

**PANIM: The Institute for Jewish Leadership and Values, Inc.** Total Award: \$100,000 over 1 year  
(Rockville, MD)

*The Jewish Civics Initiative*

***Presidential Authority Grant***

To support The Jewish Civics Initiative (JCI), a year-long service-learning experience for Jewish teenagers under the sponsorship of a local community-based Jewish educational institution in cooperation with PANIM. JCI is comprised of three core elements: A class based Jewish Civics curriculum; a four-day leadership seminar in Washington that brings together several JCI community delegations; and the creation -- by students -- of major community service/social change projects in local communities. After completing an internal evaluation of the JCI program, PANIM has developed a comprehensive strategy to strengthen the program, extend its reach, and ensure long term sustainability. Over the next three years, PANIM will 1) Improve the effectiveness of the JCI program through rewriting the curriculum, increasing the number of Washington-based seminars, offering incentive mini-grants for follow up projects, improving alumni support and tracking, introducing a college credit track within JCI, enhancing teacher training and support, and offering an online JCI lesson bank; 2) Reach more Jewish teens by bringing the program to additional communities with appropriate buy in from a local educational institution; and 3) Build fiscal sustainability for the program.

***Program Contribution Breakdown:***

**\$100,000** Jewish Life and Values Program: *Objectives I & III*