

Quaker Earthcare Witness Mini-Grant Application for 2011

QEW has grants available for Friends Meetings, Churches, and organizations who want to enhance their physical/spiritual relationship with the Earth. We offer matching grants of up to \$500 each to help with projects consistent with the QEW Vision and Witness statement. The application deadline is May 2, 2011 and funds are available by July 1, 2011. For more information, visit www.quakerearthcare.org, or e-mail Bill Holcombe at bholc7@hotmail.com.

Background on QEW

Quaker Earthcare Witness (QEW) is a spiritually-centered movement of Quakers and like-minded people seeking ways to integrate concern for the environment with Friends' long-standing testimonies for simplicity, integrity, peace, and equality. The QEW Vision and Witness states:

WE ARE CALLED to live in right relationship with all Creation, recognizing that the entire world is interconnected and is a manifestation of God.

WE WORK to integrate into the beliefs and practices of the Religious Society of Friends the Truth that God's Creation is to be respected, protected, and held in reverence in its own right, and the Truth that human aspirations for peace and justice depend upon restoring the earth's ecological integrity.

WE PROMOTE these Truths by striving to be examples, by communicating our message, and by providing spiritual and material support to those engaged in the compelling task of transforming our relationship to the earth.

QEW Application Instructions:

Complete the following form and email to Bill Holcombe at bholc7@hotmail.com by May 2, 2011.

Please complete a typed one-page description of your project, stating why it is being undertaken, who will be directly involved in the implementation of the project, how you will match the up to \$500 mini-grant, and how your Meeting, Church, group, and/or community will benefit from the environmental project. Please use at least 10-point type and no less than one-inch margins. Send in the form in MS Word and send by attached file to bholc7@hotmail.com. You will need to include a project budget showing what part of this project will be funded by the mini-grant funds. Please note that "work-in-kind" is not accepted as a mini-grant match.

Date of submission: _____

Name of your Quaker Meeting, church, or organization: _____

Address: _____ Zip _____

(This is the address that the funds will be sent if your project is selected.)

Contact name: _____

E-mail address: _____ Telephone number: ____/____ - ____

Total cost of your environmental project: \$ _____

Treasurer of your Meeting, Church, or group: _____

Email: _____

Telephone no. of Treasurer: _____

Please give a 30 words or less summary of your project:

You will need to include a signed letter from your treasurer stating the total cost of your project and that your meeting or church can match the up to \$500 QEW mini- grant for the specified project. If you are awarded a mini-grant, you are required to send a report on the progress of the project by Nov. 15, 2011. Your report should include the progress on your project, source of funds for the match, and a timeline for completion of the project. Digital photographs in reduced format are requested. Please note that a mini-grant recipient is not eligible to reapply for another grant for the same project for three years.

Thank you for your interest in the QEW Mini-grant,

Bill Holcombe, Clerk, QEW Mini-Grant Group