



First Congregational Church of Pasadena
United Church of Christ
Outreach Grants

First Congregational Church of Pasadena is pleased to offer Outreach Grants up to \$25,000 for projects or activities aligned with the congregation's mission, vision, and core values that benefit children and youth, underserved in access to resources to meet needs, in Pasadena and/or immediately adjoining communities.

The church's outreach grant program seeks to support a variety of programs in line with our congregation's priorities and values (see Mission Statement, Core Values, and Vision Statement below).

We are committed to forging relationships with organizations new to us while maintaining connections with ones we have supported in the past. Previous grant recipients may not be funded in successive years, but we encourage them to apply again.

GRANT REQUEST PROCESS

Completed grant applications will be reviewed by the Outreach Grants Committee. The Committee will make a recommendation about recipient awards to the Church Council. Proposals under \$15,000 and approved by the Church Council may be funded directly. Applications for \$15,000-\$25,000 and accepted by Council will be referred for approval by the Congregation.

Grants will be awarded at the discretion of the Outreach Grants Committee, Church Council, and/or the Congregation of First Congregational Church of Pasadena. Applicants for grants will be notified of the Grants Committee / Church decision within 90 days after the application deadline.

AREAS OF PRIORITY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The Historically and Currently Underserved and Marginalized Communities
Hunger and Homelessness
Peace and Justice
Care for the Environment
Advancing Economic Justice

SELECTION CRITERIA

Assistance of underprivileged children
Projects, activities, or support benefitting children and youth in Pasadena and/or immediately adjoining communities
Projects or activities aligned with the congregation's mission, vision, and core values
Projects that begin or continue a relationship between persons within the First Congregational Church of Pasadena community and the organization receiving the support

EXCLUSIONS

The organization must not employ any member or regular attendee of First Congregational Church of Pasadena, or family members or friends of such a person, unless it is determined no conflict-of-interest or undue influence exists.

Members and regular attendees of the congregation are not eligible to receive grants.

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First Congregational Church of Pasadena is a progressive church in Pasadena and is part of the United Church of Christ denomination. Our core values are *Spiritual growth*, *Welcome*, and *Justice-seeking*. Since 1885 our congregation has advocated for social justice in the wider Pasadena community.

MISSION STATEMENT

We are a progressive UCC church in Pasadena. Following Christ and growing in relationship with God and each other, we welcome the stranger and advocate justice for all creation.

CORE VALUES

Spiritual growth

We are transformed by being followers of Jesus and part of this particular community of faith, through worship, music, fellowship, small groups, and action.

Welcome

We see our church as open and welcoming, with sensitivity and awareness to others in need.

Justice-seeking

We follow Jesus by speaking out and taking action on issues of injustice, challenging “principalities and powers” in our community and world.

VISION STATEMENT

Exploring our faith and responding to God’s word, we create opportunities for spiritual and intellectual growth for children and adults and for relationships of respect, love and service in our community.

Embodying God’s love and the teachings of Jesus Christ we celebrate diversity in race, age, gender identity, sexual orientation, and physical and mental ability, and welcome all persons who seek compassion, reconciliation, and friendship.

Demonstrating faith in action we help alleviate hunger and homelessness and work with the educationally underserved and marginalized in the greater Pasadena area.

We renew hope by working on behalf of the poor and disenfranchised in the wider world; building dignity, promoting care for the environment and advancing economic justice.

Radical Hospitality * Justice-Seeking * Spirituality

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