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Get Out The Vote 2018

The Fund for Unitarian Universalist Social Responsibility is pleased to announce that grants up to \$500 are available for your 2018 Get Out The Vote projects.

UU congregations frequently support the democratic process in an election cycle in a non-partisan* manner by participating in voter registration drives, organizing to stop voter suppression, providing non-partisan educational materials or forums for voters, or by volunteering to help registered voters get to the polls on election day.

Rolling Deadline – Apply between March 15th and November 1, 2018! Available until the fund is depleted!

Applications are [available here](#) (/uploads/2/4/2/0/24209064/gotv_app_2018.pdf), by emailing (<mailto:uufunding@gmail.com>) or by calling us at 617.971.9600.

[Final Reports](#) (/finalinterim-reports.html) for Get Out The Vote projects are due by December 31, 2018.

**For information about what election-related activities congregations may and may not do, please read:*

- [The Real Unitarian Universalist Funding Program Rules](http://www.uua.org/action/realrules) (<http://www.uua.org/action/realrules>) (scroll to the bottom for a PDF or Word version)
- [Voting Rights and Election Reform](http://www.uua.org/votingrights) (<http://www.uua.org/votingrights>)

2016 Grant Examples

First UU Church of Columbus - For a collaboration of the Justice Action Ministry (JAM) of the church with the Columbus People's partnership and the People's Justice Project to plan a voter registration drive, mobilizing 200 volunteers to register 3,000 voters over four days in Columbus.

First UU Church of San Antonio - Working with the League of Women Voters, members distributed "door knockers," inquiring if people were registered to vote and Voter Information Guides. Both documents were in English and Spanish.

First UU Congregation of Ann Arbor - Partnered with the League of Women Voters and worked with members of the Latinx community to compose radio segments reminding voters to vote and to give them essential information to participate in the voting process.

Manatee UU Fellowship - For a mail campaign targeting registered voters who did NOT vote in the primary elections, which included a stamped, addressed envelope to the Supervisor of Elections and a Vote-By-Mail request, in an effort to help people vote who may be otherwise unable to get to the polls.

Manatee UU Fellowship - For a GOTV effort to register young, Hispanic people who are enrolled in technical education programs.

San Marcos UU Fellowship - For a collaboration with the League of Women Voters to increase voter participation in two traditionally low-performing precincts.

UUs for Social Justice in the National Capital Region - For a collaborative regional voter registration, GOTV and citizen engagement project leading up to the November 2016 general election. This project included voter registration drives for former felons in Virginia.

UUs of Transylvania County (North Carolina) - To partner with the local NAACP to do door-to-door canvassing of African-American voters, hold a phone-a-thon, and offer rides to the polls.

Westside UU Church - To partner with Samaritan House, which provides housing and other resources to people with HIV/AIDS and other special needs, and Pennsylvania Place, a low-income housing complex, to register voters, educate them about Texas' Voter ID rules, and to offer rides to polls during early voting.

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NARRATIVE QUESTIONS

Grants of up to \$500 will be made on a rolling basis until funds are depleted, and applications must be received by November 1. Projects must be completed by November 6, 2018, and file a final report by December 31. Answer the following questions; Write out the questions above your response. Please note that funds must go to a UU congregation or organization for the work of the organization, and they may not be a pass-through to another organization. Collaboration and partnerships are encouraged.

1. What are your strategies to increase voter registration and participation??

2. What actions will you take and when?

3. How will the grant help you with your goals?