



Unitarian Universalist Funding Program

Fund for UU Social Responsibility:
2018 GOTV Grants

Abraham Lincoln UU Congregation **\$500**
Springfield, IL

Vote Your Values Campaign

To host a series of events and activities within the ALUUC to encourage voting; to encourage voting in the Springfield community by focusing on registering persons of color and millennials, and canvassing. The efforts will be coordinated with the Faith Coalition for the Common Good (an affiliate of Gamaliel) and the League of Women Voters.

All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa **\$500**
Tulsa, OK

Voter Registration Toolkits

To partner with the local Voting is Power Coalition to train and equip 50 church and community members to hold voter registration drives in their schools, workplaces, civic spaces and churches. Registrars will be provided with registration reference guides, registration forms, a Voting is Power t-shirt, a clipboard, pens and signs. The project has the potential to reach 1,000 people.

Cedar Valley UU **\$500**
Cedar Falls, IA

Promote Registration and Turnout in Waterloo's Community of Color

To create a series of events to engage young people, provide voter education materials and encourage them to vote. Ward 4 of Waterloo is a community with the highest concentration of Blacks in the state, but it has a record of low voter turnout.

First Unitarian Church of Honolulu **\$500**
Honolulu, HI

Empower Houseless Voters for the Hawai'i Primary

People who have been driven from homes due to financial stress should not lose their right to vote due to the lack of a home address. To increase voter registration in the August Primary, houseless people will be get assistance in obtaining ID cards, and on election day, assistance in the form of watching their possessions while they go vote, car service and refreshments.

First Unitarian- The Church of the River **\$500**
Memphis, TN

Team Upstream - When We All Vote

Members took training and became certified Deputy Registrars of the Shelby County Election Commission. They have held voter registration drives, meetings and are pursuing partnership opportunities with other organizations to help restore voting rights for the formerly incarcerated, connect with young people turning 18 but outside the school and other systems that might influence them to register, and investigate the high rate of invalid voter registrations.

First UU Church of San Antonio San Antonio, TX <i>People First Politics: The Agenda Belongs to Us</i> To form a political agenda through focused listening in the church and community, identifying talented new leaders, and encouraging them to build relationships that motivate others to GOTV in what are usually low-turnout elections.	\$500
Georgia Mountains UU Church Dahlonega, GA <i>Georgia 9th District GOTV</i> Working with two civic organizations, training will be provided for members of all 3 groups to assist anyone in registering to vote, to find out if they have been purged from voter rolls and to help people who have successfully completed their parole obtain IDS in addition to registering to vote.	\$500
Manatee UU Fellowship Bradenton, FL <i>Mi Voto es Mi Voz</i> To increase voter registration by young Hispanic voters who are participating in technical education. High school may not have given Hispanic students an understanding of the voting issues, since many are raised in Hispanic speaking households with little understanding or information about voting. Radio ads will be created for the Manatee Technical College Radio Station, which has a broad reach.	\$500
Manatee UU Fellowship Bradenton, FL <i>My Vote Is My Voice</i> To increase the numbers of minority registered in a party to vote in the Closed Primary and to increase the percentage voters in the General Election. A brochure will be developed for both the Primary and General Elections and distributed through the NAACP, Tempo Magazine, SunCoast Black Lives Matter, Palmetto Youth Club and the Black Block Vote community organization.	\$500
Northwest UU Church Southfield, MI <i>UU GOTV - Southfield</i> To engage churches, youth, senior citizens and the broader community to attend a voter registration event on September 8th. The event will provide an opportunity to obtain absentee ballot application. Later, the church will open to the community for a forum on ballot issues. Volunteers will phonebank, canvas and offer transportation to the polls.	\$500
Orange Coast UU Church Costa Mesa, CA <i>Election Team: Candidates Forum</i> To team up with congregations, both UU and other denominations, to present a candidates forum for California's 48th Congressional District. The forum will focus on matters of faith, attracting many would-be voters who may not turn out for similar events. Afterward, a one-page summary of the candidates' views will be compiled and distributed within the district, a proven method of increasing voter participation.	\$500

<p>River Road Unitarian Church Bethesda, MD</p> <p><i>Democracy Bootcamp: A 5th Principle Project</i></p> <p>To galvanize a community of citizens in voter outreach and protection against voter suppression.</p>	\$500
<p>Unitarian Church of Harrisburg Harrisburg, PA</p> <p><i>Power to the Polls - Increasing Voter Awareness, Registration & Turnout</i></p> <p>In the 3 wards that comprise the Allison Hill community, an inner-city, ethnically diverse neighborhood, there has been a precipitous drop in voting. In one precinct, turnout dropped 78% in a mid-year election. The UCH will offer voter registration drives, educate voters on voting basics and provide practical information to reduce fear and anxiety about voting, offer energetic reminders and assess the need for specific support needed, like transportation and childcare.</p>	\$500
<p>Unitarian Congregation of Taos Taos, NM</p> <p><i>Taos Youth Voting Project</i></p> <p>To increase voter registration among youth, voter turnout among young adults and lay groundwork for a stronger voting culture and civic engagement by young people in Taos County, in which is over half of the people are Hispanic, and over 7 percent are Native American.</p>	\$500
<p>UU Church of Sarasota Sarasota, FL</p> <p><i>Canvassing for Amendment 4</i></p> <p>To organize canvassing efforts against Florida Amendment 4, a constitutional amendment to automatically restore the right to vote for people with prior felony convictions, except those convicted of murder or a felony sexual offense, upon completion of their sentences. Florida is estimated to have 1,686,318, or 10.43% of the voting age population, disenfranchised due to felonies.</p>	\$500
<p>UU Church of Spokane Spokane, WA</p> <p><i>Vote Spokane!</i></p> <p>To present a movie at a local theater, providing free admission & “bottomless pop corn” to attendees who register, and to already registered voters who bring an unregistered guest who registers. Films like “All the President’s Men,” “Wag the Dog,” or “The Manchurian Candidate” are proposed movies. The event will be promoted to previously incarcerated people; seniors in high school, and people in communities with historically lower voter registration/turnout.</p>	\$500
<p>UU Church of the North Hills Pittsburgh, PA</p> <p><i>Get Out the Vote</i></p> <p>To promote registration and absentee ballots to make sure congregants are voting, and to go door-to-door in a nearby marginalized neighborhood to get folks registered, and provide transportation on election day.</p>	\$500

- UU Congregation of Duluth**
Duluth, MN

Soles to the Polls Festival

To collaborate with a diverse group of social justice and social service agencies located in low voter turnout precincts to organize a GOTV festival called “Soles to the Poles.”

\$500
- UU Congregation of Oxford, MS**
Oxford, MS

Mississippi Voter Information Brochure

Recent “listening sessions” in rural areas around north MS indicated wide gaps of misunderstanding about voting rights and procedures, particularly in under-served and marginalized communities. A voting rights document has been created to distribute around the state to increase registration and voting. Time is of the essence as Oct 8th is the registration deadline!

\$500
- UU Fellowship of Fayetteville**
Fayetteville, AR

GOTV - Support for the National Poor People’s Campaign to Arkansas

To leverage the experience of the local League of Women Voters for training, and then to partner with the Arkansas Poor People’s Campaign to support their Voter Registration Weekend, led by Solomon Birchfield and Janet Graige. Members of the Fellowship have already participated in the UUA’s July 12 GOTV webinar, and are reading Daring Democracy.

\$500
- UU Fellowship of La Crosse**
La Crosse, WI

Everyone Votes 2018

To host a series of four non-partisan voter registration and education events, each appealing to a different demographic group.

\$500
- UU Fellowship of New Bern**
New Bern, NC

Craven GOTV

To canvass for intro to the primary vote process, collect and correct voter data, collect voter pledges, and schedule rides.

\$400
- UU Fellowship of Newark, DE**
Newark, DE

UUFN Youth Outreach GOTV

To work in partnership with 2 local high schools, student group at the Univ DE & the DE League of Women voters to create an online voter guide and registration site. UUFN and student groups will work on advertising for the VOTE411 site.

\$500

UU Justice Ohio **\$3,000**
 Worthington, OH
Drive the Vote in Cleveland and Akron OH
 For congregations in Cleveland and Akron to work with grassroots partner organizations and the UUA’s Office of Advocacy & Witness to recruit volunteers and engage in canvassing in targeted neighborhoods to increase voter turnout and educate voters regarding Issue 1 - Safe & Healthy Communities.

UU Society of Iowa City **\$490**
 Coralville, IA
Southeast Iowa City Voter Registration Drive
 To partner with other organizations to address barriers to voting, including the state’s new strict voter laws. An event will be held in conjunction with the League of Women Voters and the Rhema Church to register voters and request absentee ballots, and to allow voters to talk to their state senator or representative, and the opposing candidates and learn about the issues.

UUs for Social Justice in the National Capital Region **\$3,000**
 Washington, DC
Mobilizing UU Congregations Towards Electoral Justice
 Building on their voter engagement project from 2016, to expand the outreach of the UUSJ program, adapt the current GOTV toolkit, and create new support materials that will engage congregations to mobilize volunteers to increase voter registration, education and turnout.

UUs of New Braunfels **\$500**
 New Braunfels, TX
Transporting for Democracy
 To assist persons who desire to vote but are impeded by lack of transportation to the polling site in a city with no public transportation in the upcoming election where fewer than 20% of eligible voters turn up for non-presidential elections.

UUs of the Chester River **\$500**
 Chestertown, MD
Your Vote, Your Voice Maryland
 To rent passenger vans for election day to ferry voters from their homes to the polls and back.

# of Grants Made: 28		Grants Made Total:	\$18,890.00
		<i>Challenge Grants Made Total:</i>	
		Grand Total:	\$18,890.00