

## *Would you like some money?*

### NTUUC GRANTS

The NTUUC Endowment Fund has a simple goal for the grants – growth of our congregations and UUism. Four elements help congregations grow: Ministers/Preaching, Music, Religious Education, and Social Action. Our main funding priority is staffing for the first three of these, as it's often the minister who leads a congregation's SA efforts. Our other priority is helping congregations develop multi-platform worship, as we enter the age of virtual church.

We **don't** fund:

- building maintenance
- collections of very small projects
- existing programs
- budget shortfalls
- capital campaigns
- pass-throughs to other organizations
- events/programs not connected to the congregation

### THINGS TO KNOW

The process for NTUUC grants:

- Grants are now given on a quarterly cycle. Requests for new grants are due by the end of the quarter (March, June, September, December); the application form is available at [www.ntuuc.org/grants](http://www.ntuuc.org/grants).
- A report is due by the end of a year's cycle; if the spending is not complete an status update should be submitted, and a final report when the funds are spent. There is a form for online submissions, at [www.ntuuc.org/grants](http://www.ntuuc.org/grants).
- Grants are reviewed a few weeks after the deadline, and will be announced then; we prefer to present the check at the congregation's worship service.
- If you have multiple projects please submit them in separate requests; they should also be prioritized.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

Before starting on the above, **have you submitted your report** on any previous grant? This is a requirement common to most if not all funders. You can do this using an online form or downloading a document; both are found at [www.ntuuc.org/grants](http://www.ntuuc.org/grants); if doing the latter please send a pdf of your application to [grantrequests@ntuuc.org](mailto:grantrequests@ntuuc.org).



**North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations**

4015 Normandy Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75205-1750 469.682.8870 [NTUUC.org](http://NTUUC.org)

## *Would you like some money?*

Matching funds from the congregation are required if you're wanting to increase your staffing; we provide only a percentage of the first year's cost. We now consider multi-year grants, for decreasing amounts in the second and third years. Our goal is that the congregation will be on its own by the end of the third year. Matching funds are less crucial on other projects, especially strategic planning.

Are you seeking ideas? Look first at **your strategic plan**. What project(s) would take your congregation to the next stage of growth, but are just too much to take on? If you don't have a strategic plan, maybe funding for a planning consultant should be your next request.

### **THINGS TO REMEMBER**

- Be sure you first utilize available resources, i.e. NATUURES and the UUA offices, and not request duplication of services.
- For two- or three-year grants, supply a time-table showing the congregation will be ready to assume full responsibility in three years, (giving a phase-out exit for NTUUC); such as:
  - First year: Congregation provides 25% and the grant covers 75%;
  - Second year: Congregation provides 50% and grant covers 50%;
  - Third year: Congregation provides 75% and grant covers 25%.
- Send a status report of each grant-funded project before the end of the annual cycle, even if the project is not finished – then do one when it's complete.
- The committee considers whether a congregation has received a grant amount in previous years; NTUUC would like to spread grants among our congregations.

Basic guidelines for writing grant requests, with us or another funder:

- Follow the rules.
- Submit a report at the end of the grant cycle; failure to do so usually means that **any future requests will not be considered**.
- Let your passion show.
- Ask for something appropriate, within the guidelines and priorities of the funder.
- Contact the funder with any questions, or to verify that your proposal is a good fit.
- Include your evaluation criteria and process in your request, so you are able to drop in numbers as the year progresses. This can make your report at year's end so much easier.



**North Texas Unitarian Universalist Congregations**

4015 Normandy Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75205-1750 469.682.8870 [NTUUC.org](http://NTUUC.org)