



The Slingshot Fund 2011

Frequently Asked Questions

What is *Slingshot*?

The core of the idea that became Slingshot developed organically following a weekend retreat for a dozen young Jews in 2003 who were preparing to become involved in their family's philanthropy. Participants were hoping to learn how to navigate the alphabet soup of the Jewish community and sort out which organizations resonated for themselves and their peers. ***Slingshot: A Resource Guide to Jewish Innovation was launched shortly after as a Zagat-style guidebook to highlight the 50 most innovative nonprofits in North America each year.***

What is the Slingshot Fund?

In 2007, the next generation funders responsible for *Slingshot* took their concept a step further, and created The Slingshot Fund to support innovative Jewish organizations. In conjunction with 30 of their peers, Slingshot members pool their donations, review proposals, conduct site visits, and make allocation decisions. **Being part of the Slingshot Fund offers members an opportunity to connect with their peers, explore their Jewish interests, find causes that are meaningful to their own identities and experiences, and hone their leadership skills.**

Why should I join the Slingshot Fund 2011?

The Slingshot Fund offers grantmaking training to next generation funders across the country. Members may join to build relationships with other funders in their 20s and 30s, explore the Jewish not-for-profit world, learn more about grantmaking, or simply have a philanthropic experience independent of their families.

There is no one-size-fits all reason for joining, but if you are interested in having a peer-grantmaking experience, leveraging your giving, joining a community of next generation philanthropists, receiving grantmaking training, or learning about cutting-edge Jewish organizations across North America, Slingshot may be right for you.

How does the Slingshot Fund work?

All 50 organizations featured in *Slingshot* in a given year are eligible to apply for a Slingshot Fund grant. Slingshot Fund members pool their donations and spend five months examining proposals, conducting site visits and selecting grantees whose organizations not only fit the criteria, but also resonate with a next generation audience.

Is there a minimum contribution?

Participation in the Slingshot Fund 2011 is a dual commitment of funds (give or get) and time. For more information, please contact Slingshot.

Since **2007**:

40 Slingshot Fund members have distributed over
\$1,500,000 in unrestricted grants to
22 innovative Jewish not-for-profits across North America

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