

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 *

The HUUB

Name of respondent *

Douglas Farrand

Phone number of respondent *

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Purpose of Grant *

Align, Create, Connect: Building the Community Campus

Amount of Grant *

6200

How was the money spent? *

materials and supplies -- \$600
program salary -- \$3,085
stipends -- \$1,200
communications and promotional material -- \$40.00
convening f&b -- \$300.00
admin overhead -- \$975.00
total -- \$6,200

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

Year to date, 6228

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

Progress towards meeting goals has been strong. See below.

-- Ongoing operations and functionality of the campus

HUUB has evolved its operations and functionality. We have onboarded a new operations manager, developed strongly communications protocols, and expanded our team through engaging a local AmeriCorps program.

-- Twice per quarter convenings of our core campus partners to cultivate shared analysis and identify opportunities for alignment, connection, and collaboration between our organizations

We have met regularly with our core campus partners which in turn has deepened our collaboration. Meetings have been focused on articulating a shared ritual calendar, developing shared design of the HUUB's campus for our emerging capital campaign, and developing coalition strategies to respond to the immigration enforcement crisis.

-- Program alignment focused on the three tasks of Urban Restoration (align, connect, create) at three scales (block, city, region).

Through our strategic planning for this year we've aligned our programs using the Urban Restoration framework around three key goals: strengthening hyper local relationship on our block (open garden and art days for kids who live on the block, food distribution, block clean ups, prioritizing engagement with local families), supporting Orange's many immigrant communities (rapid response, monthly door knocking with KYR info and other educational resources, business outreach, monthly vigils), providing grounded popular political education for the regional network of organizations and organizers who use our space (hosting "Roots of division and struggle for solidarity in essex county" class facilitated by campus partner University of Orange, attended by 50 organizers from across the county connected to the HUUB).

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

The HUUB is thriving, roughly doubling number of people served compared to last year. The need for a third space/crossroads/campus like the HUUB is clearly demonstrated. Finding adequate resources to support this rapid growth is challenging.

Project Completion Info

Is the project fully complete? *

☐ Yes

☒ No

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

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

We will continue to meet with our campus partners, develop operations, and explore the alignment of programming using the Urban Restoration framework. This year's progress on these areas will lay the groundwork for a new 5 year strategic plan, which we begin work on later this Fall. The strategic plan will include learnings from this year incorporated into the plan.

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