UU Funding Program

All Grants Made Spring 2025

Fund for Unitarian Universalism

DRUUMM $20,000 / *$2,400 TA*
Winter Garden, FL
The 8th Principle Documentary

The 8th Principle explores Unitarian Universalism's racial justice triumphs and struggles, highlighting prominent BIPOC UU leaders like Dr. Paula Cole Jones. Filmmaker Sophia Uehara reflects on the 8th Principle through the recent Article II Amendments, guiding viewers through the faith's past, present, and its vision for a multicultural, beloved future.

DRUUMM $20,000
Winter Garden, FL
Gathering in Power: DRUUMM 2026 National Conference

To support DRUUMM's 2026 National Gathering, advancing BIPOC UU leadership and spiritual community. Funding will ensure inclusive participation, accessible hybrid programming, and impactful worship. This event will unite 125–200 attendees for faith formation, intergenerational connection, and racial justice within Unitarian Universalism.

First Church Belmont UU $12,000 / *$2,000*
Belmont, MA
The Legacy of Slavery Project

The Legacy of Slavery Project seeks to uncover the truth of the church's historical ties to sugar plantations in Cuba and the enslaved people they held. They seek reparation and repair, creating a permanent marker at the church as well as resources for other communities engaged in similar exploration.

Murray Grove Retreat Center $15,000 / *$5,000*
Lanoka Harbor, NJ
Revitalize and Reposition Murray Grove Retreat Center

This project will reposition and revitalize Murray Grove Retreat Center, the birthplace of Universalism, as it recovers from the impact of Covid on retreat facilities. This proposal covers the inception of a comprehensive multi-year planning process which requires the support of an additional part-time staff position for implementation.

SF Contemplarium $20,000 / *$5,000 TA*
San Francisco, CA
Community Chaplaincy Pilot at the San Francisco Contemplarium

The SF Contemplarium will pilot a part-time Community Chaplaincy program with a UU-affiliated chaplain to extend spiritual care beyond traditional contexts. This initiative provides interfaith support to neighborhoods while enhancing existing programming. By honoring the inherent worth of every person, this pilot advances UU principles and explores innovative ministry models for contemporary spiritual needs.

South Valley Unitarian Universalist Society $10,450
Salt Lake City, UT
Expanding Our Boundaries: An Exploration Of Utah County Ministry For Underserved Populations

To explore the potential for community ministry in Utah County with a focus on addressing barriers to participation experienced by members of a historically marginalized groups (i.e. LGBTQIA+ community and those living with disability). The goal is to develop life-affirming spirituality for those seeking liberal religious community.

TXUUJM - Texas UU Justice Ministry $20,000 / *$3,000 TA*
Austin, TX
Texas UU Justice Ministry Prioritizes Connection with Remote Congregations

At a pivotal time for UU faith, congregations, and justice work, the Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry seeks greater capacity and support to connect and deepen relationships with small, remote, or struggling UU congregations across their very large state.

UUMA - UU Ministers Association $20,000
Boston, MA
Shared Ministry Scholarships for the Institute for the Learning Ministry

For scholarships for shared ministry staff teams to support their participation in the UUMA Institute for the Learning Ministry. Every three to four years, the UUMA produces the Institute for the Learning Ministry (previously the Institute for Excellence in Ministry), a weeklong conference that promotes continuing education, spiritual nourishment, and collegial connections. The goal is to have at least 40 non-minister religious professionals attending the Institute and that this will build learning relationships between ministers and other religious professionals and continue to foster engagement across religious professional groups.

UUs of Oneonta $20,000 */ $2,000 TA*
Oneonta, NY
CommunityCafé - working title: "Pink Puppy Club Café"

To make use of a second building the church has acquired for an inclusive 3rd community space, with particular attention to the LGBTQ+ community with a tea/coffee house setting, which brings in sustainable income to maintain the project for years to come.

Total Grants - 9	**$164,450**
Total Challenge Grants -2	*$7,000*
Total TA Grants - 3	$12,400

Challenge Grants are in italics, unless noted as TA