**NVHC Change (Social Action Committee)**

**Microgrant Guidance (2018)**

**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**

* Of the $2,500 set aside for microgrants and new projects in the FY 2018-2019 SAC budget, reserve $1,000 for microgrants
* Award microgrants of $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 proposals for microgrants of 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 a one-page form that
  + Briefly describes the project
  + Identifies its purpose, intended beneficiaries, and desired results
  + Explains who will carry it out, including any relevant qualifications and experience
  + Includes a budget and timeline
  + Describes how its results will be measured, evaluated, and reported
* For proposals seeking $100 or more, make an oral presentation to the microgrant subcommittee. The presentations will be open to other SAC members if they would like to attend.

**Timeline**

* The microgrant subcommittee will develop an application form and publicize the program through the NVHC Weekly and the NVHC Glance after the High Holidays
* The subcommittee will present the program to Tamid
* Initially, to help assess interest in the program and demand for microgrant funds, ask for project proposals to be submitted by November 1, 2018 and complete review and approval no later than November 30, 2018.
* Following the initial round, accept, review, and approve projects on a rolling basis

**Examples of potential projects**

* Analyze recycling at NVHC, and determine what can be done to expand it (use grant money for supplies)
* 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)