

# LARGE GRANTS YEAR 9

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## FINAL REPORT



In June 2007, the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock (UUCSR) approved a congregational Large Grants Program, with funds set aside for a period of seven years, the annual interest from which (plus up to twenty percent of the principal) could be allocated in grants of no less than \$100,000 to causes selected by the congregation. By vote of the congregation, the program was extended through June 2019.

## REGULAR LARGE GRANTS: **HOMELESSNESS** (2 GRANTS TOTALING \$200,000)



### Interfaith Nutrition Network (INN)

**PURPOSE OF GRANT:**

\$100,000 for capital improvements to the Donald Axinn INN residence for homeless men.

**WORK ACCOMPLISHED:**

During the grant period and after significant review, the INN determined that in order to offer its homeless male residents a better quality of service, it would be necessary to relocate them to another one of its shelters. UUCSR funds will be used for capital improvements to the Rosa Parks INN so that it can meet the critical need for housing for these individuals.

### United Veterans Beacon House

**PURPOSE OF GRANT:**

\$100,000 to rehabilitate and add an extension to the rear of a two-story home to house up to eight homeless veterans in an independent living environment.

**WORK ACCOMPLISHED:**

The renovation of the home is finished. United Veterans Beacon House received its Certificate of Occupancy in October 2016 and it moved its first veterans into the home in December 2016. At present, the home has a 100% occupancy rate.



The UUCSR fiscal year July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2016, was the ninth year in which the congregation made Large Grants through this program. At meetings during the year, UUCSR members voted for Large Grants totaling \$600,000.



## REGULAR LARGE GRANTS: WOMEN'S ISSUES (2 GRANTS TOTALING \$200,000)

### National Women's Law Center (NWLC)

#### PURPOSE OF GRANT:

\$100,000 to support NWLC's Reproductive Rights and Health Program, especially focused on initiatives that aim to ensure that religiously affiliated organizations do not deny women access to contraceptive coverage based on religious reasons.

#### WORK ACCOMPLISHED:

Women's health and rights are at enormous risk at the present time. During the grant period, NWLC advocated at the state and federal levels to prevent the use of religion to undermine the Affordable Care Act's birth control benefit and expand women's access to contraception.

### Trust Women Foundation

#### PURPOSE OF GRANT:

\$100,000 to fund their Clinic System Project, which seeks to open clinics in states with low access to abortion services and to create a network of physicians dedicated to providing abortion care as part of reproductive health care.

#### WORK ACCOMPLISHED:

In September 2016, Trust Women opened the first new abortion clinic in Oklahoma in more than 40 years. The new clinic offers abortion services through the state's legal limit of 20 weeks, gynecological services, early obstetric care, services for the LGBT community including hormone therapy, contraception, and sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment.

**CRISIS GRANTS:**  
 **Aid To Syrian Refugees**  
(2 GRANTS TOTALING \$200,000)



**Syrian American Medical Society (SAMS) Foundation**

**PURPOSE OF GRANT:**

\$100,000 to procure essential medical equipment, pharmaceuticals and consumables for a multi-specialty clinic in the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan.

**WORK ACCOMPLISHED:**

Funds from UUCSR helped support the expenses of running the Zaatari camp clinic in Jordan. In 2016, they provided over 95,000 medical consultations to camp residents at the clinic.

**Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)**

**PURPOSE OF GRANT:**

\$100,000 to support the “Welcome” initiatives of the Center for Peaceful Studies (CPS), its processing of Syrian refugees passing through Croatia, and to provide trauma resiliency training to aid and health care workers in partnership with the Trauma Resource Institute (TRI).

**WORK ACCOMPLISHED:**

Although UUSC initially planned to only partner with the CPS and TRI, as the landscape changed, it expanded its number of partnerships to over a dozen organizations. Each organization has been successful in contributing to UUSC’s innovative three-pronged strategy: to provide trauma-resiliency training, to deliver direct aid and legal assistance, and to advocate for increased admission of refugees to the United States.

The Large Grants Program of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock provides support for efforts within the religious and spiritual mission of the congregation where their purposes are best served by outside agencies acting under the Large Grants Program and the Congregation.

If you would like additional information about these grants please contact Eileen Jamison, Large Grants Program Officer, at [ejamison@uucsr.org](mailto:ejamison@uucsr.org)



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