Final

GRANTS COMMITTEE MINUTES
ZOOM Meeting
Tuesday, June 16, 2026 - 12:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Jessica Samet (Chair), Rosann Bocciarelli, Janet Gale, Howard Goldfine, Ann Macheras, and John Weinberg

Staff: Dan Brandeis, CEO and Liz Garrison, Executive Assistant

Chair's Welcome and Minutes – Jessica Samet

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Minutes from March 24, 2026, meeting were unanimously approved.

It was noted that the grant requests again exceeded the available budget allocations.

Liz referenced the Rachel B. Banks Youth Fund 2025 follow-up reports and explained that grant requests exceeded the available budgets but there were unspent allocations from 2025 Rachel Banks Fund that were not used for those 2025 grants and suggested moving the unspent allocations $3,412 to the 2026 Rachel B. Banks Fund spendable balance.

A motion to move the unspent 2025 Rachel B. Banks Fund allocations to the 2026 Rachel B. Banks Fund grant applicants was unanimously approved.

The committee moved to review and vote on the 2026 Masada College Age Youth Fund as there was only one applicant, VCU. RMC did not apply. A motion was made to approve the VCU grant request for $8,600, which was unanimously approved.

The committee then moved to review of the Grants Report including one DAF grant recommendation for $400K to Ayla's Acres a no kill shelter in St. Augustine, FL which was designated to build a new shelter for dogs/cats. The committee unanimously approved this grant.

The committee then discussed the 2026 Rachel B. Banks Youth Fund grant applications and the Summer Grant applications for special needs and senior adults and struggled to find a fair way to allocate the available funds to so many worthwhile proposals with limited funds. It was

stated that grantees should not be requesting salaries on grants for existing positions. It was suggested that the committee have a follow-up conversation on how to make cuts on grants where there are not sufficient funds to award all requests.

The committee ultimately decided to award funds to four out of the five Rachel B. Banks Youth Fund 2026 applications totaling $29,260, five grants to four organizations under the 2026 Summer Grants for Special Needs totaling $8,827 and three grants to organizations to support Senior Adults totaling $3,288. (See attached spreadsheets for Rachel B. Banks Youth Fund and 2026 Summer Grants)

Due to much time being spent discussing how to allocate so little funds to so many organizations requesting nearly twice as much as was available, it was suggested that perhaps the Grants Committee could authorize RJF staff to award small grants within a certain threshold and provide funding guidance. This needs to be revised at another meeting.

Due to time constraints the discussion of how to handle distribution from the **Benjamin and Mondel Saslaw Education Fund and Schapiro Education Funds** was tabled for a subsequent meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom.