Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington, Indiana

Application Procedure for Fall Social Justice Grants (2026)

(Deadline for submission is October 31, 2026)

Background

Each fall, the Social Justice Funds Committee (SJFC) solicits proposals for grants in support of local social justice projects. Awards are based on available funds, number of grant applications received, and the guidelines outlined below.

Guidelines

Projects must be based in Southern Indiana and be consistent with the mission of our church. Priority will be given to applications from (1) Social Justice Task Forces, (2) projects that involve a significant number of the congregation, and (3) applications to seed new projects that will have an enduring benefit. Funds cannot be used to pay for salaries. Before submitting the grant proposal, advocates of the proposal should have taken steps to inform members of the congregation and to involve interested members in the project.

Grant Information and Procedures

- Applications are available in September. Please submit completed applications to uucbsjfunds@uubloomington.org by October 31, 2026.
- Members of the SJFC evaluate all grant proposals in light of merit and funds available. SJFC has authority to approve Fall Grants up to and including $1000. Greater grant amounts require approval by the senior minister with discretion for further process (board, congregational vote, etc.).
- Please note that it is possible that grant proposals of high merit may be denied for a variety of reasons (higher priority of other proposals, lack of funds, etc.) or may be approved for an amount less than requested.
- All applicants will receive confirmation that SJFC received their application. SJFC will inform all applicants of their decision by mid November.
- Grant recipients will have one year from the date awarded to spend the funds and submit reimbursement. Unspent funds will revert back to our Special Purposes Fund.
- SJFC asks that after using the funds, grant recipients write an article for Perspectives to share the impact of their project with the congregation.

Please reach out with any questions.

Social Justice Funds Committee 2026
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Name of Task Force or Project:

Contact Person:

Telephone:

Email:

Amount Requested: $

1. Describe the project. Include social issues that will be addressed, and who will benefit.

2. Describe any additional efforts to raise funds for this project.

3. List anticipated expenses by category.

4. Describe current and anticipated involvement of members of the congregation.

Name of person submitting application:

Date:

Submitter's connection to project: