

Unitarian Universalist Funding Program

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Memorandum

To: UUA Board of Trustees
From: Hillary Goodridge
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Re: Spring 2008 UU Funding Program Grants

I'm very pleased to share with you the list of grants awarded in May by the UU Funding Program.

Overall, we received 114 proposals requesting more than \$1.5 million. We made 57 grants totaling \$416,924, including 11 challenge grants to UU organizations totaling \$40,500.

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Grants Made</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fund for Unitarian Universalism	13	10	\$110,690
Fund for International U/Uism	11	10	\$72,150
Fund for UU Social Responsibility	17	11	\$95,584
Fund for A Just Society	73	26	\$138,500

As always, the Panel members did a wonderful job reading and evaluating the proposals, and making contact with each applicant. The Panels will meet again this November.

Thanks to the generosity of the UU Veatch Program we are excited to announce two new initiatives for this year: the Fund for UU Social Responsibility will be making matching grants for training and membership dues for UU congregations working in community organizing networks. Additionally, the Fund for Unitarian Universalism and the Fund for UU Social Responsibility will make one-time grants for technical assistance (primarily for fundraising training and leadership development). These will be above and beyond the regular grant award.

Please don't hesitate to call or write if you would like more information about any of the grants we made, the grants we did not make, or the process involved. Our website includes complete information about our guidelines, application materials, and annual reports of all grants made for each of the past three years.

Fund for Unitarian Universalism

Grants Made Spring Cycle 2008

All Souls Church, Unitarian - Washington, DC \$15,000

DVD: Theology of UU Social Justice

To create a dvd about UU social justice missions, and share effective practices for congregational work.

All Souls Unitarian Church in Tulsa - Tulsa, OK \$14,400

Theme-based Ministry

To create a web-based resource offering theme-based collaborative resources to congregations of all sizes with all models of leadership. The project knits together diverse constituents by creating a common theme for each month of the church-school year over three years (30 themes). The project will help UUs to think theologically and live out their ministry and calling at home, at church and in the world.

Beacon Press - Boston, MA \$5,000

New Media Initiative

A second grant to expand readership of the blog "Beacon Broadside" (www.beaconbroadside.com) and advancing the socially responsible work of the denomination by linking online UU communities through shared conversation on books, issues and authors.

First Existentialist Congregation of Atlanta - Atlanta, GA \$10,000 Grant, \$2,000 Challenge

Old Stone Church History Project

A second grant for a "living history" project dedicated to community re-education, documentation and the preservation of the biracial dynamics of the church's post civil war neighborhood. The congregation is partnering with others to initiate acts of restorative justice.

First Unitarian Church of Pittsburgh - Pittsburgh, PA \$13,000

"Comrades in a Common Cause" - UU in Western PA

A second grant to support the history of Unitarian Universalism in Western Pennsylvania from 1808 to 2008. It will result in a book, an exhibit and an oral history archive.

Liberal Religious Educators Association - San Antonio, TX \$6,290

The Future of UU Religious Education

To support two meetings of the Religious Education Futures Committee to consider the future of RE education for professionals and to strategize how LREDA can provide support and advocacy to meet these needs in our larger UU movement.

Pacific Northwest District U.U.A. - Bellevue, WA \$15,000

GoldMine Youth Leadership School Training of Trainers

To expand the success of the PNWD's Youth Leadership School into other UU Districts through a "Train the Trainer" approach, revising the student and staff manuals to reflect the evolution of the program, and presenting the key concepts so that participants will be able to adapt and replicate it according to their district/region's unique challenges and gifts.

Southwest U.U. Women - Houston, TX \$3,000 Grant, \$3,000 Challenge

Global Online Community and Database of Model Programs and Partnerships

To extend the work of the International Convocation of UU Women through development of online global communities.

U.U. Partner Church Council - Bedford, MA \$20,000

Strengthening UU Communities Through Partnership

To extend partnership opportunities to individuals and small groups within UUA congregations and expand the ability of UUs to support locally-defined religious and social needs abroad.

Unitarian Congregation of Taos - El Prado, NM \$4,000

From the High Hill: A Long View of Our Lives

To develop a program and workbook directed toward people in their maturity - 60 and beyond - to help them tell and understand the story of their lives and address the question, "What do I wish to do that I have not done?"

10 Grants Made

Challenge Grants: \$5,000

Grants Made: \$105,690

Grand Total: \$110,690

Fund for International Unitarian Universalism

Grants Made Spring Cycle 2008

Assemblée' des Chre'tiens Unitariens du Burundi - Bujumbura BURUNDI \$5,000

Unitarian Community Building

To build a vibrant UU community through seminars, leadership development, youth programming and the development of materials to provide information about a liberal faith in a conservative culture.

Assemblée' des Chre'tiens Unitariens du Burundi - Bujumbura BURUNDI \$10,000

U.P.R.O.S. Promoting Indigenous Population

For a project by the NGO arm of the Unitarian church of Burundi to train and support the impoverished and often abused indigenous group the Batwa people to know their legal rights and to claim them through legal channels.

David Ferenc Unitarian Youth Association - ROMANIA \$7,000 grant, \$3,000 challenge

Community Branches for Sustaining Transylvanian Unitarian Youth

To develop and expand professional branches that will provide vocational trainings and programs for religious, cultural and social life in the community. Programs will include leadership development, a gathering for artists, recitals and folk festivals, and a youth conference focused on drug prevention. The DFUYA is open to all youth ages 14-25.

International Council Of U.U.'s - Kalamazoo MI \$6,000 grant, \$3,000 challenge

Supporting International Ministerial Education

For a program to improve access to ministerial education and training for emerging and developing U-U groups in Africa, South America, Latin America, and Asia by developing and implementing programs, partnerships and strategies for resource identification and use.

Meadville/ Lombard Theological School - Chicago IL \$13,000

Unitarianism from a Global Perspective: A Global Learning Experience

To develop an online survey course for an international learning community to study Unitarianism/Universalism in a global context to meet the needs of international partners for deeper theological grounding, increased communication and learning opportunities for church leaders.

Southwest U.U. Women - Houston TX \$6,000 grant, \$3,000 challenge

Global Online Community & Database of Model Programs/ Partnerships

To extend the work of the International Convocation of UU Women through the development of online global communities that include participants/attendees, congregations, UU groups and those unable to attend the Convocation.

Transylvanian Unitarian Web Radio Cluj -Napoca ROMANIA \$7,000

Transylvanian Web Radio Development

A second grant to support web radio, giving Unitarians a chance to express their voice and promote their progressive values. TUR operates online and encourages broadcasting by youth, ministers, lay leaders and traveling UU pilgrims.

www.unitarianradio.ro

U.U. Church of the Philippines - Negros Oriental, Philippines \$5,150

Sugar Cane Cultivation

To strengthen the income resource generation of the church through the planting of sugar cane in the villages of Gamaw and Bayawan City with a total of ten hectares of land.

Unitarian Women's Association from Romania - Cluj –Napoca, ROMANIA \$1,000

Involvement of Unitarian Women in the Community

To develop a social responsibility awareness workshop to bring women more fully into the life of the community.

UU Funding/ Assemblée' des Chre'tiens Unitariens du Burundi - Jamaica Plain, MA \$3,000

Unitarian Community Building & UPROS

For a site visit and research to evaluate and advise the IUU Panel concerning two proposals from the Unitarian Church of Burundi.

Number of Grants Made: 10

Challenge Grants Made Total \$9,000

Grants Made Total: \$63,150

Grand Total: \$72,150

Fund for UU Social Responsibility

Grants Made Spring Cycle 2008

Beacon Press - Boston, MA \$15,000

New Media Initiative

A second grant to expand readership of the "Beacon Broadside" blog (www.beaconbroadside.com) and advance the socially responsible work of the denomination by linking online UU communities through shared conversation on books, authors and social justice issues.

First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati- Social Justice Ctte - Cincinnati, OH \$2,000 Challenge

Avondale Peace Camp

To grow and expand a program that began as a pilot last summer for a summer Peace Camp in the congregation's urban neighborhood which is plagued by violent youth crime.

First Unitarian Church of Rochester - Rochester, NY \$5,000 challenge

Taller de Esperanza: Workshop of Hope

For a program linking the Rochester NY congregation with the Brownsville TX UU's and to construct a new workshop for the schools in the Mexican town of Fidel Velazquez in a long-term effort to address the consequences of poverty, corruption, poor education and economic globalization.

First Unitarian Church of San Jose - San Jose, CA \$3,000

Beloved Community Project II

A second grant to move the congregation to become intentionally multicultural, multiracial and multidimensional and to promote multicultural understanding through events and by working on issues of concern to downtown residents.

Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul - Winchester, MA \$9,000 grant, \$9,000 challenge

Gulf Coast Volunteers for the Long Haul

To expand a program of week-long service trips for volunteers to areas hit by hurricane Katrina to engage in work beyond restoring homes to include working on, in and with selected grade and middle schools.

Jericho Road Lawrence - North Andover, MA \$15,000

Capacity Building

A second grant for a program of the North Parish Church designed to enhance the organizational capacity and economic stability of not-for-profits by providing free business and technical expertise, matching skilled volunteers to client organizations.

Norman U.U. Fellowship - Norman, OK \$5,284

Voice of Reason Radio

To acquire the last of the broadcast air space available through the FCC to provide an opportunity for a local, progressive, activist community to use the public airspace to promote peace and challenge injustice.

U.U. Church of Fort Myers - Grace Program - Fort Myers, FL \$5,000 challenge

1000 Teachers, 1 Million Children

For a program to increase UU involvement in preparing education materials for Guatemalan teachers.

U.U. Church of Ventura - Ventura, CA \$15,500 grant, \$4,000 challenge

Lift Up Your Voice

To build a partnership with people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness both to put a face on homelessness and lift up the voices of UUs and the homeless and help end homelessness in Ventura County.

Unitarian Area Church at First Parish in Sherborn- Sherborn, MA \$2,800

Interfaith Hospitality Network

To support an interfaith partnership of congregations offering beds to homeless families with children through safe transitional shelter, meals and supportive case management as the families seek permanent housing.

Unity Church U.U. - North Easton, MA \$3,500 grant, \$1,500 challenge

UCAN: Unity Church Aiding Neighbors

A third grant for a program to provide tutorial-style English classes, life skills support and citizenship classes to adult low income, non-native English speakers in the Brockton, Massachusetts area.

Number of Grants Made: 11

Challenge Grants Made: \$26,500

Grants made Total: \$69,084

Grand Total: \$95,584

Fund for a Just Society

Grants Made Spring Cycle 2008

Arlington West Film and Speakers Program - Los Angeles, CA \$7,500 Challenge Grant

For a film and speakers program to provide at-risk youth who are most targeted by military recruiters with crucial information they need to make a decision about enlistment.

Cape Care Coalition – Wellfleet, MA \$10,000 Grant

Cape Care Coalition Operations

For a single payer, community owned health care plan to cover all Cape Cod residents.

Centro Humanitario Para Los Trabajadores - Denver, CO \$3,000 Grant

Aurora Day Laborer Organizing Project

For developing an indoor gathering location to organize day laborers to prevent labor theft, guarantee wage collection and improve working conditions.

Coalition Against Militarism in Our Schools - South Pasadena, CA \$2,000 Grant, \$2,000 Challenge Project Great Futures

To provide youth in Southern California with information about alternatives to military enlistment.

Community Water Center - Visalia CA \$10,000 Grant

Protecting Groundwater from the Ground Up

For organizing to protect and improve the quality of groundwater used as a source of drinking water in the southern San Joaquin Valley. The project will organize hundreds of low-income residents to demand concrete actions from regulatory agencies for more effective groundwater protection and water infrastructure improvements for rural communities.

Cook Inlet Keeper – Homer, AK \$8,000 Grant

Stop the Proposed Chuitna Coal Mine

A second grant for organizing and mobilizing local citizens, fishermen, hunters, and Native Alaskans to oppose the Chuitna coal mine and build statewide coalitions to protect salmon and beluga whale habitats from coal strip mine impacts.

Detroit Metropolitan Interfaith Committee on Worker Issues – Detroit, MI \$3,000 Grant

Justice for Child Care Providers

For a campaign to organize religious communities to support living wages and decent benefits for home-based childcare workers. More than 10,000 home-based childcare workers in the city earn an average of less than \$7 /hour.

EPOCA - Worcester, MA \$5,000 Challenge grant

CORI Reform and the New Leaf Program

A third grant to win passage of the Public Safety Act in Massachusetts, reforming the reporting of and access to Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI), and to expand a program to train and place people overcoming CORI in employment.

GIFT/ Grassroots Fundraising Journal - Oakland, CA \$1,000 Grant

2008 Raising Change: A Social Justice Fundraising Conference

To support a conference of fundraisers, community organizers, executive directors, and volunteers to address the challenges facing progressives, learn fundraising skills, and explore the politics of funding and the role of fundraising.

Greater Four Corners Action Coalition – Dorchester, MA \$3,500 Grant

Transit Equity

A second grant for a campaign to provide transit equality through organizing to extend subway service to low income, urban communities and to use low emission technology.

Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee - Milwaukee, WI \$2,000 Challenge Grant

Waukesha County Housing Trust Campaign

To establish a housing trust fund to address the need for decent, accessible, affordable housing for low and moderate income residents.

JusticeWorks Community, Inc. Brooklyn, NY \$2,000 Grant

Seven Neighborhood Action Partnership

To organize against the destructive effects of the Rockefeller drug laws. The project seeks reform of mandatory minimum sentencing for nonviolent drug violations and an allocation of funds for alternatives to incarceration.

Lakeview Action Coalition - Chicago IL \$5,000 Grant, \$2,500 Challenge Grant

Homeless Youth/Police Relations

For a campaign to stop the abuse of homeless and GLBT youth by enforcing a local system of police accountability.

Law Enforcement Against Prohibition - Medford, MA \$2,000 Challenge Grant

DVD Organizing Project

For production of a DVD to be used in a campaign for the elimination of drug prohibition. LEAP has a membership of 10,000 across 86 counties; its board members and speakers are current and former police, judges, prosecutors, corrections officials who have knowledge and experience of how current drug policies both cause and exacerbate a wide array of social problems.

Love Makes a Family - Hartford, CT \$5,000 Grant

Expanded Community Organizing - Marriage Equality in CT

Continuing support for a campaign to expand Connecticut's marriage laws to include same-sex couples. The goal is to secure marriage equality by the end of 2009.

Merrimack Valley Project Lawrence MA \$10,000 Grant

MVP Campaign for Immigrant Justice

For a campaign uniting immigrant, labor, and faith communities organizing for access to legal services and public education for 115,000 immigrants and refugees in the Merrimack Valley.

Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty - St. Louis, MO \$5,000

Missouri Moratorium Momentum: Motivating Messengers

A campaign for a moratorium on executions while a Study Commission examines the death-penalty system in the state. This program focuses on building support among murder victims family members, and law enforcement officers, key constituencies with a stake in the outcome.

Montana Human Rights Network - Helena, MT \$5,000 Grant, \$3,000 Challenge grant

Equality Project

For a campaign to add sexual orientation and gender expression to Montana's Human Rights Act.

Movement for Justice in El Barrio - New York NY \$3,500

Housing Justice Program

For organizing for housing justice and against the increasing trend towards gentrification that is pushing immigrants and low-income residents from their homes.

Naugatuck Valley Project – Waterbury, CT \$6,000 Grant

Medical Interpretation Campaign For a campaign to ensure that medical interpretive services are available for immigrants at hospitals and healthcare facilities.

North Carolinians Against Gun Violence - Chapel Hill, NC \$2,000 Grant

Gun Violence Prevention Collaboration

For a campaign to end gun violence in North Carolina through effective public policies. A local study found that 36% of gun owners with young children keep their firearms loaded and 50% do not store their weapons in a locked box.

South Asian Americans Leading Together - Takoma Park, MD \$3,000 Challenge Grant

Immigrant Community Leadership in Action

To train 20 members of the Southeast Asian community to be effective advocates on immigration, to conduct presentations, and to develop and translate education materials related to fair and humane immigration laws.

Southern Center for Human Rights - Atlanta, GA \$12,000 Grant, \$2,500 Challenge

Private Probation Campaign

For an organizing campaign to end the use of for-profit probation services in Georgia which allow private corporations to extract “probation supervision” fees from people who are too poor to pay their misdemeanor fines.

Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research & Action – Oakland, CA \$10,000 Grant

Million Dollar Clubs

To expand an economic model organizing low-wage migrant remitters (immigrants who send funds to family members in their countries of origin) to use their collective economic leverage to encourage corporate accountability and community reinvestment to an additional six states.

Union of Minority Neighborhoods – Roxbury, MA \$2,000 Grant

Mass. Alliance to Reform CORI

A third grant to mobilize and organize people with criminal records and their allies to reform the Criminal Offender Record Information System.

Vermont Interfaith Action - Burlington, VT \$1,000 Grant

Yes, In My Back Yard

To increase the supply of affordable housing by mobilizing low and moderate-income individuals to work with public officials to set aside land and to pass regulations conducive to building affordable housing.

26 Grants Made

Challenge Grants Made: \$29,500

Grants Made: \$109,000

Grand Total: \$138,500