

Fundraising Opportunities

1. Fund for Unitarian Universalism

These grants can be up to \$20k; average is \$8K. Application deadlines are March 15th and September 15th.

- Funding priorities are “for innovative, challenging or experimental programs [with] wide denominational impact or that address needs unmet by the institutional structure of the denomination.”
- Equipment and building renovations/improvements are generally not funded. Nor are ongoing congregational activities.
- Preference is for programs that have income from diverse sources
- Consideration is given to an applying congregation’s commitment to meet the UUA Annual Program Fund Fair Share contribution.

Not strictly for social justice activities, but some social justice-related programs have received funds. These are the largest grants awarded through UU. Recent years’ awardees:

2018 Grants: https://www.uufunding.org/uploads/2/4/2/0/24209064/fuu_2018_grants.pdf

2017 Grants: https://www.uufunding.org/uploads/2/4/2/0/24209064/fuu_2017_grants.pdf

2016 Grants: https://www.uufunding.org/uploads/2/4/2/0/24209064/2016_fuu_grants.pdf

2. Fund for UU Social Responsibility

These grants are for up to \$1,500 and are not restricted to “apply by” dates.

2(a) Congregation-Based Community Organizing (CBCO)

This is cross-congregational work in an established CBCO that is affiliated with one of five umbrella organizations. There are CBCOs in Portland, Spokane, Pasco and Seattle; none in Idaho. (We aren’t eligible for this funding unless we’re part of a CBCO.)

2(b) Actions of Public Witness

They are *intended to be responsive to unforeseen needs that require urgent action.*

Grants are given to a broad range of social and environmental justice issues.

E.g.s:

- Buses for the People’s Budget Action for a Fair Tax (2018) \$1,000
- Showers for Host Sanctuary Congregation (2017) \$1,500
- Friends of Orange County Detainees (2017) \$1,500
- Rainbow Ball Weekend: (2017) \$1,500
- People Over Pipelines March (2016) \$1,500
- Higher Ground Moral Declaration (2016) \$1,200

2018 Grant: https://www.uufunding.org/uploads/2/4/2/0/24209064/apw_2018_grants.pdf

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2016 Grants: https://www.uufunding.org/uploads/2/4/2/0/24209064/2016_apw_grants.pdf

2(c) Recent “ad hoc” funding projects

- “Get out the Vote 2016” (grants were @ \$500)
- “Get out the Vote 2018” (grants were @ \$500)
- Possible “Get out the Vote 2020”
- Immigrant-specific grants are in the works, details TBA

3. Fund For a Just Society

These grants are given to 501(c)(3) groups to address issues of social and economic justice—for projects that use community organizing to bring about systemic change. UUA's Fund For a Just Society has funded these Idaho groups:

- Idaho Citizen's Network: 1995
- Idaho Organization of Resource Councils 2017 (\$10,000 to organize to repeal sales tax on groceries)

Faithify

A crowdfunding platform that is not funded by UUA, but is a UUA project. More than \$1 million has been raised by 390 campaigns. A 2.9% fee and 30¢/transaction fee is charged by the online platform.