

Quaker Earthcare Witness Mini-Grant Application

QEW has grants available for Friends' organizations that want to enhance their physical/spiritual relationship with the Earth. We offer matching grants of up to \$500 each to support projects consistent with QEW values. Applications are accepted throughout our fiscal year.

QEW Background and Values

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) is a spiritually-centered movement of Quakers and like-minded people seeking ways to integrate our concern for the environment with Friends' long-standing testimonies for simplicity, integrity, peace, and equality. The QEW Vision and Witness statement declares: "We are called to live in right relationship with all Creation, recognizing that the entire world is interconnected and a manifestation of God. We put these beliefs into practice by striving to be examples, communicating our message, and by providing spiritual and material support to those engaged in the compelling task of transforming our relationship to our planet toward sustainability and justice for the totality of life."

Criteria for QEW Mini-Grant Project Awards

QEW Mini-Grants support Quaker projects having a primary purpose of benefiting the environment and/or promoting environmental awareness and education among Friends and the larger spirit-led world.

All ideas that support QEW values and witness will be considered, but we especially encourage projects that directly address the issues of environmental justice, climate change, and/or those that will serve or engage young people.

Any Friends' organization -- whether a school, meeting or other group -- is eligible to apply for these annual awards, up to a maximum of \$500. Partnerships with non-Quaker groups in the community are encouraged, but funds must be distributed to Quaker organizations.

Applicants submit an application including: activities, budget, timeline, and benefits. Applicants are expected to match the mini-grant with an equal amount from their own funds. However, groups with limited financial means can also apply, adding an explanation of their financial limitations

Mini-grant applicants generally apply for one-year one-time projects. However, applications for multiyear projects with renewal applications anticipated, will be considered as long as they are clearly stated up front.

Projects that substantially involve the participants in the planning and execution will be favorably considered. Generally, services and labor are not funded by mini-grants.

A mini-grant check can be sent only to a Friends' organization, not an individual. Please give the name and address of your financial officer/treasurer.

Mini-grant recipients agree to document their project, sending a progress report no later than 6 months after receiving the funds, attaching digital photos where possible.

Submit your application any time of the year. We usually respond within a month of receiving your complete application package.

QEW Application Instructions:

1. Complete the Project Information Form on the next page and save it.
2. Submit a project description, which must include: an itemized budget; a description of activities; and a timeline for completion. Please limit this to no more than two pages (approximately 500 words).
3. Include a signed statement from your treasurer, stating the total cost of your project and that your meeting/church/organization will match the amount of the requested mini-grant.

Email all the materials (the completed application form, the Project Description and the Treasurer's letter) as attachments to: mini-grants@quakerearthcare.org

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Project Information

Title of Project _____

Date of submission _____

Name of the Friends Meeting _____

or Friends organization _____

Name of contact person _____

and position in your organization _____

Email address of contact _____

Telephone _____

Name of Treasurer _____

Amount requested for mini-grant _____

Mini-Grant check made out to _____

Address to send mini-grant check:

Name _____

Street _____

City and State _____

Country _____

Postal Code _____

Please, tell us how you found out about the QEW Minigrants.

For further information or questions email: mini-grants@quakerearthcare.org