

Veatch Funding Guidelines

The Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock supports programs that foster the growth and development of the denomination and that increase the involvement of Unitarian Universalists in social action.

It also supports non-denominational organizations nationwide that are committed to social change, and whose goals reflect the principles of Unitarian Universalism. The Veatch Program's non-denominational grantmaking is limited to U.S.-based organizations with a locus of activity in the United States.

Support is generally provided only to non-profit, tax-exempt organizations as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code.

Grant categories include Social Justice Infrastructure; Civil Rights & Sustainable Communities; Economic Equity & Fairness; Making Democracy Work; Unitarian Universalism. In addition, the New York program area provides funds for advancing economic and social equity in New York City and on Long Island.

The Program does not make grants to:

- individuals
- government institutions
- direct services
- non-denominational organizations for capital projects
- endowments
- annual contribution drives
- historic preservation
- scientific or academic research
- film or video productions
- publications
- cultural activities
- conferences/single events
- loans
- overseas work

The Veatch Program operates its grantmaking program with seven staff members who support the work of an all-volunteer board which meets regularly throughout the year. Of the large number of proposals received each year, about 200 are funded; the majority of which are renewals for general operating support over a period of one year.

Grant requests are not considered from organizations with a current Veatch grant or from those that have failed to comply with reporting requirements or other conditions of a previous Veatch grant. Organizations with a current grant from the Unitarian Universalist Funding Program or a current grant from the Long Island Unitarian Universalist Fund are not eligible.

Application Process

Grant applications are made by invitation only. If your organization meets the described guidelines, letters of inquiry (LOI) of no more than one to two pages, may be submitted throughout the year containing the information listed below, and should be emailed to jan@veatch.org:

- organization name
- contact person
- address
- email
- telephone number
- amount requested
- brief organizational background including history, purpose and accomplishments
- description of the proposed request, including the constituency being served, the problems being addressed, and the anticipated results

We will contact you if additional information is needed. Unfortunately, because of the number of LOI's received, we cannot acknowledge receipt or take calls regarding the status your inquiry. After review of your letter, if there is interest in further consideration of your project, we will contact you.