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SafetyRespectEquity Coalition Awards Over \$1.2 Million to Organizations Committing to Create Change and Culture Shift Across the Jewish Communal World

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 June 2019 – The SafetyRespectEquity Coalition announced today a total of more than \$1.2 million awarded to 15 grantees working to advance women's leadership and address sexual harassment and gender inequity in Jewish organizations. The grants, which prioritized both reach and impact, were awarded to Jewish institutions working towards safe, respectful, and equitable workplaces and communal spaces, as well as those who reach underserved populations and communities with innovative programming.

The Coalition brings together diverse organizations and efforts to help drive and support change under a common vision and shared banner to eliminate sexual harassment and gender bias in the Jewish communal world. The SRE Coalition—which represents more than 100 Jewish organizations, funders, individuals, and experts—serves as a catalyst, convener, and clearinghouse. Today's awards mark the second round of grant giving by the SRE Coalition since it was established 18 months ago.

"These grants will advance the SRE Coalition's overall goal of working toward organizational change and culture shift by galvanizing Jewish leaders to prioritize these issues in their institutions," says Lisa Eisen, President of the U.S. Jewish Portfolio at the Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Foundation, speaking on behalf of the SRE Coalition's Leadership Group. "We are excited about the diversity and innovation they reflect, each proposing broad impact and a commitment to document and disseminate lessons learned to others in the field."

The 15 organizations awarded capacity-building grants represent vast geographic and programmatic distribution and include: The Jewish Education Project, Foundation for Jewish Camp/Prizmah: Center for Jewish Day Schools, Jewish Community Centers Association of North America, Jewish Women International, Leading Edge, Moving Traditions, Sacred Spaces, Shalom Bayit (a project of the Tides Center), The Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, Slingshot Fund, and the Union for Reform Judaism. Of the 15 grants, four focus on building capacity within their organizations, and eleven focus on broader initiatives that build capacity across several organizations within the Jewish communal world. For more information on the mission of these organizations and proposed partnerships and project plans, please visit: <http://safetyrespectequity.org/capacity-building-fund-grantees/>

"Despite emerging consensus that the Jewish community suffers from a paucity of women in leadership positions, there is little validated research that looks at this challenge from the perspective of the system," stated Gali Cooks, CEO of Leading Edge. "We are grateful for the SRE

Coalition award as it will provide funding for rigorous research designed to unearth barriers to closing the gender gap in Jewish communal organizations.”

This round of grantmaking builds on the Coalition’s inaugural grants, when the Coalition awarded \$500,000 to five organizations through its Rapid Response Fund to support immediate training and capacity-building efforts. These grantees are currently working with the Coalition to coordinate and scale training and coaching programs and to develop assessment tools, research, and other resources to promote safety, respect, and equity in Jewish workplaces and communal spaces. The SRE Coalition anticipates awarding additional funds in 2019 driven by an evaluation of current Rapid Response grantees and remaining identified Coalition gaps and needs.

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About the SafetyRespectEquity Coalition:

The SafetyRespectEquity (SRE) Coalition works to ensure safe, respectful, and equitable Jewish workplaces and communal spaces by addressing sexual harassment, sexism, and gender discrimination. Currently composed of more than 100 organizations, funders, individuals, and experts, the Coalition serves as both catalyst and resource: to support, coordinate, and amplify change in Jewish organizations, as well as to accelerate a broader cultural shift. To learn more, visit: <http://safetyrespectequity.org>.