

Unitarian Universalist Funding Program
Fund for Unitarian Universalism
Grants Made 2012

No. Grants = 28
Grants made: 246,200
Challenge Grants: \$29,500
Grand Total: 275,700

Beloved Café - San Francisco, CA

Phase 1: Getting Started \$5,000 grant, \$10,000 challenge

To develop a blueprint for a fresh format for spiritual exploration, community life and social change. The cafe model will provide vital programming opportunities for those seeking religious and spiritual community.

Central East Regional Group of Districts of the UUA - Columbus, OH

Threshold Congregations: Second Year \$3,050 grant

For the second year of a three-year growth program for nine UU congregations across four Districts to become mentors and resources for additional congregations.

Chalice Oak Foundation - Lakewood, CA

Pathways to Justice \$5,000 grant, \$5,000 challenge

For a program providing the infrastructure, tools, training and resources to develop and enhance a model for effective community ministries.

Church of the Larger Fellowship - Boston, MA

CLF Online Sanctuary: Enhancing Technical Capacity \$14,000 grant

A second grant to support CLF's technical abilities to provide online pastoral care and worship programming to meet the needs of small groups, multicultural families, young adults and others and maximize liberal religious growth, visibility and relevance.

First Church in Boston - Boston, MA

The Chalice Project \$14,500

For a collaboration of First Boston and First Cambridge UU congregations to launch a new evening worship service geared toward young adults and others drawn to a more contemporary, creative, spirit-filled worship.

First Parish in Cambridge - Cambridge, MA

UU Historical Exhibit: Open Doors on Harvard Square \$5,500 grant

For a program and exhibit inviting visitors to tour the church, participate in programs and explore an interactive exhibit on UU history. Since 6,000 people a day pass in proximity to the Meetinghouse, the goal is to make the principles, practices, and history of Unitarian Universalism accessible to several hundred new visitors.

First U.U. Church of Houston - Houston, TX

Multi-site Program \$15,000 grant

For a program to consolidate three UU congregations as one church with three campuses, stabilizing the smaller churches and strengthening all three. As a model for other congregations, they will produce a Guide to Best Practices and a report on the project, including a "How-to-" manual.

Great Lakes UU Ministry - Evanston, IL

Great Lakes Ministry to Navy's Recruit Training Command \$6,000 grant, \$2,000 challenge

A second grant to establish a self-supporting program that provides ministry, shared among several UU congregations, to Navy recruits at the Great Lakes Recruit Training Command.

International Convocation of U.U. Women - Houston, TX

Leadership Training for Global Sisters at 2nd ICUUW - and Beyond \$3,875 grant

To train 40 women from all districts in Romania and Hungary to be Global Sisters Process facilitators for the ICUUW and Beyond Convocation, building a leadership cadre within congregations and the communities in which they live.

Murray Grove Association - Lanoka Harbor, NJ

Heritage Week 2013 \$3,000 grant

To prepare UU leaders in religious education and in UU heritage with a comprehensive program of quality and depth. The goal is to expand the education, training and background of lay and ordained leadership to ensure a highly educated and motivated core of religious educators.

Navigators USA - New York, NY

Strengthening UUism through the Navigators Scouting Program \$12,600 grant

A second grant to strengthen and expand the Navigators USA scouting troops associated with UU congregations, update guidebooks for junior and senior Navigators, and create a Youth Coordinator Guide.

Original Blessing: A UU Congregation Brooklyn NY

New Church Plant \$15,000 grant

For a start-up congregation in Brooklyn, NY founded on creative worship, social justice and compassionate community.

Pacific Western and New England Regions of the UUA - Watertown, MA

Regional Leap of Faith \$18,000 grant

Following two years of successful piloting at the national level, the UUA's congregational growth initiative will be taken up by the eight districts of the New England and Pacific Western Regions.

Religious Institute - Westport CT

Emergency Grant \$10,000

An emergency grant to replace funds stolen by the fiscal agent for the Institute. This replaces the 2011 grant for "Sexuality Issues for Ministry: On-line Course Development".

Skinner House Books Boston, MA

Selma Revisited \$8,300 grant

For a book by Mark Morrison-Reed that captures the history of UU involvement in the 1965 civil rights protests in Selma, Alabama. The book will examine the espoused values of UUs, how these values were lived out, explore the consequences and impact of the history as well as promote discussion of lessons learned and how institutional change takes place.

U.U. Church of Annapolis - AWAKE Ministries - Annapolis, MD

AWAKE Ministries \$12,000 grant \$2,000 challenge

For a new model of ministry to share our UU values that focuses on reaching and serving people of color and marginalized and underrepresented communities in the area and beyond.

U.U. Church of the Philippines - Oriental Negros, Philippines

Acquisition of Chapel Site (ACS) \$16,575 grant

For acquisition of a property for construction of a chapel in a section of Manila that has a concentration of Unitarian Universalists.

U.U. History and Heritage Society - Scituate, MA

Toward a More Integrated Past and UU Biography \$4,500 grant

A fourth and final grant to support the reinvention of the Historical Society Journal to reflect the interests of a broader community, provide compensation for the editor, and to rebuild the on-line "Dictionary of Unitarian Universalist Biography."

U.U. Legislative Ministry - California - Sacramento, CA

Spiritual Activist Leadership Training \$5,000 challenge

For a second year for SALT (Spiritual Activist Leadership Training), a program designed to engage and train UU young adults in an activist organizing model that is justice centered and spiritually grounded.

U.U. Ministry For Earth - Portland, OR

Young Adult Environmental Network \$6,200 grant

For a specialized infrastructure that meets the needs of young adults and provides leadership training to those interested in environmental justice.

U.U. Musicians Network - Charlotte, NC

2013 UU Children's Choir \$9,000 grant, \$3,000 challenge

To support the UU Children's Choir - 75 singers aged 10 to 12 from UU congregations across North America - to be held in conjunction with the UUMN Conference. The project seeks to promote the growth of children's choirs throughout the denomination.

U.U. Partner Church Council - Bedford, MA

Building the Future for UUPCC \$12,000 grant

To plan for the 20th anniversary of the UUPCC by developing new materials to strengthen and increase the interest and involvement of the next generation, incorporate new technologies, and provide for long term financial stability by creating an endowment.

U.U. Small Group Ministry Network - Litchfield, ME

Networking: Moving to a New Level \$5,000 grant

To enhance user networking and congregational access to Small Group Ministry resources by developing interactive web sections for leaders, making core resources available online, and sharing resource applications through social media.

U.U.A. District Presidents Association - Coon Rapids, MN

Support for Regional Collaboration \$12,000 grant

To support the move to increased regional collaboration of UUA district boards to develop the proper infrastructure for effective governance.

U.U.A. International Resources Office - Boston, MA

Global and Together - Planning a Coalition of UU International Organizations \$4,500 grant

For a one-day intensive gathering of 11 UU institutions focused on international engagement, with the goal of establishing organized and effective collaboration among these groups to better serve congregational as well as individual involvement.

Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater - Clearwater, FL

Festival Ruah: The Spirit Experience \$5,000 grant, \$2,500 challenge

A second grant for a monthly Friday evening multi-generational, multi-faith celebratory devotional practice. This is a three year program that is expected to add diversity to the worship life, community engagement and faith development.