

NYSCU Grant Progress Report 2026

DEADLINE: This report of a 2026 grant received from the New York State Convention of Universalists in is due to Tom Hackett, Clerk ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2026. Please use the form below to submit your report.

If there is a visual component to the program, please send a photo or two (labeled, please) or other appropriate visual. If there is an audio or video component, please include as well using the form upload below.

CONTACT: If your project is not yet underway or is just beginning, you may defer your report until 2027. Please inform the Clerk at NYSCUTom@gmail.com.

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Organization Name *

First Unitarian Universalist Society of Ithaca

Name of respondent *

Emily Richards

Phone number of respondent *

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Purpose of Grant *

To update old, cracked tiles in the classrooms and the shared staff room with new flooring

Amount of Grant *

\$5000

How was the money spent? *

We spent \$4886 for the new vinyl flooring and paid the contractor \$3088 to install the floor for a total of \$7974. We spent \$2974 from our own funds beyond the \$5000 provided.

By your best estimate, how many people were/are being reached/served? *

While the classrooms are primarily used for our children and families, these rooms are utilized at times by our entire UU community, as well as occasionally rented out by the larger Ithaca community. The staff office space is shared by our Music Coordinator, Admin Assistant, Bookkeeper, and Engagement and Outreach Coordinator. This space is also used as a conference room for staff and various other groups. As our year begins, we have had around 30 young people showing up to our children's programming, with around 50 in the program which is serving around 30-40 families. Our current membership is between 250-300 people, which does not include congregants who are not official members, with around 100 adults attending services each week.

How well have the *goals* of the program/project been met, and how has this determination been made? *

The goals of our project were to update our spaces to create a safer and more welcoming environment for our children and families, and everyone who uses our building, and those have met both of those goals.

What *concerns* developed in the course of the program/project? *

There weren't really any concerns that developed, other than the worry that we would not get this done before the classrooms were in use this fall, but with the help of numerous volunteers and many, many hours spent pulling old tiles up, we are thrilled to report that all of the floors are complete and look wonderful.

As mentioned, we did need to utilize volunteers for a large part of the labor, specifically in tile removal, which was a long process, so this project would have cost significantly more if we had had to pay someone for that part of the project as well as the materials and installation. While not a concern exactly, I think it is important to note.

Project Completion Info

Is the project fully complete? *

☒ Yes

☐ No

IF THE PROJECT IS COMPLETE, what are the implications for the future?

These new floors should last for many years and help us to continue offering people in our community, especially our children and families, a safe and welcoming environment for religious exploration. I added a picture, but it really does not fully convey the change that this new flooring made to these spaces.

IF THE PROJECT IS NOT COMPLETE, when will it be completed and evaluated, and by whom?

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