

First Parish Church United

Outreach Grant Program Fall 2017

First Parish believes that commitment to serve others locally and globally is a core part of our mission. To recognize this commitment, we dedicate our time and financial resources in a number of important ways. The Theme for the Church and Outreach for this year is “Who is My Neighbor - How can I or the church help”.

The Outreach Grant Program is in place to help match the passionate work of First Parish Church United (FPCU) participants in worthy causes with the financial resources of the congregation. It allows and empowers participants to develop personal outreach action ministries. We believe that these resources are best applied to causes in which FPCU participants are passionate.

FPCU participants who are awarded a grant will also share their passion by educating the FPCU community about their action ministry. Educational components can take place during coffee hour, worship, or in the evening within one year of the grant being awarded. Grant recipients are required to advertise their educational component and briefly explain their grant in the Parish Post, or the FPCU bulletin, and local media outlets (ie: Westford Eagle or Lowell Sun).

Outreach grants are available up to \$500 for Fall 2017. Outreach has a total of \$2000 in the Grant Program for 2017-2018 Fiscal year. All participants of the FPCU community are eligible to apply for grants. Religious education classes and FPCU youth groups are encouraged to apply. Please provide the name of an adult advisor for applicants under the age of 18. In order to avoid conflicts of interest, the Outreach Grant Program will not fund a recognized organization(s) or projects where the FPCU grant requestor holds a paid position or is the owner of the group. The grant presentation must be presented by June 30, 2018, if at all possible.

All requests originate from participants of the First Parish community who work with, know about, or want to support a particular non-profit service organization or project of a recognized organization or group. Requests can be submitted to the First Parish office at 48 Main Street, Westford, MA attn: Outreach Grant Program, Outreach Committee in a sealed envelope or via e-mail to pmason6@verizon.net Put attention to: Outreach Fall 2017 in subject line. Please contact Patti Mason for electronic Grant Request forms or download application from the Outreach Page on the FPCU website. Please complete the Grant Request form and be sure to respond to all questions.

Grant proposals are due by midnight, November 20, 2017 . Decisions on the support of grant proposals will be made by December 31, 2017 by the FPCU Grant Review Committee. Grants awarded will be published in the January 2018 Parish Post and on the FPCU Outreach Web page. .

First Parish Church United Outreach Grant Program
Grant Request Fall 2017 (Fiscal year – July 1, 2017- June 30, 2018)

CONTACT INFORMATION

Date of request:

1. First Parish Participant Information:

Name:

Adult Advisor (if applicable)

Address:

Telephone:

E-mail address:

Organization Information:

2. Organization Name:

Organization Address:

Telephone:

E-mail address or website:

3. Organization Contact Person:

Telephone:

E-mail address and/or website:

Organization's mission:

4. Amount Requested: (maximum up to \$500)

QUESTIONS (narrative of one page maximum)

- 1. How does this Grant request follow the Church and Outreach Theme for Fall 2017- “Who is My Neighbor ” .**

- 2. How much money are you requesting from First Parish? When do you need the funds, to whom should the check be made payable, and where should the funds be sent?**

- 3. How will the funds from this grant be used? How will you measure the results of this grant?**

- 4. How many participants from First Parish are involved in the grant? How might more people from First Parish become involved?**

- 5. How do you plan on educating the church on your cause, either during worship, coffee hour, or in the evening? (Please note: all grant recipients must submit a description of their project to the Parish Post.) If at all possible – grant presentation needs to be done before June 30, 2017.**