

Unitarian Universalist Funding Program

Grants Made 2007

The Fund for International Unitarian Universalism

David Ferenc Unitarian Youth Association **\$7,000**
Kolosvar, Cluj-Napoca, jud Cluj **\$3,000**

Youth Ministry and Public Role

A second grant for a two-pronged project to establish youth ministries within the Transylvania Unitarian Church, and to create a public awareness of Unitarian Youth through events including drama festivals, contests, conferences, leadership trainings and scholarships.

International Council Of U.U.'s **\$7,500**
Caerphilly, Wales

Emerging Groups at ICUU Council 2007

To support emerging groups, especially in Africa, by bringing representative leaders to the ICUU conference in Germany in November. The conference will create linkages, form a broader global UU community identity, and cultivate and train leaders.

Southwest U.U. Women **\$4,000**
Houston, TX **\$2,000**

International Convocation for UU Women: Cultural Literacy and Scholarship

For the development and promotion of a curriculum to educate and engage UUs in participating in and providing scholarship funds to bring women from abroad to the International Convocation of UU Women which will be held in Houston in February 2009.

Transylvanian Unitarian Web Radio **\$6,700**
Cluj -Napoca, ROMANIA

Transylvanian Unitarian Web Radio

To support the first purely Unitarian radio outlet in Transylvania, one that gives 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 Arlington **\$1,000**
Arlington, VA

U.U. Holdeen India Documentary Video

For distribution of a video to document the human rights work supported by the UU Holdeen India Program. The intent is to reach UUs and general audiences in the US and inspire more UU involvement in international struggles for human rights.

U.U. Church of the Philippines
Oriental Negros, Philippines

\$3,500

Nataban Energy Tree Farm Phase I

For a program to plant fast-growing energy crop trees to replant stripped land and restore the depleted, deforested environment. The project will provide income to the UUCP for its operation and ministry and strengthen the UUCP structure.

U.U. Church of the Philippines
Oriental Negros, Philippines

\$12,000

Center Site and Renovations

For a building and renovation program to improve or replace seven deteriorating chapels, the UUCP National Office and expand the UUCP Kiddie Center. This will provide UUs with permanent physical structures and build the faith with a sense of pride and security.

U.U. Partner Church Council
Bedford, MA

\$9,000

\$4,000

Global Partnerships Through Community Capacity Building

To support the Global Capacity Building Program as it makes the transition from a pilot program to an integrated program. The program provides tools for partner churches to work together on needs assessments leading to community action plans. The next steps will engage partners in transylvania, the Philippines, India and possibly Africa.

Unitarian Church in Transylvania
b-dul 21 Decembrie nr., Kolosvar

\$2,100

Drawing the Social Map of the Transylvanian Unitarian Church

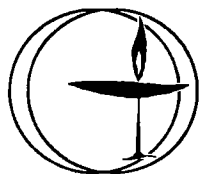
For a social map that will identify the most severe problems faced by congregations of the Transylvanian Church. The outcome will inform strategies to deliver church-sponsored social services and participate in advocacy programs.

of Grants Made: 9

Grants Made Total: \$52,800

Challenge Grants Made Total: \$9,000

Grand Total: \$61,800



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Grants Made Spring 2007

The Fund for Unitarian Universalist Social Responsibility

Allen Avenue U.U. Church	\$6,000
Portland, ME	\$3,250

Social Justice Institute

For a social justice institute that will offer spiritually-grounded, skill-based training and leadership development workshops to further social justice organizing by the church community, other UU churches, individuals, and social action groups in the Portland and Southern Maine area.

Allies for Racial Equality	\$14,000
Marshfield, MA	\$2,500

Traces of the Trade Partnership

In response to the GA 2006 Responsive Resolution charging congregations to hold one program over the next year to address racism/classism, this partnership will deliver a feature documentary to engage congregants in dialogue and action on racial and economic justice. The film focuses on how the system of slavery affected the white populations of the time, their descendants, and subsequent generations of white

Beacon Press	\$19,000
Boston, MA	

New Media Initiative

To build and promote visibility of a blog on www.beacon.org and to update and enhance its websites with the objective of advancing the socially responsible work of the denomination by linking online UU communities through shared conversation on books, issues and authors.

Mass Bay District of the U.U.A.	\$5,000
Belmont, MA	\$6,500

Social Action Coordinator

For a District social justice program to develop communication networks and coordinate projects and advocacy among UU congregations. the goal is to strengthen social justice efforts and nurture the growth of Unitarian Universalism.

Olympia U.U. Congregation & Out of the Woods	\$5,000
Olympia, WA	\$2,500

Out of the Woods

To support an emergency shelter program that is hosted by the church. The program is focused on families with young children and supported by the congregation.

Peacemaking CSAI Core Team	\$9,000
Westport, CT	\$5,000

DVD and Curricula for UUA Peacemaking CSAI

For the development of a DVD to be used as an integral component of workshop and curriculum materials to encourage the broadest possible involvement of UU congregations in the new "Peacemaking" UUA Congregational Study/Action Issue process.

Sanford Unitarian Church	\$5,000
Sanford, ME	

Corner Cupboard

For a monthly program, sponsored by and housed in the church, that provides non-food essentials to assist people in meeting their basic needs for living and increases their quality of life. The project is also working to develop a long-term base of community support.

U.U. Church of the Philippines	\$3,500
Oriental Negros, Philippines	

Empower the Marginalized through Entrepreneurships

To expand micro-finance projects in Novaliches and Bicutan, offering small loans and providing poor communities with an alternative to loan sharks, and to improve the economic security and leadership of the poor.

U.U. Community Church of Park Forest	\$2,050
Park Forest, IL	

Foodapalooza

For seed money for a program to raise money and food donations for Respond Now, a non profit agency that provides for the emergency needs of residents in Chicago's south suburbs.

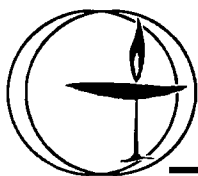
Unity Church U.U.	\$7,000
North Easton, MA	\$2,000

UCAN: Unity Church Aiding Neighbors

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

of Grants Made: 10

Grants Made Total:	\$75,550
<i>Challenge Grants Made Total:</i>	\$21,750
Grand Total:	\$97,300



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Grants Made Spring 2007

The Fund for a Just Society

Brazilian Immigrant Center

Allston, MA

\$5,000

Workers' Rights Project

For organizing to address the exploitation of Brazilian workers with a focus on wage recovery and workplace safety. The goal is to challenge employer practices so that all immigrant workers are treated fairly and according to existing labor law.

Central Illinois Organizing Project

\$5,000

Bloomington, IL

\$2,000

Stop Payday Lending

For an ecumenical organizing campaign against payday lending that includes working with the financial and non-profit sectors to provide affordable alternatives to payday loans. Payday loan stores now outnumber McDonalds franchises and current loan rates are 500%.

Champaign County Health Care Consumers

\$5,000

Champaign, IL

Medical Debt Justice and Health Care Access Project

For a campaign by the local community to improve hospitals policies and practices in areas of pricing, charity care, debt collection and community benefits, to improve access for low-income citizens and to expand health care coverage for all.

Citizens of Louisville Organized & United Together

\$5,000

Louisville, KY

\$2,500

Stop the Revolving Door

To address the problems of drug-related crime and violence by organizing to create systemic changes in the criminal justice system to more effectively address the needs of offenders with drug and alcohol addictions and to minimize the revolving door effect.

Cook Inlet Keeper

\$8,000

Homer, AK

Clearing the Path: Stop Chitna Coal Mine

To organize citizens and groups to protect salmon habitat by stopping the Chitna and related coal mine projects, protect beluga whale and salmon habitat from coal strip mine impacts, and elevate the importance of climate change science for salmon protection in statewide and national policy decisions.

EPOCA	\$5,000
Worcester, MA	
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<i>Public Safety Campaign 2007</i>	
A second 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 work with employment training agencies and large employers to place persons with criminal records into the workforce and reduce chances of recidivism.	
Greater Four Corners Action Coalition	\$5,000
Dorchester, MA	
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<i>Commuter Rail</i>	
For organizing residents and neighborhood groups to pressure the MBTA to provide adequate and equitable transportation for Boston's largely Black and Latino communities by adding stops and service upgrades in the affected neighborhoods and consequently encourage economic development.	
Hope Street Youth Development	\$5,000
Wichita, KS	
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<i>Tasers in School Regulation</i>	
For a school-based student organizing project to protect students against the recent introduction of tasers carried by resource officers in schools, either by removing them from schools altogether or by instituting a number of reforms to ensure student safety.	
Idaho Community Action Network	\$3,000
Boise, ID	
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<i>Racial Justice Initiative</i>	
For a campaign for living wage and work support, public health coverage programs and comprehensive immigration reform and other immigrant rights including increased access to higher education, a path to citizenship and family reunification.	
Ionia Inc.	\$5,000
Kasilof, AK	
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<i>Strengthening Mental Health</i>	
A second grant to support several initiatives related to mental health consumer groups (the Consumer Consortium) to create broad public policy changes and organize a grass roots campaign to convince legislators to support consumer operated programs as part of a comprehensive behavioral health system.	
Love Makes a Family	\$3,000
Hartford, CT	\$2,000
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<i>Our Stories, Our Lives: Winning Hearts and Minds for Marriage Equality</i>	
For a campaign to expand Connecticut's marriage laws to include same-sex couples. Actions include an earned media campaign, canvassing door to door, a speakers bureau, television advertising and using educational resources on the internet.	

Merrimack Valley Project	\$10,000
Lawrence, MA	
<i>Immigrant Worker Organizing Campaign</i>	
A second grant to build upon a successful campaign that targeted the Gillette Company to advance the rights of low-wage immigrant workers in the Merrimack Valley. One goal is to secure the participation of 500 workers in the ESOL/Career Ladder program.	
Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty	\$1,000
Jefferson City, MO	<i>\$1,000</i>
<i>Campaign for Co-Sponsors</i>	
A campaign to increase legislative support for a bill to implement a moratorium on executions and to establish a Study Commission to make recommendations regarding the fairness and accuracy of death penalty policy in the state.	
Oregon Fair Trade Campaign	\$5,000
Portland, OR	
<i>Oregon Stories Project</i>	
To organize workers, farmers and small business owners who have lost work because of NAFTA-style trade agreements to become effective fair trade advocates, participating in trade policy-making.	
People Organized for Westside Renewal	\$6,000
Santa Monica, CA	
<i>Justice Organizing: Winning Affordable Housing & Education Reform</i>	
For organizing to enforce the provisions of the Mello Act in West Los Angeles, advocating for local ordinances that ensure development of affordable housing and inclusionary zoning; and working with parents and teachers to promote educational equity and educational excellence in the LA Unified School District.	
Providence Youth Student Movement	\$8,000
Providence, RI	
<i>The Organizing Circle</i>	
To win institutional and policy change through youth organizing, advocating for inclusive and progressive policies in Providence schools; youth opportunities for Southeast Asian youth with the Department of Recreation, and protecting Southeast Asian youth from racial and gang profiling by the police.	
Religious Coalition for the Freedom to Marry	\$2,000
Boston, MA	
<i>Preserving Marriage Equality in Massachusetts</i>	
For a campaign by the progressive religious community to preserve the freedom of people, regardless of sexual orientation, to marry in Massachusetts.	

SAGE Council	\$8,000
Albuquerque, NM	
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<i>Native American Voters Alliane Program</i>	
A campaign to register Native American voters, a largely invisible constituency prior to the 2007 municipal elections, to continue a Get-Out-the-Vote campaign into the 2008 general elections; and to promote public financing of state legislative elections and educating the constituency about water issues.	
South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice	\$4,000
Miami, FL	
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<i>Prophetic Voice for Organizing Workers</i>	
A campaign to support worker justice by drawing publicity to union-busting and giving an interfaith voice to the concerns of the working poor.	
Strategic Actions for a Just Economy	\$4,000
Los Angeles, CA	
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<i>Frank McHugh Slum Housing Campaign</i>	
For a community organizing campaign to abate slum-housing conditions by targeting one of Los Angeles' most notorious slumlords and to dislodge the profitability of slum-housing by substantially increasing penalties and sanctions.	
Street Vendor Project	\$5,000
New York, NY	\$4,000
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<i>Street Vendor Project 2007 Campaign</i>	
To hire an organizer to grow the base of street vendors to give this community a united voice to address problems faced by vendors whose livelihood is threatened by more powerful corporate and real estate interests.	
Transnational Institute for Grassroots Research & Action	\$5,000
Oakland, CA	
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<i>TIGRA - Movement Center</i>	
For a movement that organizes remitters to use their collective economic leverage to encourage corporate accountability and community reinvestment. The focus of the campaign is to get Western Union - a company which made close to \$4 billion from 118 million financial transactions in 2005 - to adopt a Community Benefits Agreement.	
Union of Minority Neighborhoods	\$5,000
Roxbury, MA	
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<i>Mass. Alliance to Reform CORI</i>	
A second grant to mobilize and organize people with criminal records and their allies to reform the Criminal Offender Record Information System.	

Wingspan**\$6,000**

Tucson, AZ

Rainbow Families: Social Justice for LGBT families in Arizona

For a campaign to mobilize LGBT and allied communities to confront the social justice issues of civil and human rights of LGBT families and to legalize second parent adoption in Arizona.

Working for Equality and Economic Liberation**\$5,000**

Helena, MT

\$2,000

Economic Justice is a Human Right

A second grant to address poverty and mobilize non-traditional allies to create a state economic development policy related issues: the regulation of predatory lending institutions, creating alternative loan products, and promoting asset development programs.

of Grants Made: 25**Grants Made Total:****\$123,000***Challenge Grants Made Total:**\$18,500***Grand Total:****\$141,500**