

NYSCU GRANT PROGRESS REPORT

This report of a 2025 grant received from the New York State Convention of Universalists is due to Tom Hackett, Clerk, 70 Wall Street, Kingston, NY 12401, or electronically to NYSCUTom@gmail.com, ON OR BEFORE 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 .

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.

Note: If your project is not yet underway or is just beginning, you may defer your report until 2026. Please inform the Clerk at the above address if this is the case.

ORGANIZATION: Unitarian Universalist Society of Oneonta

DATE OF REPORT: December 29, 2025

PURPOSE OF GRANT: Install an ADA compliant bathroom in a second building we have purchased located next door to the church.

AMOUNT OF GRANT:

1. How was the money actually spent?

The money was spent to install an ADA compliant bathroom in our newly acquired neighboring property which we plan to use for employee offices, as well as a community meeting space for our congregation and the community.

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

This ADA bathroom will support our congregation members and friends, many of which are elderly and/or disabled. We also plan to make the building available for public rentals when needed. I would estimate that this project will help at least 150 people in our small community. As more events and rentals start taking place in the building, this estimate could grow exponentially.

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

The ADA bathroom was successfully installed which was our primary goal for use of the grant awarded. The determination was made once the bathroom was completely finished. Pictures are attached.

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

We did not meet the deadline that we had previously hoped for due to budget constraints during our capital campaign for the overall renovation project. Items such as flooring and plumbing had to be done first before completing the ADA bathroom portion of the project.

5. Is this program/project complete?

The ADA bathroom portion of the project is complete. The overall Capital Campaign project to renovate the building is about 75 percent complete at this time.

A. If no, when will it be completed and evaluated, and by whom?

B. If yes, what are the implications for the future?

We now have a fully functioning ADA restroom in the building which greatly increases accessibility. Once the building is completely finished in the near future, the building will now be more accessible to all people of our community.

6. Would you do the program/project again, or recommend it to others? Explain.

Yes we would do it again and recommend the project to others. Accessibility is an important aspect to consider when constructing a public space.

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Thank you!