



Unitarian Universalist Funding Program
Fund For A Just Society
2017 Grants

ACTIONN **\$10,000**
Reno, NV

Weeklies Organizing Initiative

For organizing the residents of weekly motels and the faith communities in Reno and Sparks to stop displacement & homelessness, fight for better conditions and increase affordable housing.

Arab American Action Network (AAAN) **\$10,000**
Chicago, IL *\$2,500*

Campaign to End Racial Profiling: Phase 2

For organizing to end the targeting of and harassment of the Arab and Muslim communities and to end the use of Suspicious Activity Reports.

Black Women's Blueprint **\$15,000**
Brooklyn, NY

Fighting for Our Rights: Black Women Build Power and Pass CEDAW

For organizing in New York City to pass a bill to align city policies with the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. BWB organizes to engage Black women across sexualities, survivorship, ethnicity and socio-economic spectrum to increase local and national policies and improve the material conditions of their lives.

BREAD Organization **\$9,000**
Columbus, OH

Fewer Suspensions! Effective Interventions!

For organizing to slow the school-to-prison pipeline through Restorative Practices and changing the culture of schools and the court system.

Central Ohio Worker Center **\$5,000**
Columbus, OH

Sanctuary in the Streets

To create a rapid response program that is a first line of defense for immigrants targeted by the Trump administration for deportation. The project works to ensure that immigrants know their rights, documents ICE activity and supports immigrant families.

Chelsea Collaborative, Inc. **\$10,000**
Chelsea, MA

Chelsea Latino Immigrant Committee

For organizing day laborers to combat wage theft and to protect workers.

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Citizens of Louisville Organized & United Together **\$10,000**
Louisville, KY

Make a Safe City for All: Decriminalizing Mental Illness & Addiction; Reducing

For organizing to decriminalize mental illness and drug addiction and to reduce police shootings of mentally ill people and those suffering from addiction.

Coalition on Homelessness **\$10,000**
San Francisco, CA

Homeless Peoples Popular Project

To increase the participation and voices of homeless people in organizing to end human rights violations, in the expansion of emergency services, and for an increase in city funding for shelters and affordable housing.

Colectiva Legal del Pueblo **\$5,000**
Burien, WA

Northwest Detention Center Expose & Close Campaign

To highlight human rights abuses at the third largest for-profit detention center in the country. The work addresses the criminalization of undocumented people, fights for the reunification of families and pathways to legalization.

Constructing Our Future **\$5,000**
Indianapolis, IN

Constructing Our Future

For a model program developed by women incarcerated at the Indiana Women's Prison through which women are trained in building trades and restore homes through sweat equity to provide housing.

Direct Action for Rights and Equality (D.A.R.E.) **\$10,000**
Providence, RI

The Fair Housing Campaign & Removing Barriers, Opening Doors

For organizing to end the discriminatory ban by the Providence Housing Authority on those with criminal records from public housing and jobs.

Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative **\$10,000**
Boston, MA

Sustainable Economic Development

A second grant to expand the Community Land Trust Model that promotes economic and housing opportunities for all residents.

Facing Foster Care in Alaska **\$10,000**
Anchorage, AK

Youth Leadership Retreat

For a 3-day legislative retreat in March 2018 for youth in foster care to meet with legislators and gain input in to a bill that establishes limits for the Office of Children's Services caseworkers as well as other reforms.

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Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children New Orleans, LA	\$15,000
<i>Let Kids Be Kids</i>	
To organize and mobilize families to fight laws and policies that criminalize children who are in crisis, who learn differently or who exhibit challenging behaviors. The campaign raises awareness and educates about the crossover between the public education system and the juvenile justice system and mobilizes to hold these systems accountable for better practices for all children.	
Families and Friends of Louisiana's Incarcerated Children New Orleans, LA	\$1,000
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Families for Justice as Healing (FJAH) Jamaica Plain, MA	\$5,000
<i>Incarcerated & Formerly Incarcerated Women Challenging Mass Incarceration</i>	
For organizing to address the rising incarceration rates of women and to create alternatives including drug arrest moratoriums and community-based policies.	
Freedom University Georgia Atlanta, GA	\$5,000
<i>Sanctuary Campus Campaign Project</i>	
To build a core of sanctuary campuses and to secure policies to support undocumented students and students with Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals status.	
Hawai'i Alliance for Progressive Action Kapa'a, HI	\$10,000
<i>West Maui Community Organizing</i>	
For organizing to regain stewardship of the natural resources of Maui, to restore ecosystems, and give local people a voice in the management of their land and water.	
Hawaii Community Lending Honolulu, HI	\$10,000
<i>Hawaiian Community Lending Initiative</i>	
For organizing for payday loan reform that reduces the existing rate cap of 460% APR.	
Idaho Organization of Resource Councils (IORC) Boise, ID	\$10,000
<i>Economic and Environmental Sustainability Campaigns</i>	
For organizing to exempt groceries from the state's sales tax. Idaho is one of only 13 states that have this regressive tax.	

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Logan Square Neighborhood Association **\$5,000**
Chicago, IL *\$5,000*

Inclusive Housing & Education Campaign

For organizing to stem the displacement of long-time Latino residents and to preserve affordable housing.

Louisiana Bucket Brigade **\$5,000**
New Orleans, LA

Stopping the Bayou Bridge Pipeline; Building a Movement

For organizing to stop the proposed Bayou Bridge Pipeline that will pollute the drinking water, destroy the wetlands and lock residents into a future of increased fossil fuel dependence.

National Religious Campaign Against Torture **\$4,000**
Washington, DC *\$1,000*

State Organizing to End Long-Term Solitary Confinement

For strategic state -by-state organizing to eliminate the use of solitary confinement.

Naugatuck Valley Project **\$5,000**
Waterbury, CT

Waterbury Community Benefits Agreement Campaign

For organizing residents to win a negotiated Community Benefits Agreement with Waterbury Hospital which has been recently sold to a giant for-profit corporation. As the first for-profit takeover in CT, this will set a precedent for future takeovers and agreements.

Ohio Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice **\$5,000**
Columbus, OH

Abortion Clinic Blessing for Community Organizing

For organizing to hold a blessing ceremony for a clinic that provides abortion services.

Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition **\$5,000**
Huntington, WV

Fend Off Fracking

For organizing to slow or stop the shale oil & gas development rapidly spreading throughout WV, to protect citizens from air pollution, water contamination, and noise & light pollution, all of which lead to serious health issues, as well as hazardous and damaged roads, permanent loss of timber and farmland, eminent domain threats and severely decreased property values.

ONE Northside **\$12,000**
Chicago, IL

Economic Justice Team

For organizing for progressive revenue solutions to increase state revenue. These include closing corporate tax loopholes and placing a small tax on financial transactions.

Orleans Parish Prison Reform Coalition **\$5,000**
New Orleans, LA

Jail Expansion Opposition Campaign

For organizing to oppose jail expansion to house mentally ill people in New Orleans. New Orleans' incarceration rate is twice the national average and 49 people have died in the jail since Hurricane Katrina.

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ScholarshipsA-Z **\$10,000**
Tucson, AZ

ScholarshipsA-Z Community Program

A second grant to continue organizing to make high schools and colleges undocu-friendly and to fight anti-immigration and anti-public education policies.

Southern Maine Workers' Center **\$5,000**
Portland, ME

Universal Right to Sick Leave

To organize a worker-led campaign for universal paid sick leave in Portland, ME. In Maine only 36% of workers get paid sick leave.

The Arc Greater Twin Cities **\$5,000**
Saint Paul, MN

Medicaid Action Teams

For organizing people with disabilities and their families into "Medicaid Action Teams" to mobilize against changes in the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid.

The Greater Boston Chamber of Cooperatives **\$5,000**
Roxbury, MA

Organizing Campaign to Win for Worker Ownership

For organizing worker-owned businesses, housing co-ops, and grassroots leaders to pressure the city of Boston for funding and a more democratic economy in Boston.

The Human Trafficking Pro Bono Legal Center **\$10,000**
Washington, DC

Survivors Demanding Justice

For organizing survivors of human trafficking to hold traffickers accountable, to hold the government accountable for failure to obtain mandatory restitution and demand justice.

Topeka Justice and Unity Ministry Project (JUMP) **\$5,000**
Topeka, KS

Affordable Trust Fund

A second grant for organizing and direct action to create an affordable housing trust fund that will provide 7,390 low-income families with housing.

Toxics Action Center **\$5,000**
Boston, MA

Stop Spectra

For organizing to ensure that no new fracked gas infrastructure is built in SE Massachusetts. The long-term goal is to have the state powered by 100% clean, local, renewable energy.

United Valley Interfaith Project **\$10,000**
Meriden, NH

Creating a Local Immigrant Support Network

To provide sanctuary, support and rapid response to ICE raids across New Hampshire.

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UnKoch My Campus **\$15,000**
Washington, DC

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To expose and fight the influence of the Koch brothers funding at over 300 universities.

Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy **\$5,000**
Richmond, VA

Living Wage, Not Wage Theft in Virginia

To develop a model Living Wage Certification program and make wage theft a statewide issue in Virginia.

VOICE (Voices Organized in Civic Engagement) **\$5,000**
Oklahoma City, OK

Changing Felonies to Futures

For organizing to make the reclassification of non-violent crimes as misdemeanors retroactive and invest in treatment for addiction and mental health conditions.

Western Colorado Congress **\$7,000**
Grand Junction, CO *\$2,000*

Gasfield Justice Program: Waste Disposal Reform Campaign

For an organizing campaign in Colorado's second most heavily drilled county to protect water quality by strengthening drilling and fracking regulations.

Workers Dignity Project **\$8,000**
Nashville, TN *\$2,000*

Just Hospitality Campaign

For organizing to improve workplace conditions for low-wage housekeepers in targeted hotels in Nashville.

Youth Rise Texas **\$5,000**
Austin, TX

Youth Organizing Institute

For teen leaders to organize against SB4, the most regressive anti-immigration law in the nation.

# of Grants Made: 42	Grants Made Total:	\$321,000
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	Grand Total:	\$333,500

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