

UU Funding Program
Fund for Unitarian Universalism
Grants Made Spring 2023

21st Century UU Video Project **\$9,200 / \$500 / \$2000TA**
21st Century Unitarian Universalism Video Project
New York, NY

This project will help lead UUism into the 21st century by capitalizing on the existing audience of the successful @unitarianuniverslist account on TikTok. By growing this account through a focussed strategy, the project will promote awareness and understanding of UUism as well as grow the capacity for new types of Digital Ministry within our movement.

First Church Belmont UU **\$5,000 / \$2,000**
The CommUUnity Collaborative
Belmont, MA

The CommUUnity Collaborative is off to a great start. Our second year of programs were even better than the first. More congregations, more participation and better classes. More than 100 UUs from more than 15 churches participated in workshops.

First Church Belmont UU **\$4,000**
Kids UUnited
Belmont, MA

Kids UUnited seeks to provide a momentum boost to congregations in the form of high quality family ministry. We provide structure, support and systems for congregations to grow their RE programs. We provide trained, experienced facilitators, engaging programming, advertising collateral and ongoing support for ministers and other leaders as we help congregations face this complex moment in family ministry.

Michigan Unitarian Universalist Social Justice Network **\$12,000 / \$2,000**
Expanding Support for the 8th Principle & UU's New Article II Statement
Royal Oak, MI

To expand the number of Michigan UU congregations who are studying, adopting, and embodying the 8th Principle. If the proposed Article II "Purposes and Covenant" receives a majority vote in favor from the delegates at General Assembly, MUUSJN will support Michigan UU congregations' efforts to continue learning about it in preparation for the 2024 vote. Both these UU initiatives will be supported by this project.

Mirth and Dignity**\$15,500 / \$3,000***The Laughter Project*

Winnipeg, MB

Laughter is a valid and powerful spiritual practice. It is healing, community building, and can be used as a powerful tool for social change. The Laughter Project aims to provide direct resources to congregations and individuals in order to increase Unitarian Universalism's capacity for humour.

Sanctuary Boston**\$20,000***Boston Area Campus Ministry*

Cambridge, MA

Sanctuary Boston is growing the largest UU Campus Ministry program in the country, bringing together students from all over the Boston area to connect for worship, small groups, and other program. Last year, they expanded their vision and began partnering with student leaders to found new UU groups on their campuses. They will continue and build on this success.

The HUUB, inc**\$20,000***Ben Jones Community Garden Farm Club*

Orange, NJ

The Ben Jones Community Garden Farm Club seeks to increase awareness about environmental justice while creating community building opportunities for youth and seniors to experience the joys and benefits of gardening. It builds on HUUB's earlier Orange Patches project increasing access to greenspace and garden programming in Black and Latinx communities in Orange, NJ.

Transforming Hearts Collective**\$15,000 / \$5,000***Welcome, Transformation, & Liberation Program*

Greenfield, MA

This project will take our "Next Generation Welcoming Congregation" programming to the next level, building on our incredibly successful Trans Inclusion in Congregations program and years of pilot work on culture shift in congregations to develop and launch a program that will do what no previous program of this kind has ever accomplished at scale: create real culture shift.

UU Church of the Philippines**\$20,000***Nagbinlod Mango Farm and Ecological Center (NMFEC)*

Negros Oriental, Philippines

The project is called the Nagbinlod Mango Farm and Ecological Center (NMFEC). It aims to further develop the mango farm to include other fruit bearing trees, a plant nursery and livestock production. It will also include construction of a shrine in the original location of the church. This place was the second home of Universalist Church of the Philippines when the national office moved here.

UU Congregation of the Susquehanna Valley
Upgraded and Highly Visible Signage
Northumberland, PA

\$9,000 / \$2,500

UUCSV will replace a static outdoor sign with a programmable electronic sign to promote church activities and social justice. Our location on a busy state highway allows us to reach 13,000+ commuters daily.

UU Ministers Association
Shared Guidelines Project
Boston, MA

\$20,000

As UU Religious Professionals and lay leaders, we aspire to work collaboratively in dedication to Unitarian Universalism. The UU Religious Professional Shared Guidelines establishes a shared code-of-ethics across all UU professional religious leaders. These Guidelines encompass a system for restoring right relationship when possible, adjudicating and imposing consequences when necessary.

UU Ministers Association
UUMA Web Transition
Boston, MA

\$20,000

The UUMA has recently embarked on our first website redesign in 12 years. We expect the project to be done in two phases and are seeking the support of the funding panel to ensure the completion of phase one, hire support staff to assist in the transition and begin phase

TOTAL GRANTS: \$145,700
TOTAL CHALLENGE: \$51,000
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Challenge Grants are in Italics