

Urban Democracy Feast Grant Application Form

Groups that are engaged in social justice work in the Midwest are encouraged to apply for funds raised at **Urban Democracy Feasts (UDF)**. **Social justice** is a transformational process promoting peace, equality, health, housing, food, education to all people regardless of race, ethnicity, color, sex, gender or national origin in ways that facilitate diversity, and eradicates exploitation and exclusion.

The UDF is a meal shared by community members who pay for the meal, listen to presentations of groups applying for funding, and then cast a vote for the group that will receive the funds. The group or groups with the highest number of votes will receive the funds for that feast. The funds of the UDF can be used for but are not limited to such activities as developing a daycare program for single mothers, independent media, radio, free-speech TV; scholarships to travel, study or give a performance; beginning cooperative bookstore, supporting a community farm/garden; transportation services; art/music productions; international solidarity information resource centers; legal defense office; changes to city ordinances; alternative newspaper; educational programs; debater's café; co-op housing and laundry, etc.

The UDF will only fund projects that address social justice issues in the local or regional Kalamazoo communities. Groups collaborating with each other to identify and implement solutions to shared problems and to challenge existing inequitable public policies will be given funding priority.

Instructions for completing the grant application:

- Complete the UDF funding application form using a computer. Applications are located on the UDF website at www.urbandemocracysteast.org
- Save the application with the project name. For example, if the name of your project is *Free Clinic for All*, the application should be saved as, FreeClinicForAll.pdf
- Submit the application form to urbandemocracysteast@gmail.com 6-weeks before the scheduled Urban Democracy Feast (dates for the upcoming Feasts are posted on the UDF web site) (www.urbandemocracysteast.org). The next Feast is scheduled for **November 18, 2017**, which means the **due date for applications is October 6, 2017**.

Members of groups applying the UDF funds are encouraged to participate in **UDF Presentation Workshop** with UDF organizing partners. In this workshop we help you to link your project with corresponding public policies and rehearse the five-minute presentation that you will make at the upcoming FEAST. The upcoming UDF Presentation Workshop is on **October 25, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** Organizing partners can be reached by emailing urbandemocracysteast@gmail.com or by calling 269-388-3809.

Groups that are **awarded** UDF funds must:

- Make a 5-minute presentation about your project outcomes during the next UDF event
- Submit a final report four months after receiving the award

Project Name

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APPLICATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE URBAN DEMOCRACY FEAST

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of the Project:

Name of Contact Person

Contact Information (provide telephone, mailing address and email address)

Telephone	
Mailing Address	
Email Address	

Who are your collaborators?

Best time to be contacted:

APPLICATION

What is your project about?

How does your project benefit social justice needs of Kalamazoo communities?

Project Name

Explain the issue of inequality or exploitation that your project is addressing.

List your expenses. Provide at least two estimates of costs.

How will you use the money awarded?

What is your timeline?

List markers for determining progress. How will you know that your project was successful?

AGREEMENT

An UDF Presentation Workshop is scheduled for **October 25, 2017 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.** We will make every effort to participate.

If our organization is awarded by the UDF, we understand that we are required to report on our progress at the next Urban Democracy Feast. The presentation will be 5-minutes long.

Typing your name here shows that you have read and agreed to the above statement. Applications received without your electronic signature will not be reviewed.