



Unitarian Universalist Funding Program

Fund for UU Social Responsibility

Grants Made 2020

All Souls Church Unitarian	\$8,000
Washington, DC	
<i>UU Electoral Mobilizing via the Revolutionary Love Conference</i>	
For scholarships and reduced fees for UU seminary students and activists to attend a major conference of religious progressive activists - <i>Revolutionary Love 2020</i> - that will connect UUs with one another and other religious communities and equip them to act on critical issues, especially voting rights and democracy.	
Boise UU Fellowship	\$6,000
Garden City, ID	<i>\$2,000</i>
<i>BUUF Asylum Seeker Hosting Program</i>	
To pilot an “early adopter” program that pairs an asylum seeker and their family with a Host Family and Legal Sponsor to assist them in obtaining asylum and support for their transition to self-sufficiency. The congregation is creating a model for other faith communities to launch their own sponsorship programs.	
Canadian Unitarian Council	\$15,000
Toronto, ON	<i>\$2,500</i>
<i>Rooting Reconciliation Phase Two</i>	
To continue the work of the Truth, Healing and Reconciliation Reflection guide and integrate it into the organizations and systems of the CUC, including congregations. The goal is to foster congregational engagement in creating relationships of trust and respect with Indigenous peoples.	
Church of the Larger Fellowship	\$5,000
Boston, MA	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Worthy Now Phase III: Sustaining Justice and Hope for the Incarcerated</i>	
To continue a prison ministry collaboration with congregations and to serve incarcerated UUs and their allies. They will establish at least 3 new satellite organizations, new courses to be offered in person, and host “Yardwork,” a monthly video blog.	

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Countryside Church UU	\$3,000
Palatine, IL	
<i>Chalice House</i>	
To convert a rental property owned by the church to transitional housing and develop a reliable and welcoming housing option for refugees and immigrants seeking to stay in the U.S.	
First Unitarian Church of Albuquerque	\$5,000
Albuquerque, NM	<i>\$2,500</i>
<i>One New Mexico Gospel Choir: Draw Your Circle Wide II</i>	
To amplify the congregation's partnership with the One New Mexico Gospel Choir and community concert, a program that seeks to unite the faith community and contribute to a growing community of trust, solidarity and action.	
First Unitarian Church of Memphis - The Church of the River	\$5,000
Memphis, TN	<i>\$2,500</i>
<i>Team Upstream - Shelby County Voter Issues Summit</i>	
To identify and remove the barriers to voting that face Memphis citizens. These will include ongoing voter awareness and registration campaigns, participation in municipal elections in October 2019 and co-hosting a Voter Issues Summit. Team Upstream's mission is "to promote practices that challenge systemic inequities in our community" and be "agents of love justice and compassion".	
First UU Church of Essex County	
Orange, NJ	<i>\$20,000</i>
<i>Achieving Lift-Off</i>	
To continue a strategic project to transform a 125 year old church campus to be the best community resource possible. This will also serve as a prototype for a new investment model to build wealth and root wealth in traditionally excluded communities. The project will reestablish the HUUB and First UU as anchor institutions in Orange that advance UU values.	

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Grenfell Ministries	\$1,000
Hamilton, ON	<i>\$1,500</i>
<i>Care in Kind</i>	
For a new program to reach out to seniors and their families offering visits and check-in services to those experiencing isolation. The program also matches senior with volunteers, both peer-to-peer and with at-risk youth volunteers.	
Holston Valley UU Church	\$8,000
Gray, TN	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Setting Our Roots Deeply</i>	
A second grant to provide and advocate for responsible, inclusive, sexuality education for grades K - college in a state where educators cannot, by law, present information about “gateway” sexual activities. They will provide OWL facilitator training, classes at all levels, truly inclusive literature about pregnancy, STI prevention and menstrual hygiene, and work to educate legislators.	
Long Island Area Congregations	\$2,000
Islip, NY	<i>\$4,000</i>
<i>Long Island Area Council</i>	
To provide a forum for congregations to communicate, collaborate and join with other faith allies and non-profits working for social justice. Their goals include increased coordination, collaboration and skill building among congregations and building youth involvement into the work.	
Michigan UU Social Justice Network	\$2,000
Royal Oak, MI	<i>\$5,000</i>
<i>Renewing Our Welcoming - Fighting for LGBTQ Justice</i>	
To work with Michigan UU congregations to participate in the new Welcoming Congregation Program of the UUA. The project will mobilize UU’s and other faith and social justice organizations to advocate for policies to protect LBGTQ rights.	

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Minnesota UU Social Justice Alliance	\$10,000
Minneapolis, MN	
<i>Minnesota UU Racial Justice Summit</i>	
To bring UUs from 26 communities to a day-long Racial Justice Summit to share skills, learnings and challenges in dismantling white supremacy and growing racial justice.	
Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence	\$9,200
Northampton, MA	
<i>Rise Up Irida: Hamilton Sing Along</i>	
For a Sing-Along fundraiser to raise funds for sanctuary and immigration justice activities. In the fall of 2017 the congregation voted to become a sanctuary congregation and since April 2018 they have provided sanctuary to a U.S. taxpayer, mother of 3 U.S. born children and wife of a U.S. citizen.	
UU Advocacy Network of Illinois (UUANI)	\$7,000
Carbondale, IL	<i>\$7,000</i>
<i>Voting Our Values - Engaging Our Neighbors</i>	
To engage UU congregations in conversations with their communities around the values and visions in play for the 2020 elections and beyond. The project seeks to implement the UUA's call to "UU the Vote" and be not just "the people who show up" but also "the people who empower other people to turn out".	
UU Church of Davis	\$5,500
Davis, CA	
<i>Further Strengthening our Alliance with SPEAK</i>	
To continue and broaden the congregation's support to undocumented students at UC Davis. Funds will be used to promote student empowerment through events and rallies, bring speakers to campus, address food insecurity and grow relationships between students and church members.	

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UU Congregation of Rockville **\$2,500**
Rockville, MD *\$1,250*

ArtsConnect: Where Music & Art Connect with Social Justice

For a family-friendly creative arts program combining workshops, live music and visual arts with a specific social justice theme for each season. The project will lift up the work of local and touring musicians, the congregation and local activist organizations.

UU Massachusetts Action Network **\$10,000**
Marlborough, MA *\$5,000*

Protect Civil Rights & Safety for all MA Residents

For a grassroots, statewide legislative action campaign to create protections for vulnerable immigrant communities. The Safe Communities Act was revised for the current legislative session (January 2019 - July 2020) and includes no questions about immigration status from law enforcement, protections of due process, no more 287g agreements allowing state or county personnel to act as ICE officials and training.

UU Massachusetts Action Network **\$8,000**
Marlborough, MA *\$6,000*

Solitary Reform Now!

For organizing and mobilizing the 142 UU congregations in Massachusetts with a focus on ending mass incarceration and, specifically, solitary confinement. Massachusetts is one of only a handful of states that imprisons people in solitary confinement for up to 10 years.

UU Pennsylvania Legislative Ministry **\$16,000**
Harrisburg, PA

UUs Go to Harrisburg - Democracy Is Not a Spectator Sport

To sow the seeds for a sustained UU culture of effective legislative advocacy by providing UUs with the skills and experience of visiting and communicating with policy makers.

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UU Prison Ministry of Illinois	\$6,000
Chicago, IL	\$1,500
<i>Expansion of UU Prison Ministry of Illinois</i>	
To expand the ministry to develop plans to establish supportive housing for women returning from prison, to build relationships with partner organizations, and to create a new workshop on prison abolition, restorative and transformative justice.	
UU Society of Fairhaven	\$2,000
Fairhaven, MA	\$2,500
<i>Economic Justice: An Intersectional Conversation for Massachusetts' South</i>	
To bring prominent, well-informed speakers to support events and activities addressing the latest CSAI, "The Corruption of Democracy." The speakers will be an integral part of a series of programs addressing the intersectionality of the unregulated use of money and the myriad of social issues adversely impacting our society.	
UUs for a Just Economic Community	\$10,000
Chicago, IL	\$2,500
<i>Climate Justice Now! Conference</i>	
To co-host a second conference with UUs for Social Justice on climate justice in the fall of 2019 in Washington, D.C. The conference will focus on the ways legislation, climate change recovery efforts, renewable energy job creation, and environmental protection can reduce economic inequality.	
UUs for Social Justice in the National Capitol Region	\$12,000
Washington, DC	\$4,000
<i>Lifting UU Voices: Mobilizing Advocates to Protect Democracy</i>	
To expand UUSJ's Advocacy Corps to amplify UU voices and values in the nation's capital. They will engage congregations in "Write Here! Write Now!" campaigns that reach federal policy-makers, promote social justice and increase the frequency, quantity and quality of advocacy activities.	

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West Shore UU Church

\$15,000

Rocky River, OH

West Shore Congregation Centered, Community Outreach Ministry

To raise congregational awareness of the impact of white supremacy culture through learning and engagement, utilizing research models to equip members with increased skills to sustain faithful relationships with UU congregations and community partners, particularly organizations led by people of color.

of Grants Made: 25

Grants Made Total:	\$157,200
<i>Challenge Grants Made Total:</i>	<i>\$95,750</i>
Grand Total:	\$252,950

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