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# UUCWC ENDOWMENT FUND 2026 GRANT APPLICATION

For projects beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027

Application submission deadline by Sunday,

March 15, 2026 by noon

Emailed to [Endowment@uucwc.org](mailto:Endowment@uucwc.org) or submitted online here.

## **Endowment Fund Information and Background**

After reviewing the prior year's interest earnings on the invested endowment fund principal, the Endowment Committee has determined that there are sufficient earnings to provide limited grant funding for warranted projects.

UUCWC's Endowment Fund:

- was established in 2001 through generous donations from UUCWC members
- is a restricted fund, completely separate from the annual operating budget of the church, with proceeds distributed only by the Endowment Committee
- receives funding strictly through donations and the investment earnings
- is our savings account for the future
- provides for long-term financial security, allowing our community and mission to continue to prosper
- supports unique projects at UUCWC through grants to committees, groups or members for items and projects that enrich our lives and support UU principles but are beyond the scope of the annual operating budget.

In recent years, funds have been distributed to support special social action projects, install and enhance safety and security systems, enhance Children's Faith Engagement programming, and study and implement energy efficiency projects.

### **Endowment Fund Grants**

Each year, the UUCWC Endowment Committee seeks to distribute a portion of the endowment fund's income (as earnings on the invested principal for that year allow) to finance one or more projects that

- benefit UUCWC
- support UU values
- would otherwise not be funded by the church's regular budgets.

The Committee reviews project proposals and submits its recommendation(s) to the UUCWC Board for approval.

### **Types of Projects to be Considered**

Projects must begin during the 2026-2027 church year, with a target completion date of June 30, 2027. Examples of one-time projects that could be considered for funding include, but are not limited to, such activities as sending a committee member to a relevant training seminar, purchasing special equipment (not replacement), or hiring a speaker.

While the grant funds are limited due to market performance, we will consider all applications.

## **Grant Application Procedure**

Applicants should complete and return the attached application **by Sunday, March 15, 2026, noon** and email it to: [endowment@uucwc.org](mailto:endowment@uucwc.org). Proposed projects must support the UUCWC Mission Statement and one or more of the UU values. Additional material may be submitted to support the application, such as a letter of support from a relevant committee.

Due to the limited funds available, the Endowment Committee appreciates accurate estimates of the project costs and encourages documentation such as quotes or estimates from outside vendors.

An informal presentation to the Endowment Committee by the applicant may be requested.

## **Who May Submit Proposals**

Church committees, as well as individual members of UUCWC, are invited to submit project proposals.

## **When Grants Are Announced**

Grantees will be notified in late April, then an announcement of all projects selected by the Endowment Committee for funding will be made at the church's annual meeting in June. Project leaders (or a designated project member) of projects that receive a grant will be instructed at a later date regarding submitting grant-related expenses for payment or reimbursement.

***All expenses must be submitted by June 30, 2027, after which unused funds will be forfeited and remain in the Endowment Fund.***

## **Members of the Endowment Committee**

*David Schumann, Chair; Bonnie Gilbert, Mike Hanson, Janet Hubbard, Sandy Muccioli, and Sue Busch*

**Endowment Fund Grant Application Form**  
**July 1, 2026- June 30, 2027 Projects**  
**(Only applications submitted in typed format will be accepted.)**

1. Application date of submittal:
2. Applicant's name, address, email address and telephone number:
3. Description of the proposed project:
4. How will this project support the UUCWC Mission Statement and one of the UUCWC values?
5. What is the approximate cost of this project? *If possible, please provide quotes or estimates from outside vendors.*
6. How much is being sought from Endowment Grant funding?
7. Are there other sources of funding to combine with the Endowment grant? If yes, please explain.
8. What are the approximate start and end dates of this project? *Project must be completed by June 30, 2027.*
9. Which church committee(s) or other church member or church friends will participate in carrying out this project?
10. Please identify individuals who may have the expertise to help implement the project.
11. Who will lead (be responsible for) this project?
12. Any other reasons why the Endowment Committee should favor this application?

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Signature of Applicant

Signature of Project Leader  
(If different from applicant)

**Please email completed application to the Endowment Committee at [endowment@uucwc.org](mailto:endowment@uucwc.org)**