

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

Coalition of UU State Action Networks (CUUSAN) \$5,000 TA
CUUSAN Salsa Support
Harrisburg, PA

By purchasing one subscription to SALSA and creating chapters for SANS, CUUSAN makes available a powerful integrated database management tool. All SANS who pay dues have access to SALSA and dues are based on budget size, which makes this an equitable access offering. SALSA significantly increases the effectiveness of SANS in enabling their constituencies to live out their UU values in the political arena.

IUUWAN - Iowa UU Witness Advocacy Network \$17,500 / \$2,500
Iowa UU Witness and Advocacy Network Mobilization \$850 TA
Iowa City, IA

IUUWAN strives to further their social justice impact of Iowa's 14 congregations by increasing collaboration between congregations and partners, conducting short- and long-term planning, and building activist skills. Each congregation expresses social justice interest in unique ways and IUUWAN support these interests and works to increase cross-congregational social justice involvement.

Kern Welcoming and Extending Solidarity to Immigrants \$13,000/ \$2,000
Commissary and Post-Release Fund \$2,000 TA
Bakersfield, CA

KWESI is an all-volunteer social justice ministry of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Kern County that supports immigrants who are detained at GEO for-profit detention facilities in Kern County with visits and commissary deposits. They advocate to protect the human rights of immigrants in detention, promote their release, and support them post release with housing, transportation, and case management. In 2021 they worked with 162 immigrants in detention and twenty immigrants after their release. They work exclusively advocating for detainees at the Mesa Verde and Kern County, Golden State Annex (GSA) ICE Processing Centers run by the Geo Group, a publicly traded real estate investment trust that invests in private prisons and mental health facilities. The TA grant is to provide telephone and communication systems with immigrants in detention.

NYUUIJ - New York Unitarian Universalist Justice \$15,000 / \$5,000
Activating New York UUs for Justice -- Building Collective Power \$1,500 TA
Albany, NY

Building on the foundation created in its first year, New York Unitarian Universalist Justice will strengthen its infrastructure and expand its network connecting Unitarian Universalists and their congregations. They are building collective power and taking action on critical justice issues, including climate justice, criminal justice reform, housing justice, and medical aid in dying.

Texas Unitarian Universalist Justice Ministry \$15,000 / \$5,000
Expanding Organizing Capacity \$2,000 TA
 San Antonio, TX

TXUJMJ has reactivated with new leadership and energy, after a fallow period of health crisis for its founding ED. This is a pivotal moment for justice in Texas. They are developing digital organizing and communications trainings and tools to build capacity and more effectively mobilize UUs to bend Texas toward justice.

The HUUB \$20,000
Orange Patches
 Orange, NJ

Orange Patches is an environmental justice initiative to spread enthusiasm and education about greenspaces, stewardship, and sustainability throughout Orange, NJ’s four wards. Orange is a frontline community dealing with decades of disinvestment and heavy industry’s toxic legacy. The program expands HUUB’s successful grassroots organizing around housing to include environmental justice and community greenspaces.

UU Church in Idaho Falls \$10,000 / \$1,000
Life Skills Support Center: A Social Justice Center
 Idaho Falls, ID

Unitarian Universalist Church in Idaho Falls would like to open a Social Justice Center, Life Skills Support Center, staffed by a part-time coordinator, to offer workshops and groups helping people recover from trauma and abusive relationships, and to offer anti-racist and anti-ableist workshops to the congregation and the larger community.

Unitarian Universalist Refugee & Immigrant Services & Education
UURISE Social Justice Portal \$5,000 / \$5,000
 Vista, CA

Justice Portals will increase access to immigration legal and related social services to low-access immigrant communities nationwide, delivered remotely in collaboration with UU congregations.

TOTAL GRANTS	\$75,500
TOTAL CHALLENGE	\$40,500
TOTAL	\$116,000
TOTAL TA	\$11,350