

The REAM Foundation Impact Grants

May 23, 2017

Organization Name

Project Title

Impact Statement

Jewish Community Centers of Chicago

Chicago Jewish Film Festival

A five-year grant is providing seed funding for the Chicago Jewish Film Festival to build on a successful first year and ultimately grow from 1,000 to 10,000 participants. The Festival offers diverse films in multiple venues, as well as related classes, lectures and gatherings. This grant supports JCC Chicago's foray into the arena of arts and ideas with film as an anchor.

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

Holocaust Community Services -- Survivor Health and Dental Health Services Program

This grant is making a significant positive impact on the health and well-being of hundreds of Chicago-area survivors of Nazi terror. Expanding the Survivor Health and Dental Services Program would support the health and dental needs of current clients and survivors on the wait list, as well as expand agency capacity to meet survivor needs through new partnerships with local clinics and volunteer dentists.

Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago

General Support for Hillel at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

This grant is supporting the first two years of Illini Hillel's five-year strategic plan. It will fund the hiring of new staff positions, allowing Illini Hillel to increase student participation and engagement.

Marwen

Portfolio Program

This grant impacts college and career preparation for Marwen students by fully funding the creation of a portfolio documentation center at Marwen's new Arts Campus. The grant also supported portfolio related courses and programming for more than 100 students, as well as comprehensive wraparound college programming for one year.

OneGoal

Accelerator Investment

This grant will impact OneGoal's significant expansion in Chicago from OneGoal's FY16 – FY18, including serving over 5,100 and 6,300 Chicago Public School students in FY16 and FY17, respectively. Further, as an Accelerator Investment, this grant is intended to help leverage other gifts in OneGoal's campaign to raise \$11 million over three years.

The School of the Art Institute of Chicago

Endowed fund for "The REAM Foundation Graduate Merit Scholarship"

This grant endows a scholarship that will perpetually enable at least one artist per year with experience in Israel to attend The School of the Art Institute of Chicago's graduate school. These students will contribute to the scholarly and cultural life of the campus and share their wisdom in Israel.

Spark Program, Inc.

High School Transition Program - Spark Chicago

This grant is a leadership investment in the new High School Transition program in Chicago, providing all 8th grade students in at least nine of Spark's partner schools with proven, multi-faceted high school transition support.

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Vanderbilt Hillel <i>Impact Grant</i>	This grant provided general support during the 2015-2016 school year to ensure a continued healthy "home" for the Jewish student population at Vanderbilt University while the University and Hillel fully separate operations.
Victory Gardens Theater <i>Three Initiatives</i>	This grant supports the direct costs of the "Access" initiative for individuals with disabilities, and the "Playwrights & Directors Diversity" initiative to bring playwrights and/or directors of color and/or who are women; it also covered expenses to identify a new Managing Director.