



Quaker Earthcare Witness Special Initiatives in Earthcare Grant Application - 2023

Due to recent fund-raising success for our Grants program, Quaker Earthcare Witness is pleased to issue a call for proposals to fund selected special initiatives in Earthcare that may demand funding beyond the level of our traditional \$500 Mini-Grants program. Under this program we expect to fund several proposals at levels up to \$1500. Due to the contingency of this program on fund-raising success we cannot assure that this program will continue in future years.

QEW Background and Values

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 Special Initiatives in Earthcare Project Awards

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

Friends' organizations—whether a school, meeting, or other group—are eligible to apply for these annual awards, up to a maximum of \$1500. Partnerships with non-Quaker groups in the community are welcomed.

While all ideas that support QEW values will be considered, we especially encourage proposals that specifically address at least one of our preferred focus areas. Proposals that synergistically address multiple preferred focus areas will be given special priority for funding:

- (1) Responding to or preparing to meet the Climate change crisis.
- (2) Supporting regional and/or global biodiversity.
- (3) Redressing issues of environmental injustice that impact underserved or disempowered communities (especially communities of color) preferably in North America, but all regions will be considered.
- (4) Involving and engaging youth in responding to the above issues and/or transforming the consciousness of the rising generation to act in unity with the Earth as caregivers for our planet.

The Proposal Description should address Activities and Benefits, Budget, and Timeline. In response to the special call for proposals, the discussion of Benefits should address how the funds will enable the launching of the new initiative being proposed, and how the initiative will establish itself as a sustainable program into the future. As with our traditional Mini-Grants program, these funds are expected to be matched from the resources of the proposing organization. However, if the proposing organization has limited opportunities to raise matching funds, they may include a statement from their treasurer explaining their economic limitations and requesting that the match be waived or reduced.

Projects should substantially involve the participants in the planning and execution of the

work. As we cannot manage payroll, in general outside services and labor cannot be funded except with special justification.

Funds can be disbursed only to a Friends' organization, not to an individual. Please give the name and address of your financial officer/treasurer.

Grant recipients agree to document their project, sending a progress report no later than 6 months after receiving the funds, attaching digital photos and/or short videos wherever possible.

Special Initiatives proposals will be considered between May 1, 2023 and April 30, 2024. We expect to respond within a month of receiving the 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 three pages (approximately 750 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 requested or an explanation if a full or partial waiver of the match is requested.

Email all the materials (the completed form, the 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 Grants program.

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