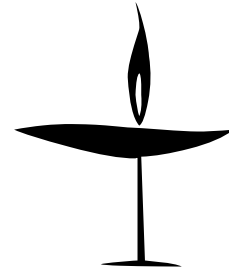




NTAUUS GRANT TIPS

- 1) Follow the Guidelines.
- 2) Be logical in your request, and apply for an upcoming, not current, project.
- 3) Be sure you first utilize available resources, i.e. NATUURES, DBLE, and the UUA offices, and not request duplication of services.
- 4) Applications should be supported by the congregation's long-range or strategic plan.
- 5) Align priorities if requesting more than one grant.
- 6) Submit a request for each project.
- 7) Don't put together a bucket list; the Endowment Committee prefers larger items that are more easily assessed from outside, ones not likely to happen without external funding.
- 8) NTAUUS representatives from each congregation are the contact persons to submit and follow-up on applications.
- 9) Send a Status Report of each grant-funded project before the end of the NTAUUS year, (September 30) even if the project is not finished.
- 10) Recommended maximum request is \$10,000, particularly for capital improvements.
- 11) Put up some of your congregation's funds for the request, especially in applications for salaries of new staff positions.
- 12) Grant applications will be funded for one year only; multi-year grant will not be guaranteed funding.
- 13) If applicant expects the need for follow-up funding, it should be indicated, along with a time-table showing the congregation will be ready to assume full responsibility in **three years**, (giving a phase-out exit for NTAUUS); such as:
 - ✚ First year: Church gives 25% and the grant covers 75%;
 - ✚ Second year: Church gives 50% and grant covers 50%;
 - ✚ Third year: Church gives 75% and grant covers 25%.
- 14) The awarding of grants considers whether a congregation has received a grant amount in previous years. NTAUUS would like to spread grants among all the NTAUUS congregations.



Some Helpful Links

An Overview of the Endowment Fund:

<http://www.ntaus.org/fund.shtml>

The 2010-2011 Application Procedures:

http://ntaus.org/pdf/NTAUUS_Grant_Announcement-2010.pdf

The Grant and Loan Guidelines:

http://ntaus.org/pdf/Endowment_Fund_Grant_Loan_Guidelines.pdf

A Recap of NTAUUS Grants, 2003-2011:

http://www.ntaus.org/pdf/NTAUUS_GrantRecap2011.pdf

Previous Grants:

23 Media- web, signage, AV, signage

18 Building upgrades- handicap access, lighting, fans, refurbishing, playgrounds, and office equipment

13 Ministerial, for salary and search

11 DRE salary support

7 Consulting Services- Long-range planning, Alban Institute, Worship Training

4 Staff salary support

4 Architecture

3 Hospitality

3 Community Outreach



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