

UU Funding Program  
Fund for UU Social Responsibility  
*Grants Made Fall 2023*

**Channing Murray Foundation**

**\$18,000 / \$2,000**

*Sharing Table: A Relational Approach to Ending Food Apartheid in Urbana, Illinois*  
Urbana, IL

Sharing Table is an intersectional and relational approach to ending food apartheid. By empowering neighbors to share stories and expertise through cooking, packing, and delivering food; we foster resilient community across difference and ensure everyone has equal access to nourishing food.

**First Unitarian Church, Portland**

**\$20,000**

*First Unitarian 13 Salmon Shower Project*  
Portland, OR

Our project will help meet health and hygiene needs of our unhoused downtown neighbors. We will provide showers, hygiene supplies, and a resting station while building relationships between the congregation and our neighbors. This application is to fund our 9-month pilot phase including a part-time project intern.

**Flaming Chalice International**

**\$6,000**

*Providing Hope Through Refugee Sponsorship, One Family At A Time*  
Saskatoon, SK

Since 2015, a refugee crisis in Burundi drove to exile over 400,000 people. Flaming Chalice International has been working hard to support refugees in their land of exile and help resettlement in third party countries, in which they have a chance to build a new life. This project intends to settle in Canada a family of 5. The project will be carried out in conjunction with Canadian Unitarian Universalists.

**Georgia State Action Network**

**\$5,000**

*Georgia State Action Network*  
Atlanta, GA

To build a SAN to work with the GA Legislative Action Committee engaging UUs in justice making ministry (training & outreach events). To prioritize experiences & voices of the least represented communities living on the margins, directly impacted by injustice. Residents include, but aren't limited to, LGBTQ+ individuals, immigrants, those entitled to reproductive justice & disenfranchised Georgians.

**Kentucky UU Justice Action Network****\$9,500 / \$3,000***Kentucky UU Justice Action Network*

Louisville, KY

To continue to develop and strengthen the network. This year's focus will continue to be on efforts to strengthen the relationships between and among UUs (individuals and congregations) with each other as well as with the network. They will continue to increase their presence and influence in the state capital.

**South Carolina UU Justice Alliance****\$12,000***SCUUJA Advancing Anti-Racism in 2024*

Charleston, SC

To connect and engage Unitarian Universalists in South Carolina in the work of anti-racism. We will bring the wisdom of Paula Cole Jones to South Carolina to inspire anti-racist understanding and action among UUs and their congregations, better multicultural practices and welcoming in our congregations, and statewide action against racist book bans and curriculum censorship,

**UU Advocacy Network of Illinois****\$15,000 / \$5,000 / \$1,000 TA***Organizing BIPOC UUs in Illinois*

Carbondale, IL

Building on our current BIPOC organizing internship, UUANI will hire a Statewide BIPOC Catalyst to conduct a listening campaign with Black and Brown UUs in Illinois, foster connections among them, and identify areas of concern for collective action.

**UU Awesome Fellowship****\$6,000 / \$2,000 TA***Conflict Intervention Practice & Support (C.I.P.S.)*

Lakewood, OH

For facilitated small groups to meet up in synchronous time to practice processing through conflicts (real or fictional) via perspective shifting and re-evaluation of impressions. The goal is to increase the number of people in our communities that can confidently and competently intervene in conflicts to prevent escalation and estrangement.

**UU Congregation of Venice, Inc.****\$8,750***Social Justice Alliance of Florida Suncoast "Right To Read Festival"*

Venice, FL

The *Right to Read Festival* is the initial event to bring awareness to and address the issues of intellectual freedom. There will be speakers from the ACLU and the Intellectual Freedom Committee of the American Library Association, a panel of local activists and journalists including Zander Moricz, Tom Edwards and Carrie Seidman.

**UU Legislative Ministry of Maryland**  
*UU Youth for "Gun-Safe" Schools*  
Annapolis, MD

**\$5,000**

UULM-MD is developing curricula that empower teen and parent advocacy to make active shooter drills more trauma-informed. The curricula will also help congregations to engage in difficult conversations on saving lives from gun violence. The aim is a cultural shift in favor of responsible gun ownership and public safety.

**UU Ministry for Earth**

**\$15,000 / \$5,000 / \$4,000TA**

*Deepening the Unitarian Universalist Climate Justice Coalition*  
Portland, OR

In partnership with Side with Love, Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth will facilitate the Unitarian Universalist Climate Justice Coalition, a growing, unique, networking, strategic planning and skill building coalition among 8 climate justice oriented Unitarian Universalist organizations. Successful and sustaining Earth care requires coordination and attention among partners for good.

TOTAL GRANTS: \$114,250

TOTAL CHALLENGE: \$21,000

TOTAL TA: \$7,000

*Challenge Grants are in Italics*