

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington
Guidelines for Non-Profit Agency Nomination
25% of Sunday Plate Non-pledge Funds (July 2026 - June 2027)

Eligibility & Submission Requirements

1. Nominated agencies must demonstrate alignment with our church's mission.
2. All nominations must be submitted by a congregation member (advocate) who will:
 - Serve as the primary contact with the agency
 - Gather all required information
 - Submit a complete application
 - Represent the agency during the selection process
3. Funding Requirements:
 - Must be designated for specific programs or purposes
 - Cannot be used for general funds or salaries
 - Should demonstrate meaningful impact on the agency's mission

Priority Considerations

- Applications receive additional consideration if they:
- Connect with existing UU Social Justice task forces
 - Empower organizations to create sustainable change
 - Serve as seed funding for new initiatives
 - Demonstrate significant impact relative to the agency's budget
 - Present clear, achievable goals

Application Process

****Deadline: April 30th****

Submit applications electronically to:
Sarah Kopper, SJFC Chair, uucbsjfunds@uubloomington.org

Selection Process

1. The Social Justice Funds Committee will review all complete applications
2. Up to three finalist agencies will be selected
3. All advocates will be notified of decisions by May 5th, 2026

Finalist Requirements

- Staff information tables after Sunday services on May 31st and June 7th
- Prepare a 2-3 minute presentation for the June 7th service
 - o Agency representatives may support but not replace advocate presentations
- Submit a 200-word article for the June Perspectives by May 18th to uucbsjfunds@uubloomington.org
 - o Articles should cover (1) the agency's mission statement and (2) how agency will use funds if selected
 - o Articles exceeding 200 words will be edited

Voting Process

- Occurs at spring congregational meeting on June 7th
- Advocate must attend to answer questions
- Agency staff (non-members) should not attend during voting

Fund Distribution

The selected agency will receive quarterly distributions:

- September 30, 2026
- December 31, 2026
- March 31, 2027
- June 30, 2027

Nomination Application Form

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Advocate Information

- Name:

- Date:

- Phone:

- Email:

Agency Information

- Name:

- Contact Person:

- Phone:

- Email:

Agency Details

1. Organization History:

2. Target Population:

3. Unique Services/Functions:

4. Annual Budget:

5. Primary Funding Sources:

6. Proposed Use of Funds:

7. Justification of Need:

8. Alignment with Church Mission:

Social Justice Funds Committee: Sarah Kopper (Chair), Steve Mascari, Scott Sanders, MJ Wallaker, Paul Banister, Jackie Hall (Advisor)