

First Unitarian Church, Louisville, Kentucky

Sanctuary Fund Disbursement Application

In September of 2020, the First Unitarian Church of Louisville was honored to offer sanctuary during the protests at that time. Many donors from within and outside our community offered help both in time, talent, and money during this time to help support our mission. First Unitarian is committed to disbursing those funds into the community in ways that support our mission and efforts to dismantle oppressive systems. The committee formed to deploy these funds will balance funding decisions based on transparent criteria.

Mission: We are a church of reason and spirit that witnesses progressive faith, nurtures our community, and transforms our world.

First Unitarian is a member congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Association and is working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community through our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

The committee helping disburse the funds will try to balance types of funding and will consider any application that meets the mission of the grant program. Applications for funds between \$250 and \$5000 will be considered with a total of \$25,000 to be given out over 2 years.

Priority will be given to applications that include opportunities for participation in community building and/or use of the First Unitarian campus, but will not be limited if the applicant applies only for funds. Existing organizations with the structures in place to use funds efficiently and effectively will be prioritized.

Each funding request needs a First Unitarian Sponsor and a community partner doing work now in the local Louisville or southern Indiana community.

The funding application window will open once a quarter in the following windows:

1. December 1 - 15, 2021
2. March 1 - 15, 2022
3. June 1 - 15, 2022
4. September 1 - 15, 2022

IF funding remains, the same periods would be open in 2022 - 2023. Applications need to be in by the last day of the funding application window. The committee will review applications and respond by the 25th of the same month and communicate to applicants the status of their application. The committee may invite the sponsor and community partner to meet them and discuss the application in person.

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First Unitarian Sponsor: _____

Community Organization: _____

Date submitted: _____

Contact Phone #: _____

Contact E-mail address _____

Include a 500-word (approximately) summary explaining the purpose of the project or initiative and how it will benefit our local community.

For all applications, describe the specific benefit these funds would provide and why you think it is important to our community.

Please include the following:

- a. The mission and purpose of the organization
- b. Long and short-term goals of the organization and how this project fits in
- c. Percent of administration costs or other things we should know
- d. Tell us why this organization needs funding and how the funds will be used
- e. Website, address, or pamphlet if available
- f. Explain who and how the organization will report results

Will there be opportunities for engagement of the First UU congregation with this project (ie volunteerism, resource drive, share information) project (ie volunteerism, resource drive, share information)? If so, please describe.

Will there be an opportunity for use of First Unitarian's campus (building, grounds, parking) as part of the project? If so, please describe.

Include the dollar amount of funds requested and indicate if this is seed money or funds the full project. Include the date the funds are required and how the funds should be disbursed.

FOR THE FIRST UNITARIAN SPONSOR: Describe briefly how this fits the mission of First Unitarian and its justice initiatives and the role (if any) you will play in the project.

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO: treasurer@firstulou.org