



## Network of Jewish Human Service Agencies

**Note: This is a PDF printout of an online request and application form. Please use this document for reference only as applications must be submitted through the online version of the form.**

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### **The Innovation Exchange: Sharing What Works**

The Best Practices & Innovation Committee, in collaboration with The Network's Center for Innovation & Research (NCIR), is excited to announce an opportunity for Network member agencies to showcase, share, and help replicate their best and most innovative practices. The Network aims to highlight practices that demonstrate both creativity and measurable results, capturing innovations at the moment they achieve meaningful impact.

We encourage all Network member agencies in good standing to complete this simple application.

Selected initiatives may be advanced through:

- Development and promotion of **NETTalks** or **PowerNET workshops**.
- Creation of **NETLabs**, multi-session deep dives requiring additional resources.
- Identification of significant **funding opportunities** for multi-site replication.
- Consideration for **The Network's Impact Award**.

This is an opportunity for members to submit innovations in direct service as well as operational processes they are willing to share to elevate and disseminate what works, inspiring the entire Network and beyond.

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*Definition- what we mean by an innovative "initiative":*

**Initiative:** A **program, model, or process** designed to address a specific need or opportunity, whether through direct services provided to clients or through operational strategies that strengthen agency management. Initiatives can include innovative approaches to client programming, as well as advancements in areas like fundraising, human resources, technology, or other administrative functions that support organizational effectiveness and impact.

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Please use this document as a reference for the submission questions. All initiatives must be submitted through our online form: <https://forms.networkjhsa.org/t/fqshk39hW7us>

### **Submission Form**

#### **Organization Details:**

- 1) Member Agency Name (*selected online from The Network's membership list*)
- 2) Name of person submitting this application
- 3) Role at the Agency
- 4) Email



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### **Program Details**

- 5) Initiative Title *(Text box provided in online form)*
- 6) Did this initiative originate in your organization? If not, was it adopted or licensed from another source? *Your answer will not disqualify your application*
- 7) If your initiative was adopted or licensed from a different source, please provide details.  
*(Text box provided in online form)*
- 8) Which one of the following focus areas does the initiative match closest with?
  - a. Crisis Response and Advocacy
  - b. Talent- Professional & Lay Leadership
  - c. Direct Services
  - d. Operations & Business Development
- 9) Detailed description: Please include the following *(Text box provided in online form)*
  - a. Initiative overview
  - b. Explanation of the Problem or challenge
  - c. Objectives
  - d. Target Audience
  - e. How long has this initiative been active?
  - f. If applicable, how many clients does the initiative serve annually?
  - g. How much staff work does it take to implement this initiative- part-time, full-time, and/or contractors?
  - h. If applicable, how many volunteers does it take to implement this initiative?
  - i. Geographic Location
- 10) Innovation: *(Text box provided in online form)*
  - a. What makes this initiative innovative?
  - b. Comparison with existing solutions; Does it leverage or improve on these solutions?
  - c. Unique features or approaches
- 11) Impact & Evaluation: *(Text box provided in online form)*
  - a. Previously Demonstrated Outcomes: what has your initiative achieved?
  - b. What indicators are used to measure success
  - c. Evaluation methods: strategies and tools used to collect evaluation data.
- 12) Scalability and/or Replicability: *(Text box provided in online form)*
  - a. How do you think this program can be scaled and/or replicated in other organizations? Is there anything about this initiative that would prevent it from being scaled up or down or in another region?
- 13) Budget & Resources: *(Text box provided in online form)*
  - a. What are the costs? Please describe the expenses necessary for the full implementation of this initiative. Examples such as staff types (i.e. 1 high level leader, 1 licensed, 1 unlicensed, 1 admin, etc.), professional development, supplies.
  - b. What types of funding sources? (i.e. Jewish or Non-Jewish Foundations, strong support from individual donors, public dollars, etc.)
- 14) Supporting Documents *(optional attachments)*, such as:
  - a. Project Plan
  - b. Impact Reports



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- c. Evaluation Plan
- d. Testimonials
- e. Marketing Materials
- f. Third Party Evaluation(s)
- g. Other Relevant Document

15) Check Box for Agreement: By submitting this application, I agree to share templates, business plans, tools for implementation, and other related documents with other member agencies. I understand that the application materials will be treated as confidential to the Network staff, Board, BP&I committee, with any later public disclosure and sharing of materials to be as mutually agreed between the Network and the submitting agency. *(Online- Please check the box on the left for agreement then click "submit" to submit your application)*