

## 2026 OSP Grant Recommendations

### \*\*\*CURRENT FUNDING RECIPIENTS\*\*\*

1. **Druze Youth Movement**, established in 2001, is committed to promoting the empowerment of Druze youth through fostering Israeli Druze identity. Its core mission is centered on instilling values rooted in Druze tradition, Israeli pride, and active citizenship while emphasizing universal principles of truth, morality, justice, equality, humanity, and freedom. The Movement strives to bridge the Druze and Israeli experiences, encouraging coexistence and tolerance among all communities. **Request: \$15,000** for program coordination and staff capacity-building; transportation, logistics, and materials for joint activities; cultural tours and volunteer projects; leadership and experiential activities; evaluation and monitoring tools for program replication. **Recommendation: \$10,000.**
2. **Keren Ezra Lazulat** was established in 2004 with the goal of supporting children with special needs (autism, Down Syndrome, ADHD) and ensuring that they have access to the care, love, and resources they need to thrive. The organization focuses on providing specialized education and therapeutic support to these children, including those from underserved communities. Through the activities and support offered to children, the institution helps create stronger, more inclusive communities. **Request: \$15,000** to establish a dedicated therapeutic pool and to purchase a specialized lift for safely lowering individuals with disabilities into the water. This project represents a strategic capacity-building investment that will permanently strengthen the organization's ability to deliver comprehensive, multidisciplinary care. **Recommendation: \$10,000.**
3. **NACOEJ** (North American Conference on Ethiopian Jewry) works toward the advancement and integration of the Ethiopian community into Israeli society, focusing on education and social mobility. The organization's mission includes reducing educational gaps, promoting excellence, and providing equal opportunities for the Ethiopian community, aiming for their full integration as equals in Israeli society. Its vision is to see full integration of the Ethiopian community in all areas of life, as equal members of society, while preserving their unique heritage with pride. **Request: \$15,000** to support the continued implementation and expansion of the Academic Reinforcement Program for Ethiopian high school and middle school students residing in communities near the Gaza Strip that were heavily affected by the recent war in southern Israel. **Recommendation: \$11,000.**
4. **Neve Michael** is a safe-haven for over 400 needy children at risk (ages 5 to 18 from all over Israel) whose biological parents can no longer care for them. Recognized for its professionalism and effectiveness by the Israeli Ministry of Welfare and Social Services, the program provides sustenance, education, therapy and a warm, caring, family-like environment for children from broken homes who have suffered physical, emotional and/or sexual abuse. The petting zoo within the Emergency Crisis Center provides animal therapy for dozens of severely abused children each year. **Request: \$14,000** to support Neve Michael's Emergency Response Program, addressing the urgent need to

expand therapeutic sessions and provide additional tutoring support: 1. Unbudgeted extra hour of therapy a week for 40 children for three months; 2. Unbudgeted 40 extra hours of tutorial lessons a week for three months. **Recommendation: \$12,000.**

5. **Waves of Hope** is a unique non-profit organization in Israel that utilizes surfing as an educational therapeutic tool to provide at-risk youth, ages 14-18, from religious backgrounds with an opportunity for rehabilitation and integration into normative society. It operates one of the few rehabilitation programs adapted to diverse populations, including traditional, religious and ultra-orthodox individuals. **Request: \$12,000** toward the operation of 10 dedicated therapeutic surfing groups for approximately 140 religious/ultra-Orthodox girls and boys who have experienced sexual abuse. Project expenses include professional surfing instructors, enhanced emotional and clinical support by clinical social workers, equipment, insurance, food, and administrative and operational costs. **Recommendation: \$12,000.**
  
6. **Youth Futures**, established in 2006, works to close the widening gaps between Israel's most disadvantaged families and those from more affluent sectors – gaps that have become even more visible and urgent over the past two years of war and amid the current war with Iran. It is a mentorship-based intervention program serving at-risk children and families across Israel. Its mission is to strengthen children's resilience and functioning in all areas of life – personal, social, educational, familial, and community – so they can grow up with greater stability, opportunity, and long-term independence. Through this mentorship model, the program aims to assist children from Israel's geographic and socioeconomic peripheries in overcoming challenges and realizing their potential. With approximately 450,000 at-risk children in Israel, Youth Futures focuses on preventing out-of-home placements and school dropouts by providing tailored, community-based solutions. It operates across all sectors of Israeli society: secular, Orthodox, Druze, Arab, Christian, and Bedouin. **Request: \$15,000** to continue supporting Youth Future's Family Space project in Sderot, ensuring 15-20 therapy sessions per family delivered by a licensed therapist in a private, trusted setting. Funding also supports the integrated coordination between therapist and Mentor. Aimed at bolstering family resilience, the project reinforces coping mechanisms, parental authority, and relationship dynamics to bridge divides and enhance overall functioning. **Recommendation: \$12,000.**

### \*\*\*FORMER FUNDING RECIPIENTS\*\*\*

1. **Foundation for the Welfare of Holocaust Victims (FWHV)** ensures that Holocaust survivors in Israel can live with dignity, security, and a strong sense of belonging. FWHV believes it is a moral responsibility to care for survivors and to recognize them as an integral part of Israeli society. FWHV provides comprehensive support that addresses survivors' financial, emotional, social, and physical needs, with particular attention to the challenges of aging, mobility limitations, and complex medical conditions. **Request: \$15,000** to help FWHV with the Immediate Assistance Fund program, which will provide financial assistance to over 300 financially vulnerable Holocaust survivors in the

following fields: medications and essential medical treatments, medical appliances (e.g., hearing aids and walking aids); home appliances, and basic home furnishings.

**Recommendation: \$12,000.**

**\*\*\*NEW ORGANIZATIONS\*\*\***

1. **Home for Every Child** in Israel (BILY) was founded in 1975 to confront an issue that, at the time, was largely unspoken in Israeli society: child abuse and neglect. For over five decades, BILY has led the development of specialized therapeutic and mental health responses for children who have experienced sexual abuse, severe neglect, domestic violence, and trauma. The organization believes that early, intensive, evidence-based psychological intervention does not simply alleviate immediate suffering — it fundamentally alters life trajectories, prevents intergenerational cycles of harm, and strengthens the social fabric of Israeli society. BILY’s mission is to ensure that every child in Israel grows up safe, protected, and emotionally supported. **Request: \$15,000** to support extended therapy for high-risk families, the expansion of professional group treatment, and the development of standardized therapeutic games and tools. These resources will enhance engagement, strengthen mental health outcomes, and provide replicable, measurable interventions across programs at BILY’s Yahel Center for Parents and Children. **Recommendation: \$10,000.**
2. **Jordan River Village** was established in 2011 as Israel’s first year-round, fully accessible overnight camp for children with serious medical conditions. Inspired by the Serious Fun Children’s Network model, JRV developed a 64-acre campus purpose-built for accessibility and medical safety, including a licensed medical center, pharmacy, and specialized facilities that allow children with complex needs to participate fully. Since opening, it has grown from a small pilot operation to Israel’s largest therapeutic recreation center of its kind, now serving over 10,000 children annually through residential camps, day programs, family retreats, and off-site outreach. **Request: \$10,000** to support the first fully operational year of Team Netta following a successful pilot. Team Netta is a national training initiative created in memory of Netta Epstein, dedicated to elevating the standard of care for Israeli children with special needs by professionally training National Service volunteers. **Recommendation: \$10,000.**
3. **Kehilanu** was created in 2025 in response to an acute crisis that has evolved since Oct. 7, 2023, into a prolonged national psychological emergency. Kehilanu addresses both individual and collective trauma while reaching more people with lasting impact. Its mission is to shift trauma from an experience of isolation into a pathway for mutual support and collective healing. To achieve this, it harnesses two proven, scalable treatment models: professionally led therapeutic support groups and Trauma-Informed Community Building (TICB), adapting them for a diverse array of settings and needs. Kehilanu’s work is grounded in core values that guide every program it develops: - accessibility, dignity, belonging, professional excellence, and collective responsibility. **Request: \$15,000** to expand and strengthen its trauma-response programming at a time

when demand continues to exceed available resources. Funds will primarily support the delivery of professionally facilitated trauma-informed support groups, including facilitator costs, program coordination, participant outreach, and materials required for expressive therapeutic modalities such as art and collage. **Recommendation: \$14,000.**

4. **ReGrow Israel** is a national agricultural initiative dedicated to revitalizing agricultural lands and supporting farming communities. Its mission is to secure the future of Israeli agriculture by supporting farmers through crisis recovery, resilience building, and long-term innovation. To date, Regrow has deployed over \$28 million in Israel's south, supporting over 100 communities and 330 farms to implement immediate and long-term solutions, fostering resilience and a stronger Israel. In the north, beyond the human toll, the conflict with Hezbollah left the heart of the region—its agriculture—in jeopardy. Today, farmers in the north are in crisis: 1,250 acres of orchards and vineyards require replanting, threatening the identity and ability of families who have cultivated these lands for generations to return. **Request: \$15,000** to replant 220 plum trees across 1 acre of land in Moshav Margalioth destroyed as a result of war. **Recommendation: \$10,000.**
5. **Ruach Nashit** (Women's Spirit), founded in 2007, is dedicated to promoting the economic independence of women survivors of abuse in Israel and advancing lasting social change from a feminist perspective grounded in social and gender justice. At the heart of its mission is a transformative belief: no woman can truly reclaim her life without financial independence. While many organizations provide essential crisis intervention, Ruach Nashit focuses on the long-term journey toward sustainable recovery. It enables women to break free not only physically and emotionally, but also economically. **Request: \$15,000** support the implementation of Crossing the Street in Southern Israel, serving approximately 100-150 women survivors of abuse. Specifically, funding will support professional case management staff, coordination and supervision of volunteer mentors and coaches, scholarships for vocational and academic training, employment workshops and professional mentoring, financial literacy programming and rights advocacy and bureaucratic assistance. **Recommendation: \$12,000.**