

Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence

Social Action Funding Application

Overview: USNF has funding in our 2018-2019 operating budget to support programs and activities that promote community engagement and/or social justice. The money is meant to support existing groups as well as to encourage new work.

Examples: In 2018, we allocated funds for a racial justice workshop, Blue Communities, to develop an environmental justice library, for the Circle for Social Change, a Bystanders Training, and our partnership with The Sojourner Truth School for Social Change. Funding can be spent on speakers, events, public awareness activities, lobbying campaigns, etc.. The money is *not* meant for donations to outside organizations.

How do I start a project or apply? All proposals/requests should be ideas which are supported by a group of members and come from that group's chair or leaders. You can come to the Coordinating Council to air your ideas and soak up vast amounts of collective, institutional wisdom!

Deadlines: Deadlines are October 1 and January 1. Decisions will be made by the end of October and by the end of January. If you are unable to work within this time frame, contact a moderator of the Coordinating Council to inquire about an exception.

Directions: There is a simple, one-page form to complete, found following these directions and also at this link (uunorthampton.org/social-action/social-action-funding). Please complete the following form to the best of your ability. The form is meant as a helpful tool and is not required. Applicants can also submit within the body of an email as long as the basic questions asked are included in their submission.

Review Process: The reviewing team is made up of the Coordinating Council Co-Moderators and Clerk, and the Community Engagement Leader, in collaboration with the Minister and other USNF Members as needed and appropriate. Requests for \$100 or less, especially for time-sensitive activities that may not fit with the above schedule, can be made at any time and will be granted separately from the scheduled review times.

Submission & Questions: Questions about this process or the funds themselves are always welcome and can be directed to The Coordinating Council Leadership or to the Community Engagement Leader at any time. Coordinating Council Co-moderators are Barbara Thompson (bthompson6@comcast.net) and Naomi Klayman (nklayman60@gmail.com). Community Engagement Leader is Annie Doran (adoran@uunorthampton.org)

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Name of Group/Activity/Cause: _____ Date: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Email(s): _____

Project Name: _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Basic Purpose: _____

Project Goals/Activities:

- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

People/Community impacted by the project: _____

Date(s) of the Project/Activity (if relevant): _____

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