship will enable new generations of rabbis to meaningfully and effectively incorporate social justice work into their rabbinates and communities.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$110,000 Jewish Life and Values/Contemplative Practice Program: *Goal I, Objectives 1, 3, & 4*