

Unitarian Universalist Church of Bloomington  
**Guidelines for Non-Profit Agency Nomination**  
25% of Sunday Plate Non-pledge Funds (July 2025 - June 2026)

**Eligibility & Submission Requirements**

1. Nominated agencies must demonstrate alignment with our church's mission.
2. All nominations must be submitted by a congregation member (advocate) who will:
  - Serve as the primary contact with the agency
  - Gather all required information
  - Submit a complete application
  - Represent the agency during the selection process
3. Funding Requirements:
  - Must be designated for specific programs or purposes
  - Cannot be used for general funds or salaries
  - Should demonstrate meaningful impact on the agency's mission

**Priority Considerations**

- Applications receive additional consideration if they:
- Connect with existing UU Social Justice task forces
  - Empower organizations to create sustainable change
  - Serve as seed funding for new initiatives
  - Demonstrate significant impact relative to the agency's budget
  - Present clear, achievable goals

**Application Process**

**\*\*Deadline: April 15th\*\***

Submit applications electronically to:

- Denise Ogren, SJFC Chair
- Email: [uucbsjfunds@uubloomington.org](mailto:uucbsjfunds@uubloomington.org) or [dogrenbloomington@gmail.com](mailto:dogrenbloomington@gmail.com)

**Selection Process**

1. The Social Justice Funds Committee will review all complete applications
2. Up to three finalist agencies will be selected
3. All advocates will be notified of decisions by April 30th

## **Finalist Requirements**

Selected finalists must:

1. Community Engagement:

- Staff information tables after Sunday services (two weeks before vote)
- Prepare a 2-3 minute presentation for the June congregational meeting
- Note: Agency representatives may support but not replace advocate presentations

2. Documentation:

- Submit a 200-word article by May 16th covering:
  - Agency mission statement
  - Specific use of funds
- Articles exceeding 200 words will be edited

3. Voting Process:

- Occurs at spring congregational meeting
- Advocate must attend to answer questions
- Agency staff (non-members) should not attend during voting

## **Fund Distribution**

The selected agency will receive quarterly distributions:

- September 30, 2025
- December 31, 2025
- March 31, 2026
- June 30, 2026

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# Nomination Application Form

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## Advocate Information

- Name:
- Date:
- Phone:
- Email:

## Agency Information

- Name:
- Contact Person:
- Phone:
- Email:

## Agency Details

1. Organization History:

2. Target Population:

3. Unique Services/Functions:

4. Annual Budget:

5. Primary Funding Sources:

6. Proposed Use of Funds:

7. Justification of Need:

8. Alignment with Church Mission:

Social Justice Funds Committee: Denise Ogren (Chair), Steve Mascari, Sarah Kopper, Scott Sanders, Jackie Hall (Advisor)