

**First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan  
George L. Jackson and Bessie Florence Hazelton Jackson Social Welfare Fund**

**2020 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

The Jackson Social Welfare Fund of the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ann Arbor, Michigan (UUAA) grants funds from an endowment created by the 1955 bequest of George L. and Bessie Jackson. The bequest specifies that the funds be:

...used for the purpose of advancing the understanding and acceptance of the great principles of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and for promoting the use of reason and understanding as the effective method of solving, in a peaceful manner, domestic and international difficulties and conflicts.

The First Amendment reads:

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

The Jackson Social Welfare Fund Committee has eight members, six from UUAA and two from Ann Arbor Friends Meeting. The Committee will consider proposals which satisfy either of the above criteria. In addition, the Committee is interested in whether a proposal has potential for long-term impact. This is intended flexibly and could include training programs or electronic or traditional products in any media, etc. The Committee is also interested in whether a proposal can enhance the understanding or involvement of youth regarding First Amendment issues or issues of conflict resolution as outlined above.

In 2020, the Committee expects to award \$30,500.00. In 2019, we granted \$29,500 in varying amounts to twelve local, regional and national organizations.

A written proposal is required from an organization seeking funding. The proposal should be about two or three pages in length and include your organization's mission and (brief) history, a description of the specific project, the projected time line and anticipated outcomes, the projected budget and the project's relationship to the mission of the Jackson Social Welfare Fund as stated above. Please also attach your annual summary financial reports from the most recent year.

If your organization received funding from us in 2018 or 2019, please tell us in your 2020 proposal how you used the most recent funding and about the outcomes achieved.

Please address any questions to co-chairs Kyla Boyse and Chris Pellar-Kosbar by email sent to [JSWF@uuaa.org](mailto:JSWF@uuaa.org) or by calling Kyla at (734) 717-0317.

The Committee's preferred method for receiving proposals is by **email attachment**. Please send proposals to the co-chairs at [JSWF@uuaa.org](mailto:JSWF@uuaa.org). If necessary, proposals may be sent by postal mail to the Committee at the congregation's address given below.

**Proposals are due no later than 5:00pm on Monday, March 30, 2020. This deadline is firm.**

We expect to notify you of our award decisions by the end of May. Award checks accompany the decision letter or are distributed as soon as possible thereafter.

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Organizations receiving funds in 2020 via the UUAA Sharing the Collection Program are ineligible for JSWF grants this year.