



Faith + Democracy Grant

Leveraging Interfaith Leadership to Promote a Healthy Democracy

At Interfaith America, we believe that religious diversity is a strength of our democracy. When we engage that diversity proactively, we can address the major challenges of our communities and our nation. Yet, engaging across deep differences is work that requires interfaith leadership skills and resources. As a nation that invites every individual to contribute their best and to participate in the [daily work of democracy](#), we invite you to strive to realize this potential and promise through a new funding opportunity.

Grant Overview

The Faith + Democracy Grant is offered exclusively to the members of Interfaith America's [Emerging Leaders Network](#), made up of young professionals applying interfaith skills beyond higher education, to create initiatives, events, or projects that contribute to the mission of Interfaith America. Grant recipients will use the funding to carry out a nonpartisan project that utilizes [Interfaith America's Playbook](#) to foster healthy democratic practices through an interfaith lens. The maximum grant amount is \$1,500.

Requirements:

- Awardees must utilize Interfaith America's Playbook in their project.
- Only non-partisan projects focused on contributing to smoothly run elections will be supported (such as transportation to the polls, information about polling locations and logistics, recruiting poll workers, etc).
- Up to \$750 (or 50% of total budget) may be allocated to self-compensation.

Emphases:

- Projects should focus on supporting healthy democratic and civic practices
- Projects that engage local institutions, organizations, and partners will be prioritized.

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Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Recruiting workers and volunteers for poll monitoring and other election protection work.
- Sharing reliable and accurate information about voting and elections to their members
- Ensuring enough polling locations are accessible in one's communities
- Building relationships with local election officials and creating opportunities for community conversation
- Building bridges in one's community through a book group, film screening, or community service project.
- Creating space for healthy civic conversation and religious literacy training.
- Providing food and water at polling locations with long lines

Eligibility: Applicants must be members of the Emerging Leaders Network who are not undergraduate students. Projects must be carried out in the U.S.

Application (opens November 15): <http://s.alchemer.com/s3/2023-24-Faith-Democracy-Grant-Application>

Deliverables: Final Report due May 31, 2024. Awardees may submit an article to Interfaith America Magazine for an additional \$150 upon publication.

Amount: Grants will be awarded for up to \$1,500.

Timeline:

- Application is open November 15 through December 20, 2023.
- Determinations made by January 15, 2024.
- Project implementation January 15 – May 15, 2024.
- Final Report due by May 31, 2024.

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We at Interfaith America are committed to supporting the grantees throughout the grant process by email, phone, and virtual meetings as needed.

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