**Microgrants Available**

**NVHC Change (Social Action Committee)**

**Invites you to apply now**

**Microgrants** in amounts ranging from **$25 to $250** are available to NVHC **youth (age 12 and above) and adults** for projects that are designed to “repair the world.” Applicants may apply individually or in groups (one application per group). These grants are not available for b’nai mitzvah projects.

**Background**:

During last spring’s Tikkun Olam campaign, congregants contributed more funds for social action than NVHC had previously allocated for ongoing programs and projects. NVHC Change, the Social Action Committee (SAC), allocated $1,000 of this new funding for microgrants.

**What are the criteria for grant award?**

The project must have a social action focus, and the applicant needs funds to start and carry out the project. Preference will be given to projects that also promote community engagement, demonstrate creativity and innovation, and foster teamwork and cooperation.

**What is the award process?**

The SAC (or a subcommittee) will review and approve grant applications.  For requests of $100 or more, the applicant will be asked to present the proposal to members of the SAC as part of the review.

**What are the requirements and timeline for grant application?**

The applicant must complete and submit the attached application form by November 1, 2018. Awards will be announced no later than November 30 2018. After this initial round, if funds are still available, applications may be submitted and will be reviewed and approved on a rolling basis.

**What are examples of eligible projects?**

* Analyze recycling at NVHC, and determine what can be done to expand it (use grant for supplies)
* Promote 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 grant for snacks)
* Learn to conduct relational meetings and set up meetings (use grant for refreshments)
* Organize a group of students to knit scarves for the Cornerstones Coat Drive (use grant for yarn)
* Organize a book drive for students at a temple in a disaster area (use grant to ship the books)
* Organize a group of students to write cards to children at hospitals during Chanukah/members of the armed services at Chanukah (use grant for supplies and postage)
* Organize a talent show to be performed at a senior center (use grant for refreshments)

**Northern Virginia Hebrew Congregation**

**NVHC Change (Social Action Committee)**

**Application for Microgrant**

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NVHC member? (Circle) Yes No

Age if younger than 18 \_\_\_\_\_\_ If student, what school do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Project Title**:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Project Description:** What is the purpose of your project? Why is it needed? Who will carry it out--you alone or with others, such as a parent or friends? Who or what will benefit from it?

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**Timeline**: When do you plan to start and complete your project?

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**Evaluation**: How will you assess the results of your project?

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\*Microgrants can range from $25.00 to $250.00, depending on how much is needed for the project. Applicants requesting $100.00 or more will meet with an NVHC Change subcommittee to discuss the project.

**Please email completed form to** **SocialAction@NVHCReston.org**

**or return to the NVHC Office, Attention: Social Action Committee**