

# ISRAEL EMERGENCY FUND GRANTS REPORT



As of December 15, Federations across the country have collectively raised over **\$762M**, including more than **\$21M** from donors in the Bay Area, and nearly **\$266M\*** in grants have been made for various basic needs, emergency medical services, evacuation and housing, mental health, trauma relief, and more.

Following the practice of other Federations nationwide, 80% of the dollars we have raised in the Bay Area have been granted to Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA) for inclusion in JFNA's Israel grant allocation process. The remaining 20% is being directed by our Bay Area Israel Affairs Task Force, with guidance from our Federation's Israel professional team.

## JFNA COLLECTIVE GRANT ALLOCATIONS

Grant allocation decisions are being made by JFNA's Israel Emergency Campaign Allocations Committee, which meets regularly to discuss ongoing needs and review proposals. This Committee is co-chaired by **Jeffrey Schoenfeld**, Chair of JFNA's Israel and Overseas Committee, and **Stephen Hoffman**, Chairman of the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation. Also sitting on the Committee and representing the San Francisco Bay Area are **Susie Sorkin**, past member of our Federation board and current member of JFNA's National Women's Philanthropy Board, and **Daryl Messinger**, Chair of the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA) and past president of the Union for Reform Judaism, Oshman Family Jewish Community Center, and Congregation Beth Am.

**JFNA Collective Total Dollars Allocated to Date** (as of December 15, 2023)  
**\$98,241,870:**

- ◆ **Basic Needs** ..... **\$5,935,610**  
Food and financial assistance for impacted families, the elderly, and the homebound.
- ◆ **Economic Recovery and Resilience** ..... **\$25,000,000**  
Supporting interventions to bolster economic recovery.
- ◆ **Emergency Medical Services and Health Care** ..... **\$10,930,000**  
Medical supplies and equipment for first responders and hospitals.
- ◆ **Emergency Operational** ..... **\$2,193,000**  
Initiatives to support the coordination for organizations to scale efforts effectively.

\* Includes \$167M in Federation-directed grants and \$98M in JFNA collective grants.

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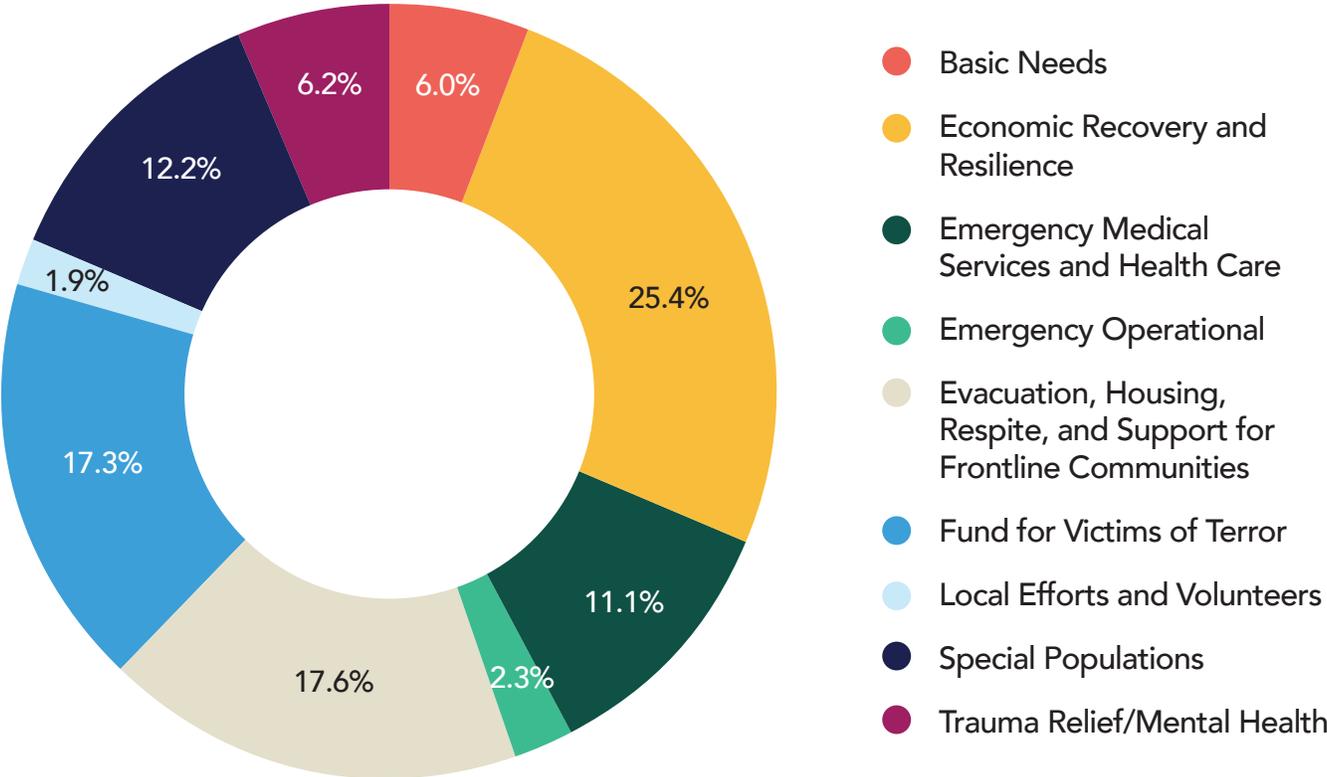
- ◆ **Evacuation, Housing, Respite, and Support for Frontline Communities** ..... **\$17,326,000**  
Support for communities under fire and for new *olim* (immigrants) living in absorption centers through evacuations, temporary housing, children’s activities, and increased security.
  
- ◆ **Fund for Victims of Terror** ..... **\$17,000,000**  
Immediate cash grants to families and individuals who have been impacted by acts of terror and violence.
  
- ◆ **Special Populations** ..... **\$12,003,315**  
Targeted assistance to vulnerable populations and their caregivers, including the elderly, young children, people living with disabilities, Russian-speaking Israelis, Ethiopian Israelis, Holocaust survivors, and other marginalized populations, such as Bedouin communities.
  
- ◆ **Trauma Relief/Mental Health** ..... **\$6,118,045**  
Wide-scale trauma relief and psychosocial support with expanded capabilities through telephone hotlines; direct care to first responders, Lone Soldiers, the injured, and families whose relatives were murdered, injured, or abducted; training and support for caregivers and responders, including hospital emergency teams and municipal teams.
  
- ◆ **Local Efforts and Volunteers** ..... **\$1,735,000**  
Enhance capacity and provide operational support to evacuees, special populations, frontline communities, and those responding to the crisis.

**JFNA Collective Largest Total Allocations**

JFNA Israel Emergency Loan Fund	.....	<b>\$25,000,000</b>
Jewish Agency for Israel**	.....	<b>\$22,960,000</b>
JDC	.....	<b>\$4,650,000</b>
Israel Trauma Coalition (ITC)	.....	<b>\$2,700,000</b>
Brothers and Sisters for Israel	.....	<b>\$1,800,000</b>

*\*\*includes \$15M multi-year gift collectively allocated*

### JFNA Collective Allocations to Date by Needs



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### BAY AREA SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

The San Francisco Bay Area Federation has mobilized more than **\$21M** for Israel, including over **\$14.2M** raised for our Israel Emergency Fund and more than **\$7M** recommended by our donors, donor-advised funds, and supporting foundations for organizations working on the ground in Israel.

Grant decisions for 20% of these funds are being made by our Israel Affairs Task Force chaired by Federation board member **Guy Miasnik**, and guided by **Barak Loozon**, Director of our Federation’s Israel office, and **Ester Biro**, our Israel Program Officer. Other members of this Task Force include Federation Board Chair, **Eileen Ruby**, and Federation board members **Arthur Slepian**, **Barry Cohn**, **Susan Saal**, and **Jerry Yanowitz**, as well as **Ido Sergev** and **Susie Sorkin** (who is also on JFNA’s Israel Emergency Campaign Allocations Committee). The Task Force meets weekly to make grant recommendations, which are then approved by our Board of Directors.

The Task Force has prioritized grants to organizations that have existing partnerships with the Federation. This helps to ensure that resources are allocated to organizations with proven capabilities, strong leadership, transparency, and accountability. This also helps to align emergency grantmaking with our longstanding shared society agenda, which is now more important than ever. The Task Force is also working to determine where grants will respond to the most pressing needs and serve the most people. As needs are evolving and changing by the day, they are taking into consideration short, medium, and long term needs in our strategic grantmaking. Additionally, they are seeking out unique opportunities to fund organizations that are not already supported by JFNA (or other major) efforts, or to meet otherwise unmet needs.

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**Bay Area Federation Total Dollars Allocated to Date** *(as of December 15, 2023)*  
**\$1.4M to 18 organizations** in four key areas:

◆ <b>Basic Needs and Support in Frontline Communities</b> .....	<b>\$525,000</b>
◆ <b>Support for Special Populations Such as Women, Arab Israelis, and Ultra-Orthodox</b> .....	<b>\$500,000</b>
◆ <b>Urgent Mental Health Needs and Trauma Relief</b> .....	<b>\$305,000</b>
◆ <b>Rebuilding Civil Society</b> .....	<b>\$75,000</b>

**Bay Area Federation Largest Allocations:**

- Sharahit
- Yanabia
- HaGal Sheli
- IVN Support Business IL
- Youth Movement of the Agricultural Union

We understand the importance of staying connected and will provide regular updates as we make new grants. Your support and engagement are crucial, and we value the opportunity to share insights into our ongoing efforts.

If you have any specific questions or if there's additional information you would like to receive, feel free to reach out at [info@sfjcf.org](mailto:info@sfjcf.org).