

The OU Challenge Grant 2021

Terms and Conditions

Term:

The OU Challenge Grant 2021 begins April 8, 2021, and ends April 30, 2021 at 11:59 PM PT. The winner will be announced on Monday, May 14, 2021. By submitting a project submission, you confirm that you are eligible to enter the grant, and you agree to the terms and conditions of the grant.

Who May Enter:

The grant is open to professionals and/or volunteers who represent a 501(c) (3) organization and are at least 21 years of age at the time of their submission. For Canadian organizations without a 501(c)(3) status, they must similarly be a non-profit / tax-exempt corporation, trust, organization or unincorporated association.

Those who submit applications must reside in the United States and Canada.

Individuals affiliated with the Orthodox Union, including employees, officers, directors, board members, trustees, interns, volunteers, fellows, research associates, agents, representatives or independent contractors of the Orthodox Union, or subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, assigns, or any entity connected with this promotion, and each of their immediate families (children, parents, siblings, and spouses) and others living in their households, are not eligible. The Orthodox Union will determine eligibility in its sole discretion.

The grant is sponsored by The Orthodox Union (collectively the “Sponsor”). The Sponsor may be contacted at 11 Broadway, NY, NY 10004. To find out who received the grant awards, check ou.org/grant21 or send a self-addressed stamped envelope to the address above. Requests received more than six (6) months after the Entry Period will not be honored.

What to Submit:

Applicants must submit their proposal through the application form at ou.org/grant21.

The project is eligible if it is a first-time program at the institution that is submitting the specific proposal or if it is a pre-existing program which will be revised to meet the new reality.

Any initiative, program or project which will reengage community members in synagogue life will be considered. More information about the details of the grant and selection criteria can be found at ou.org/grant21

Entrants will be required to provide their full name, mailing address, and email address at the time of the entry.

Ethics:

By submitting your project idea, you confirm that you are the sole creator of the project, or you must provide a written statement giving permission from the original project creator. Moreover, all project titles must be original.

How to Enter:

Applications must be submitted by April 30, 2021 at 11:59 PM PT. By submitting an application, you acknowledge and agree to the Orthodox Union's privacy policy, which can be found [here](#).

You retain your rights to your idea; however, by submitting an application, you grant the Orthodox Union (and those authorized the Orthodox Union) a royalty-free, world-wide, perpetual, non-exclusive license to publicly display, distribute, reproduce, and create derivative works of the application, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or later developed, for any purpose, including, but not limited to, publications of the Orthodox Union. Any idea reproduced will include a credit as feasible. The Orthodox Union will not be required to pay any additional consideration or seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

The Orthodox Union reserve the right, in its sole discretion, to disqualify incomplete entries.

No purchase is necessary to enter.

Submission of an eligible application prior to the deadline does not guarantee funds. All eligible submissions will be subject to a selection process by a review committee.

Applications will be judged based on the program's meeting the stated goals of this grant program as well as its creativity, feasibility and adaptability.

The applications will be judged by a panel of judges for the OU, and programs or initiatives will be selected to receive the grant monies. Grant awards will be determined by those judges in their sole discretion. The panel of judges have sole, absolute and unfettered discretion to disallow an application, even if the applicant meets all eligibility criteria. All decisions will be communicated without reasons for approval or denial.

All decisions of the judges are final.

The Orthodox Union will notify the grant recipients via the contact information provided at the time of entry. The Orthodox Union, in its sole discretion, may disqualify anyone who fails to respond to the notification within five business days.

Odds of being Selected.

The odds of being selected to receive a grant award depend in part upon the total number of eligible applications received during the Entry Period.

Grant Awards:

Selected organizations will receive grant awards ranging from \$2,000-\$5,000 USD.

You may submit more than one proposal; however, only one program from each organization will be funded.

Grant recipients will be announced on May 14th, 2021.

Each grant will be awarded to the organization hosting the program as funds toward the cost of the program created by the applicant/winner. Applicants may be required to provide the host organization's 501c3 tax exempt number or certification of similar Canadian status on the application form and to sign an affidavit of eligibility/liability and public release and will be responsible for paying any fees or taxes that may be associated with the grant award. All grants are awarded "as is" and are non-transferable.

If applicable law prohibits the Orthodox Union from awarding an applicant the grant, the Orthodox Union may award the grant in name only.

While the OU anticipates that all funding will be distributed, on the occasion that there are not ten eligible proposed programs, the remaining funds will be returned to the OU.

Conditions of Grant Funds:

Synagogues or organizations that receive funding through the Grant Initiative must commit to:

1. Submit a program budget and any follow up materials requested by the Orthodox Union.
2. Present program and serve as an advisor to other synagogues or institutions that are interested in replicating the program.

Programs with projected budgets that exceed \$5,000 should be accompanied with a plan to cover the additional funds.

Publicity:

The Orthodox Union may select applicants' names, organizations and program descriptions to feature on its website, social media, display in a publicly accessible grant archive, or any other form of online communication. Such selections will be made in the sole discretion of the Orthodox Union.

Grant awardees and host organization names and other identifying information may be posted online on the Orthodox Union website and social media.

The OU may send out a press release about the applicants' names, organizations and program descriptions. Applicants agree to participate in related follow up on behalf of their organization.

Conditions of Entry:

All entrants hold the Orthodox Union and its respective employees, officers, directors, board members, trustees, interns, volunteers, fellows, research associates, agents, representatives, independent contractors, subsidiaries, affiliates, agents, assigns, or any entity connected with this promotion (the "Indemnified Parties") harmless from and against all claims of any nature arising in connection with entrant's participation in the grant and acceptance or use of the grant award. The Indemnified Parties are not liable for any costs, damages, injuries, or other claims incurred as a result of entrants' participation in the grant or winner's acceptance and usage of the grant award. The Indemnified Parties are not responsible for incomplete or misdirected applications, technical or network malfunctions or failures, or causes beyond their control. Entrants are solely responsible for their applications.

Entrants may not submit materials that introduce any software viruses, worms, or other programs designed to damage software, hardware, or telecommunications equipment, or are off-topic, partisan-political, contain advertising, nudity, personal attacks or expletives, or are otherwise abusive, threatening, unlawful, harassing, discriminatory, libelous, obscene, false, sexually explicit, or that infringe on the rights of any third party.

The grant is void where prohibited or restricted by law. The Orthodox Union reserves the right to cancel the grant or modify these rules at its discretion. In the event of a dispute regarding the winner, the Orthodox Union reserves the right to award or not award the grant award in its sole discretion. The Orthodox Union reserves the right to disqualify any entrant whose entry or conduct appears in any way to: inhibit the enjoyment of others; tamper with the competition; violate these rules or other applicable law or regulation; infringe on the rights of third parties; or act in an unsportsmanlike or disruptive manner.

Decisions of the Orthodox Union are final and binding.

Any and all disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement, or its making, performance or interpretation, shall be determined by binding arbitration before an Orthodox Beit Din. The parties agree to accept the ruling and award of such Orthodox Beit Din as a final, binding, non-appealable, and legally enforceable decision.

Please contact Rabbi Adir Posy with any questions at: posya@ou.org.