

UU Funding Program
Fund for Unitarian Universalism
Grants Made Spring 2022

Diverse and Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries \$9,000 / \$10,000
We Count What Matters
Washington, DC

DRUUMM is the oldest and largest intentionally Black, Indigenous and People of Color organization in Unitarian Universalism, serving over 1,000 PIPOC UUs each year. The UUA and the CUC Ca are two of the only faith institutions that do not have a regular racial/ethnic demographic census. *We Count What Matters* seeks to establish new standards and practices for racial/ethnic data collection in Unitarian Universalism. They have identified gaps and inconsistencies in how UU institutions collect racial/ethnic data that drive stereotypes, misinformation, and inequities in our system.

EqUUal Access \$19,500
A Curriculum for Congregations on Unitarian and Universalist Involvement with the Eugenics Movement
South Lee, MA

EqUUal Access seeks funding to develop a curriculum that will allow congregations to learn our denomination's historical connection to the eugenics movement. It will also explore how this history perpetuates ableism in our society and within our denomination, and how we can start dismantling these oppressions and repairing relationships.

First Church Belmont Unitarian Universalist \$10,000 / \$500
The ComUUnity Collaborative
Belmont, MA

CommuUUnity Collaborative is a UU platform created/conducted by ministers and staff teams who want to share new programs with their congregations and beyond. The grant is to continue the momentum of seven congregations to deepen and broaden Adult Programming. In a year in which so many ministers have been burned out and left ministry, this collaborative was a bright spot for these seven colleagues and their communities.

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\$10,000

Kids Uunited

Belmont, MA

Kids Uunited is a way for congregations to build thriving and vibrant RE programs without needing to be burdened by low paying unattractive part time DRE jobs which are near impossible to fill and retain. The Kids Uunited hub supports congregations through creating a menu of engaging, exciting, participatory workshops that congregations can choose from; recruiting and training a team of energetic, committed, creative facilitators who will travel to congregations; and facilitating those workshops and then supporting the ministers and RE volunteers as they grow family ministry in their churches. The program offers a clear structure and roadmap with ongoing support, advertising materials and on-site facilitators to help bolster, energize and enliven family ministry.

Mirth and Dignity

\$14,000 / \$6,000

The Roots Project

Saskatoon, SK

Mirth and Dignity's *UU Hysterical Society* has 145,000 members, their media projects together reach 1.7 million people per month. Although each arm is self-funded, our overarching organization has been volunteer run. "So we are a 145,000 person organization, running like a small church". *The Roots Project* will address this, allowing for transition to an institutional model more appropriate to the organizations growing size and mission.

Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church

\$9,000

The Embodiment Project: Body, Mind, Spirit

Pasadena, CA

"What would church look like if we moved beyond the idea of Sunday worship wherein we gather to light the chalice, sing some songs, and listen to a sermon?" is the question that begat *The Embodiment Project*. The Project covers three areas of spirituality by staging two dance parties (body), an educational workshop that highlights the music genres and styles that have shaped the culture and communities (mind), and a UU Wellspring program (spirit). The Project is designed to bring awareness about Unitarian Universalism to adults 21-40 years

old, provide a space for persons seeking greater connection with the music element of a worship service, expand the music sung in our congregations, and enable UUs to have a more meaningful and deeper connection with their spirituality. This project will also create connections among the various adult and young adult groups in the Los Angeles area churches and fellowships.

Prairie Unitarian Universalist Church

\$1,000

JEDI Advocacy Program

\$4,000 TA

Parker, CO

PrairieUU is committed to widening our circle of concern by providing sanctuary for the community in crisis (Douglas Co., CO). Their JEDI Advocacy Program proactively guides members toward anti-oppressive and multicultural competencies as well as cultural humility while also mediating potential congregational growing pains.

Sanctuary Boston

\$19,500

Boston Area Campus Ministry Coordinator

Cambridge, MA

Last year, with UUFP support, Sanctuary Boston hired a Campus Ministry Coordinator who created one of the largest and most robust campus ministry programs in the country. This grant will continue and expand on this success. In addition to ministering to individual students through worship, small groups, retreats, and other Sanctuary programs, Sanctuary Boston will help build out groups in their own schools, create a network of campus groups, with Sanctuary Boston as the hub for communications, connections, and mutual support. They imagine a future ecosystem of campus ministry in Boston, where UU groups at numerous schools meet regularly, and those groups come together to worship at Sanctuary and as part of a larger community together.

Unitarian Universalist Church of the Philippines

\$12,000

Leaders for The Greater Community (LGC)

Negros Oriental, Philippines

Most UU Church Churches are isolated and difficult to reach. Their isolation exacerbates lack of information (up to now, the Bible is the only scripture that can be found in almost all UU churches in the Philippines and that an overwhelming number of members are familiar with). This project will invite town and

community leaders to speak in our churches, train leaders to host community gatherings and prepare leaders to participate in public programs of the larger community. The goal is reverse evangelism - to facilitate the education of leaders through exposure, experience and extending social circles.

Total Grants	\$103,000
<i>Total Challenge Grants</i>	<i>\$16,500</i>
<i>TA</i>	<i>\$4,000</i>
TOTAL	\$119,500