



Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura

“Where People of Different Beliefs Worship as One Faith”

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Social Justice Grant Program

Program Goal

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura has developed a process by which to award all of its Sunday offerings as grants in order to:

- Fund its own community social justice initiatives;
- Inspire and support action in the larger community by UUCV members and youth;
- Strengthen its partnership with non-profits that share its values;
- Increase its capacity to respond to emergency needs both in the congregation and in the larger community; and
- Support other Unitarian Universalist organizations and initiatives.

Eligibility Requirements

Plate collections will be awarded to the following:

- UUCV projects with five or more participants, e.g., LUYV;
- 501(c)(3) organizations;
- Unitarian Universalist organizations; and
- UUCV’s own Inreach/Outreach fund, which is typically used for emergency help for those in our congregation or the community.

Due Dates

Applications must be received by UUCV at 5654 Ralston Street, Ventura, CA 93003 by 3 p.m. on the applicable due date.

- 3 p.m. on August 31, 2011 for all applications submitted on behalf of Unitarian Universalist Organizations for funding in December, 2011;
- 3 p.m. on August 31, 2011 for all applications for funding in January or February, 2012;
- 3 p.m. on December 15, 2011 for all applications for funding in April, May, or June, 2012.

Questions about the granting program may be referred to Susan Brinkmeyer, UUCV Social Action Coordinating Committee Chair, 818-281-6249, suebrinkmeyer@earthlink.net

Restrictions and Limitations

Applications may be submitted by any of the following:

- a member or pledging friend of UUCV applying on behalf of a UUCV group;
- a member or pledging friend of UUCV applying on behalf of a 501(c)(3) organization;
- a staffer applying on behalf of a 501(c)(3).

Grant recipients will be awarded the offering from the congregation for 1-4 Sundays, and each recipient will be responsible for working with the UUCV Ministers and Worship Associates to discuss how best, given serious time constraints during services, to inspire the congregation to give generously. One

Sunday's offering might be as little as \$300 or as much as \$3,000, depending on how moved the congregation is by the use for which the funding is intended.

The maximum amount that may be requested in each application is \$3,000.

Decision Process:

All applications that are submitted before a deadline, adhere to the guidelines, and are complete will be presented to the congregation for a vote.

Beginning in mid-September, the congregation will have the opportunity to review the applications that meet the August 31 deadline, and then will have the opportunity during community hour the first Sunday in October to select those who will receive the offerings during December, 2011 and January and February, 2012. Applications that do not garner enough support in this October vote to be awarded a plate but do receive at least 15% of the votes cast that day will be given another opportunity to garner votes during community hour the first Sunday in February, 2012, along with any new applications received between September 1 and December 15, 2011.

All applicants will be advised as to the outcome of the voting within 30 days of the vote. In the event the need arises to respond to a disaster or emergency, the church reserves the right to change the date(s) on which the offering is awarded to a winning applicant.