



## ANNUAL CAMPAIGN IMPACT: SECURITY

The Milwaukee Jewish Federation's mission is to care for the needs of the Jewish people and build a vibrant Jewish future. Sadly, security has become one of our community's basic needs over the past 20 years.

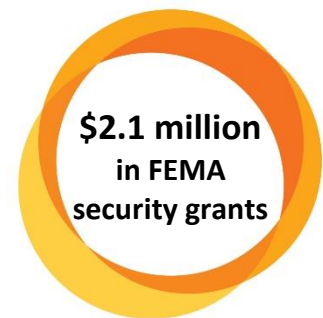
### Crisis Response

MJF works with local and federal law enforcement to monitor and respond to crises. Recent examples include:

- Credible security threat on a local synagogue via the dark web
- Vandalization of a Kenosha synagogue with anti-Semitic graffiti
- Gunshots at Yeshiva Elementary School
- Simultaneous delivery of suspicious packages at two synagogues
- Bomb threats at the JCC

### Security funding

Since 2018, MJF staff has assisted over 30 organizations in securing FEMA grants for security. MJF staff provided consultation on the grant process, assisted in completing the grant application, and facilitated walk throughs of facilities with FEMA staff. This accounts for \$3.3 million in total grant funding. In 2021 alone, MJF staff secured \$2.1 million in FEMA grants for 22 organizations.



### Synagogue Security

An uptick in attacks on houses of worship nationally and internationally, led MJF to establish a fund for synagogue security. The Synagogue Security Grant Program helps synagogues pay for professional security guards for the High Holidays, Shabbat, religious school, and special events. The guards are vetted professionals who have the expertise needed to respond to potentially life-threatening situations. Many are retired law enforcement members and staff more than 20 locations. Since 2019, more than \$290,000 in grants have been made to local synagogues.



## School security

MJF listened to the community and responded to their needs by increasing its Jewish day school security footprint. Yeshiva Elementary School on Milwaukee's West Side as well as the schools on the Max and Anita Karl Jewish Community Campus – Bader Hillel Academy, Jewish Beginnings Lubavitch Preschool, and Milwaukee Jewish Day School – all have professional security guards on duty during school hours. Daily protection allows teachers, students, and staff to focus on education, not concerns for their physical safety.

## Security training

MJF aims to educate the community on security best practices. This included offering community-wide training sessions on civilian responses to active shooters and education on the first seven minutes of a response to a security threat. These sessions featured role playing, so participants were able to use the tactics they learned in a controlled environment with their instructors.

## Physical security

Physical security standards continually evolve as better, more efficient options are introduced. This is why MJF has committed more than \$1,000,000 to physical security upgrades for organizations throughout the community to install needed improvements.

## Pandemic security

The COVID-19 pandemic saw a shift in MJF's role in security efforts. When the state government issued a lockdown order, MJF staff performed wellness checks on synagogues and cemeteries to ensure properties were left undisturbed and free from vandals.

### Security services:

- Antisemitism
- Assessments
- Consultation
- Coordination with local and federal law enforcement
- Crisis communication
- Crisis response
- Events
- Guards
- Incident reporting
- Infrastructure
- Intelligence
- Funding
- Policy and procedures
- Technology
- Training

