REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: INTERFAITH INCLUSION IN ST. LOUIS
Requests due by August 3, 2018

Background:
The Community Impact team at the Jewish Federation of St. Louis is requesting proposals for new or existing initiatives to create more welcoming and inclusive Jewish communities for intermarried households in St. Louis.

In 2014 Jewish Federation of St. Louis completed a Jewish Community Study. The study estimates almost half (48%) of all married couples in St. Louis Jewish households are intermarried; 63% of married couples who got married in or after the year 2000 are intermarried. The data reveals that 62% of intermarried couples feel that it is very or somewhat important to be part of a Jewish community. But when community study participants were asked if they feel welcome in the Jewish community only 18% reported feeling very welcome and another 29% feeling somewhat welcome. Based on a ten-variable engagement index, 58% of intermarried households scored low and 28% moderate. Further, 43% of all children in St. Louis Jewish households live in intermarried households and only 45% of those children are being raised Jewish or partly Jewish. For more study data go to JFedSTL.org/Our-Work/2014-Community-Study.

Funding:
Thanks to the generosity of an endowment donor, the Jewish Federation of St. Louis will make investments in interfaith inclusion that range from $5,000 to $35,000. Investments will be granted for up to three years, contingent on the submission of a report on the milestones and impact of the initiative.

Request for Proposals:
• The initiative can be:
  o An innovative, creative, or new model to the community
  o An expansion of an existing model that has proven to be successful
  o A partnership between two or more organizations
• Outcomes are clear and measurable changes in participants’ attitude, awareness, behavior, knowledge, and/or skills. Initiative outcomes should include some or all of the following:
  o Increase the feeling of being welcome in a Jewish community in St. Louis by individuals in a Jewish household who are in an interfaith relationship.
  o Increase the level of engagement in a Jewish community of Jewish households of interfaith couples and families.
  o Increase the level of engagement in a Jewish community of interfaith families with young children.
• The initiative must be in St. Louis, MO or surrounding areas.
• The applying organization must be tax-exempt. Grass roots organizations (without tax exemption) may apply with a fiscal sponsor.

To submit a proposal, visit JFedSTL.SpectrumPortal.net. Requests due by August 3, 2018.
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