The Lippman Kanfer Prize for Applied Jewish Wisdom celebrates innovative applications of particular Jewish wisdom to universal human questions.

We believe that the ever-accumulating body of Jewish wisdom offers inspiration and guidance to help people—Jews and fellow travelers—navigate life's big questions, from how to be a good parent, partner, consumer, and citizen, to how to manage the struggles life throws our way, and much more.

The inaugural Lippman Kanfer Prize celebrated applications of Jewish wisdom in all areas of life and received over 200 applications from a diverse array of organizations. Going forward, the Prize will focus on a different issue annually.

This year, we are seeking social-impact organizations that have an established program or the seed of a new idea to apply Jewish wisdom to support democracy and civic engagement. We are interested in learning about creative applications of our ancient tradition to nurturing and sustaining democracy in the 21st century.

This is not a partisan question. We are looking for solutions to the challenges facing democracy writ large (e.g., How might we foster respect for viewpoint diversity? How might we encourage broader participation in the political process?), not to advance any particular political agenda. Today more than ever, we want to focus on the common questions we share, not the ones that divide us.

**Award Details**

- **We’ll award up to $150,000 in Prizes**
- **Established programs are eligible for awards of $30,000**
- **New ideas are eligible for awards of $15,000**

In addition to providing project funds, Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah will promote your work to key audiences and provide access to non-monetary support that advances the sustainability and growth of your efforts.
Timeline

Organizations may submit an established program or new idea for consideration from **October 22 through November 30, 2018** via a short application accessible at [www.lippmankanferprize.org](http://www.lippmankanferprize.org)

An optional informational webinar for prospective applicants will be held on November 1, at 12 pm EDT. Applicants meeting eligibility requirements will be invited to submit a second, more detailed application in December. Winners will be publicly announced at the Jewish Funders Network Conference in San Francisco in March of 2019.

Criteria for Selection

All applications will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

- Application of Jewish Wisdom
- Relevance to this year’s Prize focus on democracy and civic engagement
- Originality
- Impact (or, in the case of new ideas, potential for impact)
- Scalability and adaptability

Successful applicants will reflect respect for the idea that Jewish texts, teachings, history, culture, ritual, and practices lend themselves to multiple legitimate interpretations and applications.

Selection will be spearheaded by Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah staff and board members, previous Prize winners, current grantees, and other relevant experts. A distinguished and diverse panel of Jewish community leaders will serve as final judges.

Eligibility

Any U.S-based 501(c)(3) or fiscally-sponsored organization, including current grantees of Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah, may submit an established program or new idea for consideration. Political action committees, 501(c)(4) organizations, and programs currently funded by our foundation are ineligible for the Prize.

Thank you for your interest!

This Prize is sponsored by Lippman Kanfer Foundation for Living Torah with support from Democracy Fund.

Additional Information

[www.lippmankanferprize.org](http://www.lippmankanferprize.org) or email: prize@lippmankanfer.org
You can also follow us on Twitter: @LippmanKanfer