

Fund for U.U. Social Responsibility Grants Made 2012

No. Grants made: 32
Grants Made: \$227,640
Challenge grants made: \$73,000
Grand Total: \$300,640

Connect & Breathe Penfield NY

Service Awareness, \$10,000 grant.

For a referral service to affirm and heal women who seek or have had an abortion, to support the volunteer care and support network and to provide outreach materials and cards to UU congregations.

First Parish Church of Groton - Groton, MA

Groton Community Dinners, \$3,000 grant, \$3,000 challenge.

For an outreach ministry that addresses issues of hunger and food insecurity in the community. In collaboration with other faith based organizations and non-profits, the program offers a free monthly dinner to all with music, nutritious food, candlelight and table service. The dinners serve an average of 100 guests and brings together those most at risk for food insecurity and social isolation.

First Parish in Wayland - Walden Forum - Wayland, MA

Walden Forum, \$5,000 Challenge.

To expand a public speaker series based on UU principles, video recorded and distributed to many public access cable television stations.

First Unitarian Church of Dallas - Dallas, TX

Jericho Road in Dallas, \$7,000 grant, \$2,500 challenge.

For establishment of a Jericho Road program at First Unitarian in Dallas, beginning with identifying 100 skilled volunteer professionals in the congregation and building a revenue base.

First Universalist Church Minneapolis MN

Minnesota Marriage Equality Pastoral Care Outreach, \$10,000 grant, \$3,750 challenge.

For a pastoral care outreach to communicate thoughtful, supportive pastoral responses from a UU perspective to the fight for Marriage Equality, thereby promoting Unitarian Universalism as a welcoming and safe haven for people and their families in the GLBTQ community.

First Universalist Church - Unity Leadership Program Minneapolis MN

Unity Center for Youth Leadership, \$9,000 grant, \$5,000 challenge.

For a second grant to support a youth leadership program for social change and civic engagement that serves an ever-growing constituency beyond the congregation as it transitions to an independent but affiliate 501C3.

Fox Valley U.U. Fellowship - Appleton, WI

College-age Voter Registration Project, \$1,000 grant.

For a grant to reach out to “Millennial” age prospective voters and get them registered to vote.

Granite Peak U.U. Congregation Prescott, AZ

Arizona CBCO Project \$7,900 grant.

To add a social justice coordinator to expand local neighborhood organizing, lead in the formation of a citywide interfaith /institutional alliance and begin building a Congregation-based Community Organizing network among Arizona’s UU organizations.

Manatee U.U. Fellowship - Bradenton, FL

Salgan a Vota \$1,000 grant.

For a Get Out the Vote effort, registering voters and sponsoring a public service announcement in Spanish.

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

Reproductive Justice: Making it Happen \$5,000 challenge

For a program to address challenges in Michigan to reproductive rights by organizing training sessions in four communities, developing a UU Reproductive Justice database, promote and distribute Reproductive Justice materials to UU congregations and coordinate statewide actions to address Reproductive Justice issues.

Mount Vernon Unitarian Church - Alexandria, VA

Voter Registration Volunteer Training \$300 grant.

For a Get Out the Vote effort and provide voter registration training of volunteers.

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

Beloved Community Coordinator \$6,000 grant, \$6,000 challenge.

To support a cluster-based model of social change ministry, strengthening justice-focused, spirit-filled and community building activity among UU congregations of the Boulder Denver cluster. The program will strengthen relationships with established faith-based social change organizations and expand the UU public presence on issues of immigration, LGBTQ rights and worker justice.

Neighborhood UU Church - Jericho Road Pasadena - Pasadena, CA

Jericho Road of Pasadena \$2,500 grant, \$5,000 challenge.

A second grant for a skills-based model of social justice, matching needs of nonprofit organizations with the professional skills of volunteers to enhance the capacity of social justice and social service organizations.

Northwest U.U. Justice Network Woodinville WA

Beyond Proof of Concept: Develop a Social Network for UU Justice, \$9,815 grant, \$3,000 challenge.

A second grant for a regional justice network that will increase cross-congregational and individual participation in UU justice work, developing leadership, communication and support structures.

Promise the Children - Nahant, MA

Creating a Circle of Protection \$6,500 challenge.

For a campaign to inform and mobilize UUs and UU congregations into a network of advocates to respond to increasing threats to programs put in place to protect our most vulnerable children.

Religious Institute- Westport, CT

Emergency Grant \$10,000 grant.

In response to a plea for an emergency grant to replace funds stolen by the fiscal agent for the Institute. Together with an identical grant from Fund for Unitarian Universalism, this grant replaces the \$20,000 granted by FUU in 2011.

River of Grass U.U. Congregation - Southwest Ranches, FL

Stand Up and be Counted \$967 grant.

To increase voter registration among college students by showing the film "Broadcast Blues" at a local university in conjunction with a League of Women Voters registration event; and with an informational event to discuss Florida amendments on the ballot and other election related issues.

Texas UU Justice Ministry - Austin, TX

TXUUJM \$15,000 grant, \$5,000 challenge.

For a program that promises to raise the voice of Unitarian Universalists in the public arena in Texas, covenant with member congregations and individuals, and partner with sympathetic organizations to educate and advocate for policies that are guided by UU principles.

U.U Fellowship of Durango - Durango, CO

Get Out the Vote \$1,000

To reach out to minority groups that have not traditionally participated in the electoral process through issue education and voting rights forums.

U.U. Church of Las Cruces - Peace Village of Las Cruces - Las Cruces, NM

Peace Ambassador and Mini-Peace Camp Projects \$11,000.

For expansion of the Peace Village programming by running full-week and mini-Peace Camps year round in Las Cruces and the rural southern New Mexico colonias, and by starting a Peace Ambassador program area middle and high school youth in service, multicultural awareness and non violent conflict resolution activities.

U.U. Church of Sarasota - Sarasota, FL

Get Out the Vote - Newtown \$1,000 grant.

To canvass the Newtown section of Sarasota with flyers announcing three Get Out the Vote events that include a Voter Registration Rally, an Early Voting Rally, and an Election Day Rally, and to provide transportation to the polls for both early voting and day-of voting.

U.U. Congregation of Columbia - Columbia, MD

Immersion and Pre-school for Children of Recent Immigrants \$12,000 grant.

To support a pre-school program of the congregation that addresses the difficulties facing children of low-income families recently immigrated to the area with limited or no English-speaking skills and helps to reduce educational inequities by the time the children go to kindergarten.

U.U. Congregation of Phoenix - Paradise Valley, AZ

Toolkit and Strategies Toward End to Detention/Deportation \$15,000 grant,
\$2,500 challenge.

To support two goals of AZIM, a ministry of the congregation that works as an ally to migrants who are at risk of deportation or in the detention system. This project will contribute to strategies that will end this inhumane system, and it will serve other UU congregations by creating a toolkit for action.

U.U. Legislative Ministry - California Sacramento, CA

Spiritual Activist Leadership Training \$5,000 challenge

A second grant 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. Legislative Ministry of New Jersey Summit NJ

Infrastructure Building Project - Phase 2 \$17,487 grant \$2,000 challenge

A second grant to build and strengthen a statewide network of 21 New Jersey congregations that will bring the values and voices of UUs to the state legislature.

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

UUPLAN Expansion \$10,000 grant \$10,000 challenge

A grant to support increased membership and leadership capacity with a focus on southeastern and central Pennsylvania. The organization engages UUs on issues of economic justice and immigration and brings UU values to public policy.

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

2013 WAGLY Infrastructure Project \$12,000 grant \$1,750 challenge

A second grant for a program that provides support for GLBTQ high school youth and straight allies in the MetroWest Boston community. This grant also provides for greater outreach through social media to GLBTQ youth in the area.

U.U. Urban Ministry Roxbury, MA

Mather Elementary School Partnership \$8,000 grant, \$2,000 challenge

To increase the participation of UUs in the Mather Elementary School, providing students with the educational support and opportunities, primarily working with students with below grade level English skills.

Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara - Santa Barbara, CA

Freedom Warming Center Cross Sector COP \$20,000 grant

For a second grant to organize for the interfaith support for a program for vulnerable, homeless persons in Santa Barbara, leading to a self-sustaining program.

Washington U.U. Church - Lincoln, VT

Peace and Unity Bridge \$19,671 grant

A second grant to address Islamophobia and build bridges of understanding and friendship among non-Muslims and Muslims, particularly in the northern New England area.

Westminster U.U. Church East Greenwich RI

The Sharing Locker \$6,000 grant

For a program that provides essential supplies of non-food items to needy individuals and families that are not available from other local aid agencies and cannot be purchased through SNAP.