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## 2017 Summary of Amy Mandel and Katina Rodis Fund Grantmaking

In 2017, The Amy Mandel and Katina Rodis Fund distributed approximately $\$ 1,142,501$ in grant money. Of this amount, the Amy Mandel and Katina Rodis Fund in Cleveland (Philanthropic Fund) provided \$971,690 of this in grants and the Amy Mandel and Katina Rodis Fund (AMKRF or Local Fund) allocated $\$ 170,811$. The Philanthropic Fund drew $\$ 713,190$ (or 73.4 percent from the General Fund and \$258,500 (or 26.6 percent) from the Jewish Fund.

## Philanthropic Fund Grants \$971,690



- Jewish Fund
- General Fund


## Philanthropic Fund: Jewish and General

In 2018, the Philanthropic Fund reduced funding for international grants and national grants substantially increasing funding for grants supporting work in North Carolina and the U.S. South and funding toward efforts based in the local community of Asheville and Western North Carolina.

Of the $\$ 971,690$ total, approximately 7.7 percent of grants or $\$ 75,000$ continued to support international LGBTQ equality work globally, including in Israel. In addition, the Philanthropic Fund devoted approximately 42.8 percent or \$415,390 of total grant funds to national initiatives and organizations focused on LGBTQ equality, racial justice issues, and/or social justice policy change. State and regional grants constituted 20.1 percent or $\$ 195,500$ of funding, and 29.4 percent or $\$ 285,800$ of grant funding was directed to support local organizations dedicated to social justice work, combatting anti-Semitism, advancing LGBTQ rights, and forwarding racial justice.


## Combined Philanthropic and Local Fund for Community Grants

A certain amount of funding was allocated to the local Amy Mandel and Katina Rodis Fund (AMKRF or Local Fund) in Asheville, a separate foundation. With this funding, AMKRF provided grants to support the Tzedek Social Justice Fellowship and to support the broader Asheville community. Adding \$170,811 from the AMKRF to $\$ 285,800$ from the Philanthropic Fund for local grants, combined dollars provided an increase to $\$ 456,611$ that went to community organizations and leaders dedicated to social justice work, LGBTQ advocacy, and racial justice. The chart below reflects this increase in funding to the local community.

## Combined Funds by Scale in Dollars \$1,142,501



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From the Local Fund, individuals were awarded $\$ 22,187$ in grant money because their work aligned with AMKRF's mission to "support social justice work that advances LGBTQ rights, forwards racial justice, and combats anti-Semitism on a global, national, and local scale." Thus, the Amy Mandel and Katina Rodis Fund awarded eleven small grants to individuals recognizing their outstanding social justice work in Asheville. In addition, grant awards were given to three Asheville City School teachers via the Asheville City Schools Foundation, to attend the National Seeking Educational Equality and Diversity (SEED) Project's New Leaders Training.

As with the 2016-2017 Tzedek cohort, the number of Tzedek Fellows remained at eight this past year. The Amy Mandel and Katina Rodis Fund allocated $\$ 147,994$ in grants to organizations hosting a Tzedek Fellow. These organizations were:

- CoThinkk;
- Campaign for Southern Equality;
- Our VOICE;
- The Asheville Jewish Community Center;
- YWCA of Asheville;
- The Center for Participatory Change;
- The Center for Diversity Education at UNCA; and
- Nuestro Centro.

Additional AMKRF funds were used to cover costs of salaries, travel, office expenses and general overhead to administer both the Tzedek program and general grantmaking. A full breakdown of these AMRFK funds is available in a separate report.

## Combined Funding and Priority Rubric Categories

In 2017, grants were given to organizations, campaigns, projects and individuals from the combined Philanthropic and Local Funds based on scoring within a rubric of priority areas. Of sixty possible different grants:

- 83 percent of funding went to 48 that had significant project work focused on the U.S. South or were based in the U.S. South;
- 74 percent of funding went to 40 that had a dedicated racial justice lens or engaged in racial justice work;
- 74 percent of funding went to 37 that included a youth focus, or were youth led or young adult led (under 35 years);
- 73 percent of funding went to 36 that engaged in LGBTQ advocacy or outreach;


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- 43 percent of funding went to 23 that were led by either a strong majority or all people of color;
- 30 percent of funding went to 15 that were progressive Jewish and/or combatting anti-Semitism.

In addition, the chart bellow shows that 48 scored a 3 or higher ( 88 percent of dollars) on the rubric and 30 scored 4 or higher ( 64 percent of dollars). Eleven that scored below 3 on the rubric received 12 percent of funding. Many of these grants were dedicated to improving the general qualify of life for people but did not have a social justice emphasis.

## Percent of Total Dollars, Rubric Categories



- Percent of Total Grant Dollars Allocated per Rubric Scoring. Approximately 60 Organizations, Campaigns and Projects

