Imagine you have an opportunity to do something innovative and exciting.

[*] What would you do?
[*] Where would you start?
[*] How might you make a difference on an issue you are passionate about?
[*] How might you impact a community you care about?

The Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grants offer grants of up to $1,500 to empower you to play an active role in turning your ideas into reality.

We can help make it happen.

What a Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grant Can Offer You

**Funds**
This program offers awards up to $1,500 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.

**Discovery**
You will participate in three workshops during this six month program. Our workshops will give you the opportunity to learn, collaborate with other innovative teens, and inspire you as you develop your project.
The LA Jewish Teen Initiative Support Projects That...

- Can be accomplished within our six month program timeline.
- Are meaningful and exciting to you.
- Embody Jewish values (e.g., caring for those in need).
- Support you and other teens in making an impact.
- Have been started and need the additional support of funding and an adult mentor.
- Have been brainstormed and need help getting started.

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

- **Applications Open**
  - Thursday, August 1, 2019
- **Deadline to Apply**
  - Friday, September 20, 2019
- **Discovery Phone Calls with LAJTI Team**
  - October 2019
- **Announcement of Grant Decisions**
  - Friday, November 1, 2019

Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grants 2019-20 Timeline

- **Orientation:** Teens Meet Their Mentor (Individual meetings)
  - November 2019
- **Discovery Workshop 1**
  - Wednesday, February 5, 2020
- **Discovery Workshop 2**
  - Thursday, March 26, 2020
- **Discovery Workshop 3**
  - Wednesday, May 6, 2020
- **Showcase**
  - Thursday, May 21, 2020
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 expense reports.

- **What are examples of project-related expenses?**
  - Promotional materials, supplies, food, rental spaces, 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 to develop your project.
- You will communicate with your mentor on a monthly basis.
- It is your responsibility to reach out to your mentor, ask for help, and set time aside for meetings.

Discovery

Throughout the course of this program, there will be three Discovery Workshops.
- These workshops are meant to support you as you work on projects and reach milestones.
- Discovery workshops will give you, and all of our Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grant recipients, the opportunity to develop friendships and collaborate with one another.
- Workshops will focus on topics such as innovation, entrepreneurship, and project management.
- You, and all project partners, will attend all three workshops.

Am I Eligible?

To qualify for a Julie Beren Platt Teen Innovation Grant, you must:
- The lead teen of each project must identify as Jewish.

  **Please note:** If applying as a team, the lead teen should complete the application.

- Be between the age of 13-18 years old and not yet a high school graduate.
- Live in the Greater Los Angeles area.
- Submit fully completed application by Friday, September 20, 2019.

**Questions?** Contact us at LAJTI@JewishLA.org or (323) 761-8132