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| **SOCIAL CHANGE DOMAIN** |
| **PROGRAMS**  |
| **Strengthening Palestinian-Israeli civil society (Nasij)** | **Contending with Crime and Violence in Arab Society** | **Jewish-Arab Partnership** | **Gender Equality & Religious Freedom** | **Equality and Partnership in the Negev** |
| **Safeguarding Human Rights and Democracy** | **Future Vision** | **Miscellaneous** |
| Put in here the Map of Programs AND Pie of Program Including Otherיובל האם יש פאי עדכני לחברה משותפת? האם יש טעם לפאי כי בעצם אין תכנית? |
| **The organization was established in: 2000**

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| **NIF Funding Type** | **Past Years of Support** |
| General Support | - |
| Project Support | 2015-2020 |

**DA Support (in 2023):** $109,952**Rapid Response Support (in 2023/24)** $100,000**Link to Organizational Website:** [**https://ajeec-nisped.org.il/?page\_id=17021&lang=en**](https://ajeec-nisped.org.il/?page_id=17021&lang=en)**Link to Proposal:** <https://nif.my.site.com/Portal/a0NSb0000020t9p> |
| **INTRODUCTION** |
| **Brief description of Project/Organization:** AJEEC-NISPED (Arab-Jewish Center for Equality, Empowerment and Cooperation – Negev Institute for Strategies of Peace and Economic Development) is an Arab-Jewish organization for social change that was established in the Negev in 2000. The organization consists of a joint team of Arabs and Jews who work together to create an equal, shared society, which allows Arabs and Jews to fully realize their potential and express their identity and culture. Currently, the organization operates in civil society all over Israel. |
| **The overall current expected impact of the program as a strategy for advancing NIF’s overall mission of a just and democratic Israel is:** AJEEC’s mission is to create equal, inclusive, and flourishing societies through innovative programming in three key areas: Youth (15-25) and Leadership Development, Arab-Jewish Partnership, and Community Resilience. The Arabic word “AJEEC” means “I am coming towards you,” and this is the principle that motivates the organization, it works to get to know, explain, understand, join forces, and move forward together for a better common future for both Arab and Jewish societies. |
| **The grantee uses strategies of:** * Educational programs and Peer learning to promote shared society
* Activist and teacher trainings
* Dialogue Between Arab and jews
* Traditional and new media work
* Public campaigns
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| **These are the goals of the organization and then some relevant benchmarks outcomes on the way to achieving the goals:**The main goal is advancing shared society in Israel and real partnership between Palestinian Arab citizens and Jewish citizens of Israel. Interim outcomes on the path towards achieving this goal include: * הרחבה משמעותית של מספר המשתתפים בתוכניות ופעילויות דיאלוג וחברה משותפת
* יצירת שותפויות חדשות בין רשויות שכנות
* הגעה לקהלי יעד חדשים שיפגשו בתהליכי דיאלוג משמעותיים
* התמקצעות צוות הארגון וצוותי הצופים המפעילים מגוון רחב של תוכניות דיאלוג, בהכשרה מתמשכת בתחום הנחיית הדיאלוג.
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| **Added value of this grant (for the project and in general) include that:** אג׳יק הוא ארגון משותף יהודי ערבי המפעיל קשת רחבה של פרויקטים לקידום חיים משותפים בין יהודים לערבים בישראל. הארגון מצליח להגיע לאלפי א.נשים הלוקחים חלק בפרויקטים השונים במיוחד בתוכניות רחבות בתחום החינוך לחיים משותפים לתלמידים, מורים, סטודנטים ומשתתפי שנת התנדבות ולקהילה ככלל. תמיכה בארגון וחיזוק מערך הפעילות לקידום חיים משותפים יאפשר להגיע לעשרות אלפי א.נשים ולקדם את החיים המשותפים בישראל כמו גם יצירת שיתופי פעולה אזרחיים.  |
| **EXPECTED PROGRESS** |
| **Overall Expected (1-2 Years) Impact:** הארגון ימקצע את צוות עובדיו העוסק בפרויקטים השונים של חיזוק חברה משותפים וחיים משותפים. הארגון יגדיל באופן משמעותי את מספר המשתתפים בתוכניות השונות (ראה בהמשך פירוט ומדדים).הארגון יצליח להגיע לקהלים חדשים ולייצר לפחות שותפות אחת חדשה בין ערים שכנות.להלן דוגמאות לתוצאות ותפוקות צפויות בפרויקטים בתחום חברה משותפת.**Expected Strategic Activities (and Outputs):*** 25-30 paid senior coordinators will be trained in the facilitation of dialogue and social initiative groups and will actually guide at least 20 groups of young adults
* Gap Year 1: 20 groups (10 Scouts and 10 AJEEC) and about 500 youth (11th grade) and young people in a service or gap year (18-20 years old) will participate in a series of 3-4 uninational meetings and 6 joint seminars, at the end of which they will initiate and lead a joint initiative as a pair of adjacent groups ("sister groups").
* Sister group meetings - meet, get to know, experience, and act together: 20 groups in the first year. 6 joint one-day annual seminars, experiential and bonding activities, trips, and deal with the diversity of identities and building a common society.
* 10 new or renewed initiatives will be led by the "sister groups" in which hundreds to thousands of youth will participate. The successful experience of the implementation of the joint initiatives will be a catalyst for the promotion of additional initiatives in the organizations.

**Expected Measurable Outcomes:** * Professional peer learning and a professional partnership that will lead to joint activity.
* The joint professional trainings for the coordinators in facilitating dialogue meetings will expand the number of professionals in the field of shared society, and will help creating a special language and unique profession in this field.
* Graduates of the programs will continue to accompany the local initiatives they were partners in even after the end of the service year/gap year/high school. “Peak” meetings of the alumni network will be held throughout the year in the years after the end of the program in order to preserve the partnership, the peer group, and local initiative.
* The successful experience of the implementation of joint initiatives ‏ between Palestinians and Jews, will be a catalyst for the promotion of additional initiatives in the organizations.

**Indicator and Tools that the grantee/we will use for tracking progress:** Questionnaires, interviews, follow-up meetings with staff and participants.Indicators of success * Significant professional and interpersonal relationships were created that enable the continued development of significant joint action.
* A new and renewed cadre of group facilitators in general and dialogue groups in particular has been created that promote shared living.
* A new and growing circle of participants was exposed to dialogue tools.
* New and creative initiatives have been developed that promote joint action and shared living that become beacons of inspiration.
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**2024 General Support Grant Budget**

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| **General Support Expenses**  | **2024** |
| Annual Organizational Expenses in US Dollars | $10,210,000 |
| NIF Grant in US Dollars  | $100,000 |
| % of NIF Grant out of Total Organizational Budget | 1% |

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| **Anticipated 2024 Organizational Income** | **$** | **%** |
| Total Assured | $ | % |
| Total Likely | $ | % |
| Total Pending | $ | % |
| Recommended NIF Grant | $100,000 | 1% |
| **Total Anticipated Organizational Income** | **$10,210,000** | **100%** |

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| **RECOMMENDATIONS** |
| **2024 Staff Recommendation**: $100,000 **Staff Analysis of Risk vs. Opportunity:** High opportunity/low risk. מדובר בארגון וותיק ומבוסס המפעיל מזה שנים רבות פרויקטים לקידום החיים המשותפים בין יהודים לפלסטינים בישראל. The organization is led by a joint team of about 200 Arabs and Jews who work together to create a common and equal space. The joint action promotes dialogue, understanding and combining forces for the sake of creating a better future for all, allowing Arabs and Jews to live together while preserving each unique identity and cultureלארגון תקציב גדול שרובו מובטח. מענק כללי של הקרן לחיזוק העשייה בתחום החיים המשותפים יאפשר לארגון להרחיב את העשייה שלו בתחום ולהגיע לאוכלוסיות חדשות ובהיקפים גדולים יותר כמעט ללא סיכון. **Explain Staff Recommendation:** The staff recommends giving Ajeec-Nisped general support that will allow it flexibility to work on promoting shared society between Palestinians and Jews in Israel and to promote equality for Palestinians in Israel. Ajeec-Nisped runs many projects for ‏various populations in the areas of shared society that are important for NIF, such as “Talking the Change”: Encounters between Arab and Jewish Young Adults including identity encounter sessions, accompanied before and after by single-identity preparation and processing sessions to encourage integration of the lessons of the encounter into the day-to-day life of each group; “Educators on the way” with the aim to develop a new layer of educators that speak the language of shared society; “Arab-Jewish Gap Year” that is a full year of joint study, dialogue, and community service for Arab and Jewish high school graduates in the Negev, Ramla, and Lod. A general support grant will allow the organization greater flexibility and room to maneuver to deal with all these projects of importance for NIF.**Additional current grants to same recipient in other programs:** None**.****Recommendation of Board/Grants Committee 2024:**  |