



**Julie Beren Platt**

## **Teen Innovation Grants Program Information Guide 2021-22**

- ✧ *Do you have an exciting idea?*
- ✧ *How might you make a difference on an issue you are passionate about?*
- ✧ *How might you impact a community you care about?*
- ✧ **WE CAN HELP MAKE YOUR DREAMS COME TRUE!**

### **What a Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grant Can Offer You Funds**

This program offers awards up to \$1500 to empower you to play an active role in turning your idea into reality.

### **Mentorship**

You will be paired with a mentor who acts as a thought partner and can offer guidance as you work towards new goals. You will meet with your mentor 2x a month.

### **Workshops**

You will participate in three workshops and two pop-up sessions during this six month program. Our workshops will give you the opportunity to learn and collaborate with professional facilitators, while our pop-up sessions will deepen your learning and inspire you as you collaborate with your fellow teen innovators. All workshops and pop-up sessions take place in the late afternoon/evening on weekdays or on Sunday, either over zoom or in-person (TBD).



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## The LA Jewish Teen Initiative Support Projects That...

- ✦ Are meaningful and exciting to you
- ✦ Embody Jewish values (e.g., caring for those in need)
- ✦ Need a mentor as a thought partner and guide
- ✦ Need help launching with additional funding and support
- ✦ Will begin to flourish within our six month program timeline
- ✦ Would benefit from the support and inspiration of a group of teen innovators

## The LA Jewish Teen Initiative Does Not Fund

- ✦ Developing and/or launching phone apps.
- ✦ Transportation (e.g., gas mileage, ride sharing, flights, etc.).
- ✦ Request for personal use.
- ✦ Donations to other 501(c)3.

## Application Timeline



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All Workshops and Pop-Ups take place in the late afternoon/evening



# Expectations of Participating Teens

## Funds

- ✳ **You will be responsible for managing project-related funds.**
  - You will need to collect and save receipts for all project-related expenses.
  - You will be responsible for creating and submitting monthly expense reports.
- ✳ **What are examples of project-related expenses?**
  - Website design, supplies & material, training, and more...
- ✳ **Why do you need to save receipts?**
  - As a grant recipient, The Jewish Federation and LAJTI will require verification that all expenses are directly related to the approved project. The receipts are the “backup” confirmation of where and how the grant funds were spent. Additionally, these receipts will confirm the amount of funds potentially unspent, which you will need to return to The Jewish Federation following the end of the program.



## Mentorship

- ✳ **You will be matched with an adult in the community who will be your mentor.**
  - The mentor is meant to act as a thought partner. The mentor can offer helpful advice and guidance as you develop your project.
  - You and your mentor will have two scheduled meetings a month.
  - It is your responsibility to keep in touch with your mentor, ask for help, and set time aside for meeting.

## TIG Workshops

- ✳ **There will be three TIG Workshops & two TIG Pop-Up Sessions**
  - TIG Workshops will give you the opportunity to learn from talented professionals in our community.
  - TIG Workshops will focus on topics such as marketing/branding & public speaking.
  - TIG Pop-Up sessions will deepen your learning, help with budget management and give you the opportunity to develop friendships and collaborate with your fellow TIG recipients.
  - TIG recipients are required to attend all TIG Workshops and Pop-Up sessions.
  - TIG Workshops and Pop-Up sessions will take place in the late afternoon/evening on weekdays or on Sundays.

## Am I Eligible?

- ✳ **To qualify for a Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grant, you must:**
  - Be a rising 8th-12th grader, currently in high school.
  - Live in the Greater Los Angeles area.
  - The lead teen of each project must identify as Jewish.
  - Submit a fully completed application by October 1, 2021

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