



Unitarian Universalist Funding Program Fund for UU Social Responsibility Grants Made 2013

	Number of Grants	27
Grants Made		\$242,900
Challenge Grants		\$ 79,200
Grand Total		\$322,100

All Souls Church, New York, NY

Expanded Social Services 2014 \$5,000 Challenge

To expand a social service, outreach program Heart and Soul operated by the congregation. Each year volunteers prepare and and serve thirty thousand meals restaurant style to New Yorkers in distress. Counselors also work with guests on job referrals, counseling and other services as possible.

All Souls U.U. Church of Kansas City, Kansas City, MO

The New Jim Crow Reading and Action Circles \$3,000 Grant/\$500 Challenge

To form interracial reading and discussion groups of The New Jim Crow by Michele Alexander, that addresses issues of the "war on drugs" and the mass incarceration of people of color. The groups will then join efforts to dismantle the structures that promote these injustices.

All Souls UU Church: Stone Soup Cafe, Greenfield, MA

Stone Soup Cafe \$10,000 Grant

To double the number of people served by a weekly "Pay what you can" cafe by increasing hours the cafe is open, providing job training, and developing a web-based resource so the program can be replicated. The cafe serves the hungry from the low income community.

Beacon House Community Ministry, Washington, DC

FOCUS on Excellence \$10,000 Challenge

To support tutoring, academic enrichment and mentoring programs for low income, at risk children and youth in Washington, DC. Each day 125 children and youth receive a nutritious meal and help with their homework assignments. In the evenings Beacon House runs a tutoring program for 40-50 schoolchildren.

Beacon Press, Boston, MA

Re-visioning American History for Young People \$20,000 Grant

To adapt and publish A Queer History of the United States for young readers, create an online corresponding curriculum and resources, and promote the project through conferences, workshops and an online webinar for teachers.

First Parish Church, Northboro, Northboro, MA

Jobs Not Jails Rally

\$4,500 Grant

To mobilize Unitarian Universalists and other congregations engaged in criminal justice reform and support a rally of 10,000 people on Boston Common to bring attention to the number of people projected to be incarcerated in the next 10 years.

First Unitarian Church in New Bedford, New Bedford, MA

Restorative Justice Practices in New Bedford

\$20,000 Grant

To establish restorative justice practices at Whaling City Alternative High School and the city of New Bedford and to interrupt the school-to-prison-pipeline by changing the way youth and youth offenders are addressed to one of dignity and accountability.

First Unitarian Church of Dallas - Jericho Road Project, Dallas, TX

Establishing Jericho Road in Dallas

\$12,000 Grant

To match the professional talents of church members (and other North Texas UU churches) with the needs of non-profit organizations in the community, and to increase and strengthen the connections of the church to the broader Dallas community, especially those working for social justice.

Granite Peak U.U. Congregation, Prescott, AZ

GPUUC Communities Project

\$19,400 Grant

A second grant to expand a church-based CBCO through local neighborhood organizing, a citywide interfaith /institutional alliance, the Prescott Cluster, and among Arizona UU organizations.

Interweave Continental, Sharon, MA

Interweave Connect: Growing the Interweave Network

\$17,000 Grant

For a two-year campaign to significantly increase participation and to broaden the membership base to create a self-sustaining organization for LGBTQ people of all ages and their allies in UU congregations.

Michigan U.U. Social Justice Network, Royal Oak, MI

Michigan Campaign to Raise the Minimum Wage

\$6,000 Challenge

For a statewide campaign, engaging local congregations and in coalition with the UUA and UUSC, to increase the state hourly minimum wage to \$10.

Mountain Desert District, U.U.A., Denver, CO

Beloved Community Coordinator

\$6,000 Grant /\$6,000 Challenge

To support a Regional model of social change ministry among UU congregations of Colorado, growing relationships with established faith based social change organizations and witnessing for UU values in the areas of LGBTQ, immigrant and worker justice.

Starr King School for the Ministry, Berkeley, CA

Justice Collaborators Program \$10,000 Challenge

To support four Starr King students in creating and implementing community-based social justice projects and documenting the partnerships with local organizations.

Texas UU Justice Ministry, Austin, TX

TXUUJM -2 \$14,000 Grant /\$3,000 Challenge

A second grant for a program that will raise the voice of Unitarian Universalists in the public arena in Texas.

U.U. Abolitionists, Palo Alto, CA

Launch UU Abolitionist Movement \$4,000 Grant

For a campaign to raise UU awareness and interest in abolishing modern slavery - sex trafficking, forced labor, debt bondage, domestic servitude - by developing three webinars, and to use GA 2014 to further build a network of informed, concerned and committed UUs.

U.U. Church of Norwich, Norwich, CT

Reducing Dire Poverty in Kenya \$4,000 Challenge

To partner with American Friends of Kenya (AFK) to collect and ship books, medical equipment and supplies, classroom resources and other items needed by cooperatives of rural women, young adults and persons with disabilities in Kenya.

U.U. Church of Wakefield, Wakefield, MA

Transformative Justice and Violence Prevention Ministry \$12,000 Grant /\$4,000 Challenge

For a program using educational and training programs in congregations, prisons and detention centers to raise awareness about alternatives to incarceration, divert offenders from prison and reduce recidivism in Massachusetts.

U.U. Justice Florida, Sarasota, FL

Building a More Just Florida \$4,000 Grant

To support statewide action to reach out to UUs and address human rights and environmental justice.

U.U. Justice Ohio, Cincinnati, OH

Building the Foundation for a Sustainable Network \$15,000 Grant /\$2,500 Challenge

For building the capacity and sustainability of a state advocacy network in Ohio. The group is working on issues of immigration, LGBT equality, fracking and economic justice.

U.U. Legislative Ministry of Maryland, Annapolis, MD

Communications for Growth and Effectiveness \$7,500 Challenge

To evaluate, enhance and integrate technologies and capabilities for a comprehensive communications strategy to effectively bring together diverse groups to work on public policies that promote UU values.

U.U. Legislative Ministry of New Jersey, Summit, NJ

Infrastructure - Phase III \$14,300 Grant /\$4,200 Challenge

A third grant to build and strengthen a statewide network of New Jersey congregations that brings UU values and voices to the state legislature.

U.U. Massachusetts Action Network, Lynn, MA

Spiritual Activist Leadership Training (SALT) Planning \$20,000 Grant

To create a sustainable plan to adapt and implement the SALT program in Massachusetts. SALT is designed to engage and train UU young adults in a justice centered and spiritually grounded activist organizing program.

U.U. Ministry For Earth, Portland, OR

Ecological Justice Collaboratory \$12,200 Grant

For a dialogue and strategic planning summit hosted by UUME, Starr King and Meadville Lombard, with UUA staff and leaders from key UU organizations and congregations, seeking to grow an ecological justice culture and practice in our denomination.

U.U. Pennsylvania Legislative Advocacy Network, Philadelphia, PA

UUPLAN Expansion Plan Phase II \$5,000 Grant /\$10,000 Challenge

To support increased membership, strengthen leadership capacity and continue to engage UUs on issues of economic, immigration and reproductive justice and bring UU values to public policy.

U.U. Refugee and Immigrant Services and Education, San Marcos, CA

Comprehensive Safety Planning \$20,000 Grant

To leverage partnerships with immigrant advocacy organizations and social service agencies to provide Safety Planning Clinics to help immigrants learn about their rights and develop a plan in the event a family member is detained and/or deported.

U.U. Society of Wellesley Hills - W.A.G.L.Y., Wellesley, MA

2014 WAGLY Expansion Project \$6,000 Grant /\$2,000 Challenge

A third grant to expand a program providing support for GLBTQ high school youth and straight allies in the MetroWest Boston community.

Washington State UU Voices for Justice, Olympia, WA

Expanding the Reach of Washington State UU Voices \$4,500 Grant /\$4,500 Challenge

To grow and expand the reach to Washington UU congregations and friends and to explore the use of innovative technologies and social media to promote legislative advocacy.