



**40 YEARS OF IMPACT
AND
BEING THERE FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

**DEDICATED TO HONORING & LIVING THE JEWISH VALUES OF
TIKKUN OLAM & TZEDAKAH,
JEWISH COMMUNITY MEMBERS
ESTABLISHED THE JEWISH ASSISTANCE FUND IN 1985.**

JAF Responds With No Repay Grants

Need for Financial Assistance is Increasing



JAF provides timely, compassionate financial support to help neighbors cover essential expenses — like housing, utilities, medical needs and transportation — without repayment, easing the burden during life's most pressing moments.

*“When I was truly in a time of need,
sinking further in debt, having
exhausted my credit and
everything else,
JAF gave me a lifeline.”*

*“I have never needed financial
help before.
I’ve always been someone who
helped others.”*

*“I can’t begin to thank all of you
enough for the generous support
and kindness and sense of
belonging.
You made me realize that I am not
alone and there is help.”*

With support from
FOUNDATIONS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

JAF offers financial assistance in amounts that truly make an impact on pressing expenses.
We thank our Foundation Partners for their generous support in 2024 and 2025, including:

**THE PHILIP CHOSKY FOUNDATION
THE FINE FOUNDATION
GIANT EAGLE FOUNDATION
SIMON HAFNER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION
THE JEWISH FEDERATION OF GREATER PITTSBURGH**

**JEWISH HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION
LADIES HOSPITAL AID SOCIETY (LHAS)
CHARLES M. MORRIS CHARITABLE TRUST
DONALD & SYLVIA ROBINSON FAMILY FOUNDATION
THE SYLVIA AND MARTIN SNOW FAMILY FUND**

JAF'S IMPACT ON ECONOMIC INSECURITY IN 2024

- ♦ Provided **\$321,160 in emergency financial aid**—no repayment required—to the Western PA Jewish community.
- ♦ Supported **344 individuals** across **48 zip codes**, representing diverse Jewish households.
- ♦ Served households of **1 to 12 people**, including singles, couples, families with children, and multigenerational homes.
- ♦ Beneficiaries ranged in age from **20 to 97**, spanning young adults to seniors.
- ♦ Delivered **warm, in-person support** typically within **1 week** of inquiry.
- ♦ Offered **financial assistance plus referrals** to resources like emergency food and free financial counseling.
- ♦ Impact extended **beyond direct recipients**, strengthening the broader community.

Economic insecurity creates great stress and disruption. On a survey, people described their experience with JAF as kind, caring, respectful, compassionate, inclusive, helpful, thoughtful, understanding, empathetic, generous, impactful and life saving.

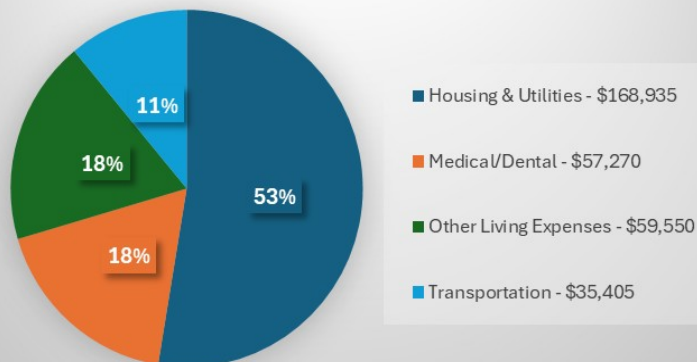
“For the first time in a long time I felt heard.”

“In my darkest times the Jewish community was there to help and I thank you.”

“You are not alone. There are people who care about you and are willing to help.”

Feelings Expressed by Grant Recipients

Financial Assistance totaling \$321,160 in 2024
for Pressing Expenses With No Repayment



“We want to thank the members of the grant committee for not only the grant that we received but the compassion that you all demonstrated. It actually moved me to tears.”

WHAT HAPPENS LOCALLY, REGIONALLY, NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY IMPACTS OUR COMMUNITY

- Storms that swept through the region caused flooding, extended power outages, damaged cars, homes and property
- Job loss had a ripple effect on household budgets and ability to pay bills
- Events in Israel had unexpected economic consequences for local families

THESE ARE JUST A FEW MOMENTS ... THERE ARE SO MANY MORE

WE ARE EACH THERE FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE COMMUNITY IS THERE FOR US

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