

# CUF Gift Use Proposal Form

For use of funds bequeathed to CUF from the estates of Lois Hayward and Bill Rose

**Instructions:** *Deadline for submission is June 30, 2023; if approved as fulfilling the primary criteria, a more detailed description and budget will be required. \*At least one of the leaders of the proposed plan must be a current CUF member, at least two of the endorsers must be CUF members.*

*If you have any questions contact Gene Basanta at [webasanta@gmail.com](mailto:webasanta@gmail.com).*

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**Proposal Lead Member\* Name(s) & Contact Info: \***

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**Proposal Title: \***

Permanent A/V Equipment Upgrades

### Type

Select One

Project

Investment/Savings

Both

Other

### Category

Check all that apply

Building/Grounds Improvement

Community Partnership

Environmental/Conservation

Religious Education

Social/Economic Justice

Other

**Summary Description with Estimated Timeline (Including approximate completion date) \***

Upgrade A/V equipment for more permanent usage solutions. May include, but not limited to, cameras, microphones, and work space. Estimated completion date would be dependent on if and when equipment is available, installed, and tested for use. We will endeavor to complete it as quickly as possible.

**Estimated Budget (Include major categories such as labor, materials, overhead, etc.) \***

\$15,000

**\*\*Will you seek matching or supplemental funds? If so, from what sources? \***

We have been unable to find matching or supplemental funds for this project.

**Amount Requested \***

\$15,000

**Primary Criteria \***

How does the proposed use of the gift funds:

Fit with/fulfil CUF's mission?

Hybrid services will be expected and normal moving forward into perpetuity. This equipment will make it easier to provide seamless A/V hosting for Sunday services and other events in the fellowship hopefully only requiring one A/V host per event. This proposal ties into our Mission and Vision statement of being a vibrant, diverse, loving community since it provides access to those who may not otherwise be able to attend in person. It also ties into the Strategic Plan to increase opportunities for connection and spiritual and personal growth.

**Strengthen bonds with the Carbondale? SI community? \***

These upgrades will make the Fellowship even more appealing for community events and might even increase rental fees for the building.

**Impact the Fellowship? \***

We will have a more effective online presence during events and especially Sunday services. The ease of use of new equipment may encourage more people to volunteer as A/V hosts, which will lessen the burden on those currently volunteering.

**Contribute to the sustainability of the congregation for future generations? \***

A/V capability is a necessity moving forward. With people online, we can share items rather than paper to help save money and time on those small things. Sustainability isn't just about saving money in the long run, but it's likely our swift purchases at the beginning of the pandemic will need replacements starting fairly soon. We will be investing to keep what we currently have rather than upgrading to more long-term solutions, which will save money in the long run.

By submitting a proposal, you are expected to be directly involved in its implementation and completion if your proposal is selected. How will you personally be involved in the planned activities throughout its implementation? \*

We will be involved in securing the correct equipment to order, checking it when it comes in, and possibly installing at least some of it, if not all.

List other CUF members\* and friends who endorse this proposal, and describe their involvement in its implementation and completion. \*

Jan Eisenhard supports this proposal since they use Zoom for the Awakening Heart Dharma Group. Bill Lauritzen supports the proposal since he was an A/V host and knows we need new equipment. Joyce Shepherd supports this proposal since she often joins us online and sees how this will benefit everyone. This is also supported by the A/V team, which consists of myself, Jason Siebold, Amy Weber, Rhonda Kosmicki, Rob Gallegly, and Martha Shum.

### Secondary Criteria \*

Does your proposal honor the memory/interests of Bill Rose or Lois Hayward who made the gifts? If so, please explain:

Bill Rose and Lois Hayward both had a strong aesthetic sense, and also seemed to value our worship services. Our desire to have high-quality cameras and sound equipment is in that spirit. Lois would appreciate how using tech/zoom increases our accessibility. She was very concerned with those who are incarcerated. She visited and wrote letters, and I think one of her concerns was their isolation. She was also concerned about economic justice, wanted to help others meet their dreams, and was a poet. Lois was concerned for marginalized people and those who did not have access to support. We believe Lois would appreciate our efforts to increase accessibility of our services and to offer our ministry to a greater number of people.

How might youth/young adults/ those under 50 be involved in carrying out the plan? \*

We would enjoy involving youth/young adults in installation and usage of the equipment. Teaching the youth to use it could be invaluable moving forward.

Additional comments:

We thank you for your serious consideration of our proposal.

Signature(s): \*

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