

NVHC Change (Social Action Committee) Microgrant Guidance

Purpose

- Support projects of NVHC youth and adults that have a social action focus.
- Promote temple and broader community engagement.
- Encourage creativity, inspire innovation.
- Encourage teamwork and cooperation.

Grant amounts

- \$25 to \$250

Eligibility

- NVHC youth (age 12 and above) and NVHC adults
- Parents can apply for funds for projects involving children younger than 12.
- Applicants can apply individually or with a group (one application per group)
- B'nai Mitzvah projects are not eligible for microgrant funding.

Project review and approval

- A SAC microgrant subcommittee of at least three SAC members vets project proposals and approves microgrants up to \$100.
- The subcommittee vets and makes recommendations for a vote by the full SAC on proposals for larger projects.

Criteria for grant award

- Applicant needs funding to start and carry out the project.
- Projects are designed to fulfill the purposes set forth above.

Requirements

- Complete and submit the Microgrant Application.
- Applicants seeking over \$100 will make an oral presentation to the microgrant subcommittee and other SAC members as desired.

Potential projects (examples)

- Create an opportunity for interfaith dialogue—e.g., reach out to a youth group from another faith community, plan and carry out a program on a topic of mutual interest (use money for refreshments)
- Learn to conduct relational meetings and set up meetings (use money for refreshments)
- Organize a group of students to knit scarves for the Cornerstones Coat Drive (use money for yarn)
- Organize a book drive for students at a temple in a disaster area (use money to ship the books)
- Organize a group of students to write cards to children at hospitals during Chanukah/soldiers at Chanukah (money for supplies and postage).
- Organize a talent show to be performed at a senior center (use grant for refreshments)
- More ideas welcome!