



NEWS RELEASE

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**VIBRANT PITTSBURGH AND THE URBAN AFFAIRS FOUNDATION OF THE JEWISH  
FEDERATION OF GREATER PITTSBURGH NOW ACCEPTING 2017 MINI-GRANT  
APPLICATIONS**

**PITTSBURGH, PA:** Vibrant Pittsburgh and the Urban Affairs Foundation (part of the Community Relations Council) of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, two local champions of diversity, have once again joined forces to implement this year's Mini Grants Initiative: 2017 Civic Inclusion & Engagement Fund – New Partnerships.

This fund will promote diverse communities in the Pittsburgh region. Each organization has committed \$25,000 to create a \$50,000 pool to fund projects that increase the civic engagement of diverse and immigrant communities.

Funding will be available to applicants selected through a competitive proposal process. Lead organizations must have 501(c)(3) non-profit status and maintain a physical presence in the in the Power of 32 Region (see [www.powerof32.org](http://www.powerof32.org)). Organizations can partner with other non-profits, academic institutions, religious organizations, community groups, businesses and employee resource groups. The term of proposed projects should be one year. The grants will range between \$500 and \$7,500.

Proposed initiatives should do one or more of the following:

- Create opportunities for community engagement that result in a more inclusive, multi-cultural region where diverse communities are valued, respected, visible and heard;
- Engage members of diverse communities in efforts that benefit their own community and/or the community at large;
- Reach out to the community at large to grow the awareness and engagement with diverse communities; and/or
- Be collaborative in nature by engaging diverse communities, organizations (non-profit, business or academic) and/or other community partners.

Click [here](#) for a direct link to the application.



**Grant applications are due by 5 p.m. (EDT) on Thursday, August 31, 2017.** Successful applicants will receive funding by the end of November 2017.

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Founded in 2010, **Vibrant Pittsburgh** is a non-profit economic development organization whose mission is to build a thriving and inclusive Pittsburgh Region by attracting, retaining, and elevating diverse talent.

**The Urban Affairs Foundation** is a part of the **Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh**. Its mission is to *promote the involvement of Jewish organizations and individuals in urban concerns. The Community Relations Council engages in public policy activities to promote social and economic justice for all, build amicable relationships among diverse community groups, and enlist support on behalf of Israel.*

**The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh** is one of 151 independent Federations associated with the Jewish Federations of North America and *raises and allocates funds to build the community locally, in Israel and around the world. With the vision of a thriving, vibrant and engaged Jewish Community, the Federation aims to carry out its work in the context of cooperation and inclusiveness.*

**For more information about the Mini-Grant Initiative, contact Vibrant Pittsburgh at 412.281.8600**