

NORTHWOODS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH	TITLE: GRANTS COMMITTEE		
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1. POLICY

The community that is Northwoods is committed to making a positive difference in the larger community and the world. The Northwoods UU Church Grants Committee is charged with funding social action projects that promise to make a concrete, positive contribution to the welfare of those they serve. To this end, the NUUCGC will make cash grants to organizations meeting the criteria set forth below.

There is evidence that congregations increase their collection plate giving when the proceeds are directed to outside charities. It is expected that the NUUCGC would have up to \$24,000 per year for grants, depending upon the percentage of funds donated.

2. REFERENCED DOCUMENTS

- An article describing the Share the Plate program can be found at <http://www.uuworld.org/life/articles/2390.shtml>

3. DEFINITIONS

- BOT – Board of Trustees
- NUUCGC – Northwoods Unitarian Universalist Church Grants Committee

4. PROCEDURE STEPS

Step	Activity: Charity Selection	Responsibility
A	The NUUCGC will meet quarterly, or more often as chosen by the Committee, to discuss and rank proposals received, and select recipients for the coming months.	Committee Member
B	The charity will be identified to the membership during the offertory	Committee Members/Lay Leader
Step	Activity: Grant Distribution	Responsibility
A	Charities receiving grants will be issued a check from Northwoods UU Church. The money will be drawn from an identified fund tracked in the Church's record system.	Treasurer

5. OTHER INFORMATION – (Attachments, records, other comments as needed):

1. Requirements

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- A. Grants must be made only to registered charitable organizations.
- B. Grants will be made in response to written applications.

2. Selection Criteria

Grants shall be ranked according to the following characteristics:

- A specific project should be identified that can be achieved using the expected amount of the grant (approximately \$2000).
- Preference should be given to grants that impact the local area, although national and world causes are also eligible.
- Special consideration will be given to grants that are part of a member-supported project for the receiving charity.

3. Organization

A. Reporting

The NUUCGC will be formed under the direction of the Social Action Committee. The Chair of the NUUCGC will be an ex officio member of the Social Action Committee.

B. Members

The NUUCGC will consist of a chair and 3-4 members, all of whom will be members or established friends of Northwoods UU Church. Members should commit to a two-year term of service, but should serve no longer than four consecutive years.

C. Funding

The proposed mechanism for funding the NUUCGC will be from the collection taken during the Sunday services. Contributions would come from the following sources

- Collection plate cash.
- Checks or other monies directed to the NUUCGC.
- Special fundraising events approved by the NUUC BOT.