UU Funding Program
Fund for UU Social Responsibility
Grants Made Fall 2022

First Unitarian Universalist Church of Houston
$5,000 / $2,500
Centering the Worth, Dignity and Lived Experiences of Asylum-Seekers in Houston
Houston, TX

In a time of dehumanizing immigration rhetoric, this project will center the voices and lived experiences of asylum-seekers in Houston, and model mutual collaboration between new arrivals and the community, to raise awareness of migration-related issues and increase advocacy for policies supporting migrants’ inherent worth and dignity.

Flaming Chalice International
$13,200 / $1,000
Refugee Ministry: Resettlement and Nurturing Refugees
$1,000 TA
Saskatoon, SK

One of the objectives of FCI in Canada is to settle refugees, especially Unitarian refugees who are in East Africa, and nurture those already in Canada. This project plans to nurture refugees through online gatherings and one-on-one meetings and bring a Unitarian family to Canada. With the Covid restrictions lifted, they are shifting efforts more on refugees and helping them be part of a community.

International Convocation of Unitarian Universalist Women
$10,000 / $5,000
Building BIPOC Power in San Antonio, TX: Justice, Healing, and Resistance
Seattle, WA

The project promotes self and collective advocacy and action for reproductive health and economic justice through community-led practices that support Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) in the San Antonio area.

Kentucky Unitarian Universalist Justice Action Network
$9,500 / $4,500
KY Justice Network Capacity Building
Louisville, KY

Building on the planning KUUJAN engaged in last year, this grant will be used to focus time and energy on developing the capacity of the network as a whole, and on the UU congregations and communities to engage in meaningful justice activism. Efforts will focus on strengthening relationships between congregations/communities and between congregations/communities and the network.
South Carolina Unitarian Universalist Justice Alliance
$15,000 / $5,000
Grow and Sustain New SC UU State Action Network $2,500 TA
Charleston, SC

To grow and sustain SCUUJA in partnerships centering the voices and authority of people who experience injustice. Priorities include transgender rights, reproductive justice, and voting. They are connected to the 9 SC UU congregations and have many partnerships, including SC NAACP and women’s groups. They will continue to amplify justice action and offer workshops, events and vigils.

Unitarian Universalist Mass Action
$15,000 / $3,000
The Immigrant Justice Team Project
Jamaica Plain, MA

In response to the growing injustice and blatant racism of our immigration system, UU Mass Action has expanded their immigration work with a newly launched UU Immigration Justice Team. This team will work to further the advocacy, immigration justice organizing through direct actions against ICE, the rebuilding of an accompaniment network, and legislative work.

Unitarian Universalist Prison Ministry of Illinois
$10,000 / $2,500
Deepening Relationships: Visits and Collaborative Leadership with People Held in Illinois Prisons
Glen Ellyn, IL

UUPMI has two new initiatives: 1) The Accountability Task Force, the organization's commitment to institutionally embrace accountability with those who are most oppressed and most knowledgeable of solutions to the horrors of the prison industrial complex, and 2) The Prison Visitation Program, a collaborative initiative with inside pen pals.

Unitarian Universalist Advocacy Network of Illinois
$19,000 / $1,000
Catalyzing Congregational Action
Carbondale, IL

In the wake of the pandemic’s disruption, UUANI will rekindle and deepen sustainable, accountable social justice work with a Congregational Catalyst model. Catalysts will serve as congregation-based organizers in solidarity with local impacted communities through Congregational Action Networks that can be mobilized quickly on a range of issues.
Unitarian Universalist Justice Arizona  
Reproductive Justice for Arizona  
Phoenix, AZ

In the fight for reproductive justice, UUs have a powerful tool: Our Whole Lives Sexuality Education (OWL). This grant will fund OWL trainings through a collaboration of UUJAZ and the Baja 4 across Arizona. They are the only faith-based organization in the AZ statewide reproductive coalition.

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