

YOUTH MINISTRY PROJECT GRANTS

Youth Ministry Project Grants are used to support local projects that offer Unitarian Universalist high school-aged youth opportunities to grow in faith, deepen in spirit, develop skills, experience leadership, and engage in service and justice work. Grants are available under the following programs, which are geared toward developing dynamic, multigenerational communities grounded in congregational life.

Grant Programs

Reusable Projects

Looking for a service project plan or discussion guide that doesn't exist? Why not create it? Reusable Projects grants are given for activities which produce resources or write-ups that can be used by other youth groups. With reusable resources, we multiply the efforts of our youth ministry projects. *\$500 maximum.*

Youth-Grown Initiatives

We empower youth by honoring their contributions to our communities, and by creating space for those contributions to flourish. Though all grant proposals are encouraged to be developed with youth, these grants are specifically reserved for great initiatives **generated by** youth. *\$500 maximum.*

Big Ideas

Just like the title would suggest, Big Ideas grants are used to support innovative and inspiring new ideas for UU youth. Proposals should directly connect their plan to a vision of youth ministry. Dream big, think bold, the sky's the limit! *No maximum.*

Youth-Led Common Read

Proposals must be youth-led multigenerational projects related to the UUA's Common Read. More information can be found at www.uua.org/re/adults/read. *Grant winners will receive up to 20 copies of the book (indicate the number needed in your application).*

How proposals are evaluated

In addition to general thoughtfulness and cohesion, the following standards will be used to evaluate proposals:

- Congregationally based – Projects should be grounded in the vision of multigenerational congregations developed by the Youth Ministry Working Group www.uua.org/re/youth/know/workinggroup. Congregations that meet the UUA's Fair Share contribution standards will be given priority.
- Youth directed, advisor supported – Exciting youth projects include youth leaders, and all proposals must include the support of an adult advisor (over age 25).
- Return on investment – With limited resources available for grants, projects that have matching support from congregations, are used to remove significant programming obstacles, or enhance capacity and provide the foundation for future programs will receive priority.
- Accountability to historically marginalized groups – These groups, traditionally underserved in our denomination, our communities and our country, are important to keep at the forefront of our ministry. Projects which serve traditionally marginalized groups, including LGBTQ youth, racial or ethnic minorities, youth who are differently abled, and youth affected by addiction, abuse, assault, economic hardship, involvement with the criminal justice system, etc. will be given priority.

Funding for these grants is provided by the generosity of our UUA member congregations via the Annual Program Fund or the GIFT Program (www.uua.org/amplify).



YOUTH MINISTRY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

In addition to filling out the last page of this application, please answer the following questions on a separate page

1. Summary of your project in brief, narrative form. Be sure to include:
 - a. Goals and accountability – What is the goal of your project and how will you know it was accomplished?
 - b. Background – What is the story behind your proposal?
 - c. Plan – Describe the actions that your proposal entails, when they will happen, and who is responsible for each action.
 - d. Relevance - how this project will help the youth involved to grow in faith, deepen in spirit, develop skills, learn, and serve Unitarian Universalist communities.
2. Estimated budget that includes both income and expenses. Applications must include a sponsoring organization to act as the fiscal agent for the grant.
3. Letter of support from a minister, religious educator, or UUA Field Staff member. This may be submitted separately.
4. Any relevant supporting documentation of your project, such as photographs, historical information, mission statements, data, etc.



How to send in your application

Send completed and signed application (last page), answers to the questions (above), and any other attachments by one of the following ways:

FAX: 617-948-6473

EMAIL: Send a separate email to youth@uua.org for instructions on how to use the UUA Secure Email System. **DO NOT** email your application directly to this email address! The UUA email system is not secure enough to safeguard this sensitive information.

MAIL: UUA
Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries
24 Farnsworth Street
Boston, MA 02210-1409

Grant Application Deadlines

The Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries accepts grant applications on a rolling basis. Submit yours today!

Have questions?

For more information please contact Youth and Young Adult Ministries Director Bart Frost at bfrost@uua.org or (617) 948-4359.

YOUTH MINISTRY PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION

Amount Requested: \$ _____	Grant Program (select one):
For program beginning (date): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth-Grown Initiatives
Project Title: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Reusable Projects
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Big Ideas
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth-Led Common Read

Youth Applicant*	Adult Advisor*
Name: _____	Name: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/St/Zip: _____	City/St/Zip: _____
Date of Birth: _____	Date of Birth: _____

Advisor's Role with Sponsoring Org/Congregation: _____
**If there is more than one youth or advisor involved in the project, please attach a separate list. Adult advisors must be 25 years of age or older. All correspondence will be sent via email to the youth applicant(s) and adult advisor(s).*



Sponsoring Org/Congregation	Treasurer of Sponsoring Org/Cong
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
City/St/Zip: _____	City/St/Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Phone: _____
Email: _____	Email: _____

Sponsoring Org/Cong Federal ID# (REQUIRED): _____

Signatures

Youth: _____	Date: _____
Advisor: _____	Date: _____
Treasurer: _____	Date: _____

Don't forget to include your project summary, budget, letter of support, and other attachments!

OFFICE USE ONLY:		
Date Received:	APF Fair Share:	Approved / Declined
Date Letter Sent:	Date Check Sent:	