



Apply for a QEW Mini-Grant

It's amazing how much good you can do for Earth if you have the vision, desire, and support to do it. Quaker Earthcare Witness organizes a mini-grant program which gives \$500 matching grants to help Friends complete eco-friendly projects.

Our goal is to encourage and support Friends meetings, churches, and groups that are looking for ways to enhance their practical and spiritual relationship with Earth.

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

Examples of Past Mini-Grant Projects

Project Abundance at Ithaca Monthly Meeting (NY): Building raised beds for community food sharing.

New Garden Friends/Guilford College Environmental Justice Internship: New Garden Friends Meeting was awarded funds to match commitments from New Garden Friends Meeting, Guilford College, and North Carolina Interfaith Power and Light to support an internship for a young person of color focused on environmental justice issues during the spring college semester.

Plymouth Pollinator Garden: Plymouth Monthly Meeting (PA) was awarded funds to support a pollinator garden adjacent to the meeting house and to engage youth from their Friends school.

Quaker Oaks Farm Visalia, CA: QEW helped sponsor a **workshop** at the farm, taught by members of the Wukchumni Nation in the use of native plants.

Friends Theological College (through the Grinnell Friends Church in Iowa): The college in Kenya where Quaker pastors study has made the transition to solar power.

Falmouth (MA) Friends developed a **Climate Calculator** and distributed it.



A QEW Mini-Grant helped fund the installation of solar panels at Durham (NC) Friends Meetinghouse. They inaugurated the panels with a "Here Comes the Sun" celebration.

How to Apply

1. Download and complete the Project Information Form at [QuakerEarthcare.org/mini-grants](https://www.QuakerEarthcare.org/mini-grants).
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.
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.
4. Email the materials as attachments to Mini-Grants@QuakerEarthcare.org.

Criteria

1. 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.
2. Friends' organizations in any country—whether a school, meeting or other group—are eligible to apply for these annual awards, up to a maximum of \$500. Partnerships with non-Quaker groups in the community are encouraged.
3. Applicants submit an application including: activities, budget, timeline, and benefits. Applicants are expected to match the 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.
4. Most applicants apply for one-year, one-time projects. Applications for multi-year projects with renewal applications anticipated, should include a clear timeline.
5. 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.
6. A Mini-Grant check can be sent only to a Friends' organization, not to an individual. Please give the name and address of your financial officer/ treasurer.
7. Mini-Grant recipients agree to document their project, sending a progress report no later than six months after receiving the funds, attaching digital photos where possible.
8. Submit your application any time of the year.



Fayetteville (AR) Friends celebrate their new certified Wildlife Habitat at their meetinghouse with help from a Mini-Grant.



Missoula, Montana Friends Meeting used QEW Mini-Grant funds to build a covered bicycle rack construction at their meetinghouse. Twelve experienced builders and Friends ages 14-68 participated in the project.



Monteverde Friends School, Costa Rica, was damaged by a large tropical storm. Since they ran short of potable water and needed to create a water catchment and storage system, and their teachers' dormitories lost their septic system, the school and the meeting applied for grants in 2018.

Join QEW

Quaker Earthcare Witness is a network of North American Friends (Quakers) and other like-minded people who are taking spirit-led action to address the ecological and social crises of the world, emphasizing Quaker process and testimonies. We invite Friends to:

Visit QuakerEarthcare.org and sign up for news and updates.

Invite QEW to offer a workshop for your community.

Read and share our newsletter, *BeFriending Creation*.

Speak with your meeting, school, or organization about applying for a Mini-Grant.

Calculate your carbon footprints and offset them through donations to Quaker Earthcare Witness.

Support QEW by making a tax-deductible contribution. Give at QuakerEarthcare.org/donate or send a check to the address below.



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