

Woburn Funds Grants Panel 2008

Panel members serve up to two three year terms. Current members are Robert Luck of the U.U. Church of Greater Lynn; Sue Adams, First Parish Waltham; Ann Fisher, U.U. Church of Reading; Michael O'Connor, U.U. Church of Melrose and the Rev. Ralph Galen, U.U. Congregation of Andover. The MBD District Executive. the Rev. Dr. Terasa Cooley serves in an advisory capacity.

The Woburn Funds Grants Panel reviewed 18 proposals requesting a total of \$152,639. The Panel awarded 11 grants totaling \$57,000:

2008 Woburn Grants Made

U.U. Congregation of Andover **\$4,250**

Publicity and Membership Coordination

To expand the hours of the Administrator to expand the time available for outreach publicity and membership coordination functions.

First Parish, Brookline **\$5,000**

Membership Coordinator

With a substantial increase in visitors and new members, this grant will support a person responsible for coordinating with greeters, developing systems of follow-up and data management, and implementing visitor/new member programs.

First Parish, Dorchester **\$9,100**

Director of Religious Education, part time

A second grant to support the RE program at this growing church by supporting additional hours for the DRE.

First Universalist Church of Essex (2) **\$6,000**

\$2,500 for a third year to augment salary for an R.E. Director and a staff person, and \$3,500 to further increase the DRE time for a youth program (13-17) in collaboration with the UU Church of Gloucester. The number of kids in R.E. continues to grow.

First Church, Jamaica Plain **\$5,000**

Jamaica Plain Forum

For a speakers/ film forum that raises important issues as well as the profile of the congregation in the JP community and to model similar forums for other MBD congregations.

First Parish UU in Medfield **\$7,900**

Seed money to support both a part-time administrator and sexton and enable the church to implement a systematic process for attracting and retaining members and improve services.

First Parish in Milton	\$5,000
Membership Integration and Growth Project	
A second grant to support a part-time staff person who will build community connections, integrate newcomers and develop the shared ministry of the congregation.	
Northshore U.U. Church – Danvers	\$6,500
Director of Religious Education	
For a grant to support the Religious Education program and help to increase the church’s appeal to families with young children.	
First Parish of Sudbury	\$5,000
Community Life Director	
To support the congregation’s “Call to hospitality”. The person hired will work with the minister, the community and hospitality committees to help visitors and members connect to the community.	
Winchester Unitarian Society	\$3,250
Membership Development Coordinator	
To partly fund a staff position to encourage visitors and newcomers to become more involved in the congregation.	
Total Grants	\$57,000

Respectfully Submitted,

Sue Adams, Chair