



Unitarian Universalist Funding Program Fund for Unitarian Universalism Grants Made Spring 2018

Arlington Street Church

Boston, MA

\$3,000

Creative, Clever & Well-Crafted: The Arlington Street Church Signage Project

To create a comprehensive communications plan that includes signage and conveys who we are and what we believe in at a glance. The prime location of the church, passed by thousands daily, can raise our movement's visibility and create a beacon for Unitarian Universalism in the heart of Boston.

Black Lives of Unitarian Universalism

\$19,000

Boston, MA

A BLUU Revival: Reclaim

For a weekend-long gathering of over 115 Black UUs to join in worship, attend workshops, sing, relax, learn and participate in spiritual development programming. The goals are to expand the power and capacity of Black UUs within our faith, provide support, information and resources for Black UUs and to connect with local black organizers in Kansas City.

Courageous Faith Consulting

\$15,000

Syracuse, NY

Courageous Faith Revolution

To change the ways in which we approach and resource faith formation through a 2-year intensive learning community where ministry teams comprised of religious professionals and lay leaders create contextually relevant plans for the future of faith formation while disrupting the Sunday School paradigm.

Meadville Lombard Theological School

\$8,000

Chicago, IL

\$2,000

Creating Theology Together: Building an Inclusive Theology for Social Change

To cultivate faith identity, covenantal community and social action rooted in UUism, embracing a personal, shared and public theology. The curriculum is intentionally multicultural, multigenerational, anti-oppressive and justice-seeking and provides congregations with a shared faith formation experience.

Neighbourhood UU Congregation

\$2,000

Toronto, ON

"Rethinking Conflict" Crucial Conversations Workshop

To professionally train leaders on how to better handle conflict using the award-winning "Crucial Conversations" program, furthering conflict competencies within the congregation and beyond.

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New England Region of the UUA **\$10,000**

Boston, MA

FAITHIFY

To move FAITHIFY into a fully integrated and sustainable feature of our Unitarian Universalist landscape, partnering FAITHIFY within the UUA's Stewardship & Development team. Since the launch of FAITHIFY at GA14, over \$1,180,000 has been pledged to more than 300 projects from UU communities, congregations and individuals.

Pacific Western Region of the UUA **\$12,000**

Brighton, CO

Institutionalizing a Ministry of Generosity

To provide UU religious leaders with materials and support, built on research from the United Church of Canada, to shift congregational practices and transform culture to promote generosity throughout congregational life. The United Church of Canada's program showed an 82% increase in giving over 6 years in congregations that were intentional about adopting new practices.

Skinner House Books **\$9,000**

Boston, MA

Bisexuality: Making the Invisible Visible in Faith Communities

To update *Bisexuality: Making the Invisible Visible in Faith Communities* with the original publisher, the Religious Institute, for UUs, people of faith, congregations, and faith leaders. The book will provide faith communities with the resources to become aware of the particular gifts and challenges bisexual people face.

Star Island Corp. **\$4,000**

Portsmouth, NH

\$5,000

The Beloved Community Project

To address diversity and inclusivity through the lens of social justice and anti-racism. Projects include anti-racism training for the entire staff, and a conference of UU ministers and social justice professionals to cultivate a thriving joyous community of celebration and care in which guests are welcomed across all kinds of difference.

Starr King School for the Ministry **\$13,000**

Berkeley, CA

Creation of a Certificate Program in Indigenous African Religions

To bring scholarship on indigenous African religions to SKSM & the Graduate Theological Union to begin filling the void of crucial understandings about the religious practices of people of African descent. The absence of this scholarship deprives students of the foundation for some of their own religious practices, their ability to minister to others, and harms SKSM's counter-oppressive educational commitments.

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TRUUST & UUA LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs	\$8,000
Boston, MA	<i>\$8,000</i>
<i>Retreat for Trans Religious Professional UUs Together</i>	
To sponsor a 3rd retreat for transgender/non-binary UU religious professionals. The community building, healing and support offered by this retreat is essential in light of the serious challenges faced by trans religious professionals, including higher rates of negotiated departures, bias, isolation, and continuing institutional barriers.	
Unity Church-Unitarian	\$10,000
St. Paul, MN	
<i>Hampton/Imara Project</i>	
For a 2-year project that will collect, organize, develop and document an interpretive history of the Black Liberation struggle with the Unitarian-Universalist church during the late 1960's.	
UU Church of Annapolis	\$8,000
Annapolis, MD	<i>\$7,000</i>
<i>UUCA Growth & Racial Diversity Plan</i>	
To continue their cutting-edge, progressive tradition by creating/enhancing 3 positions that will be staffed by People of Color (POC) to intentionally grow the congregation from a "Mid-size III" to a "Large I" congregation over the next 3 years.	
UU Ministry For Earth	\$3,000
Portland, OR	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>CreateClimateJustice.net</i>	
To create a platform that increases Unitarian Universalists' capacity and impact for climate justice by catalyzing learning, transformation, grassroots networking, and collective action through small group ministries, activist circles, searchable directories for users, groups, events, and resources, using modernized communication tools that democratize information flow for UU community organizing.	
UU Musicians Network	\$3,125
Lincoln, NE	
<i>Expanding Professional Education for UU Music Ministries</i>	
To extend outreach from the UU Musicians Network to ministry professionals with UUism, and to expand and support accessible educational opportunities for UU music professionals and other church leaders unable to attend the UUMN Annual Conference in Portland, OR in August 2018.	

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UU Retired Ministers and Partners Association**\$8,000**

Boston, MA

Remembering Stonewall: The UU Journey toward LGBTQ Equality

To hold two conferences in 2019 (the 50th Anniversary of Stonewall) highlighting stories of the LGBTQ ministers and their partners who influenced and were affected by LGBTQ issues within the UUA. A book and other media will be created from these events.

UU Wellspring**\$2,500**

Hound Lake, NY

Religious Professionals UU Wellspring Online Program

To offer the 1st year UU Wellspring Sources program free online to seminarians, ministerial interns, religious educators & musical directors who are in the credentialing process. UU Wellspring is a 10-month development program that celebrates the depth and breadth of our rich religious tradition, UU history & theology, personal spiritual practice & spiritual direction with the world.

of Grants Made: 17

Grants Made Total:	\$134,625
<i>Challenge Grants Made Total:</i>	<i>\$30,000</i>
Grand Total:	\$164,625

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