

Timeline



Pre-Grant Requirement:

Call Brienne Hooker or Cheryl Hillan to discuss your grant idea before submitting a letter of intent.

Phase I - Open Letter of Intent Submission Window Jan. 1 to April 15, 2026

This *compelling* 1-page essay should include:

- Why your idea is worth the grant investment.
- How will the community be transformed by this project/program?
- Estimated Cost/Budget
- Community Partner (at least one)
- Money you are contributing (from a grant, donor, operating funds, etc.)
- How long will the project take?

Phase II Invitations - After June 1, 2026

If selected to move on to Phase II, you will receive a phone call with the contact information for the Driving Home Lane Committee assigned to your project.

Project Meetings: June 1 through August 31, 2026

Your Project Team will work closely with a Driving Home Lane Committee to gather resources, provide networking connections, review your budget and timeline, and assist with formulating a well-rounded community grant proposal.

Phase II Graduation from Driving Home Committee September 1, 2026

If your team and the Driving Home Lane Committee feel the grant is ready to be sent for review to the JNF Grant Committee, then the project will graduate from Phase II for approval. If the plan is not yet ready, the project will remain under the Driving Home Lane Committee for guidance and direction.

Finalists Approved by JNF Grant Committee presented for approval to JNF Governing Board October 2026

Fundraising, financial reports, and public announcements to be scheduled as applicable to the timeline for project completion