

# GLI Alumni Microgrants

## Program Starter Ideas

Want to make a difference in your community through a GLI Alumni Microgrant, but not sure where to start? Check out this list of starter ideas to get you rolling.



Help address issues of division and polarization



Arrange a training for new skills to make greater impact



Host a book club to lift up important stories and voices



Organize and advocate for critical civil rights issues



Increase understanding of and ability to combat antisemitism, racism, and all forms of hate



Teach your peers about your own history and culture

1. **Organize a training** to better understand and take action around issues important to you and your community. Utilize microgrant funding to support an experienced trainer, educator, or coach to lead a session or workshop on specific skill building, or focused on anti-racism, LGBTQ+ rights, addressing Islamophobia, understanding antisemitism, or another important topic that helps secure fair and just treatment to all.
2. **Help address issues of division and polarization** by hiring a trained facilitator to lead a constructive conversation across divide and/or difference in your community. This could look like an intergenerational conversation between GLI Alumni and a Regional board in your ADL community or a broader community conversation focused on political divides.
3. **Put on a virtual trivia program** for your friends and family. Choose categories that focus on histories of social justice movements, countering bias, and civic engagement. Hire a professional trivia host to run the show and tech and put up a prize for the winners to rev up some healthy and fun competition!
4. **Arrange a digital giving circle** to learn about and take part in impactful collective giving practices. [HERE](#) are some resources from Amplifier to help get you started.
5. **Teach your peers about your own history and culture** by hosting a cooking program that highlights a dish from your family's tradition, culture and/or heritage in the spirit of celebrating culture and identity. Use microgrants to buy ingredients and deliver prep baskets to each participant.

6. **Take a virtual tour of an historical or cultural institution**, or a local neighborhood walk that educates about the history of the community you live in (e.g. Holocaust Museum, Museum of African American History and Culture, EJL's Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice). Utilize Microgrants to hire staff from a museum to lead a tour live!
7. **Host a book club** to learn in community with your friends and family. Utilize the microgrants to cover costs of books and any other necessary resources. Books feeling like too much of a commitment? Go for a booklet or article to reflect on together!
8. **Hold a watch party** Hold a watch party with your friends to raise awareness around important issues, such as online harassment, discrimination, criminal justice, and antisemitism. Order food from a local business to enjoy while you watch. Recommended films include: Just Mercy, 13th, Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution, Denial, The Upstanders, Teach Us All, and Netizens (for hosting a screening of Netizens to raise awareness around dangers of online harassment and cyberhate, check out these guides: [Netizens screening discussion guide](#) and [ADL's Cyber-Safety Action Guide](#)).
9. **Celebrate a holiday**, like Shabbat, Juneteenth, or Eid for example, with your GLI family and friends – a way to recharge, reflect, stay strong in the work ahead, and strengthen your ADL Community relationships.
10. **Gather together with young families for a group reading** of children's literature that teaches about bias, promotes respect for diversity, and encourages social action. Use [ADL's book of the month](#), or another selection from ADL's Books Matter resource library to plan for your gathering. Use microgrants to purchase books for all participating families. Consider making this one a monthly series to tackle multiple stories, stay connected and build community!
11. **Throw a Dinner and Discussion**: Arrange reimbursements for each guest to order take-out from a local business for dinner and while eating together, lead a discussion using an ADL lesson plan on important and urgent issues in our society today including: [Conditions in Detention Centers at the U.S. Border](#); How do Polls Inform, Influence, and Impact Elections?; [The Resilience of Anti-Semitism: The Lies of The Protocols of The Elders of Zion](#); [How Systemic Racism Impacts Coronavirus Racial Disparities](#)

**Ready to get started? [Fill out your application today.](#)**

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