



Hope Grants – Guidance Notes

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Quaker Peace
& Social Witness

Introduction

Our grant making focusses on faith-led concerns that enable change for the relief of suffering. Britain Yearly Meeting has funds available to support the work of local and area meetings in furthering concerns for the relief of suffering in the wider world, for furthering the aspirations of individual Friends and for responding to hardship suffered by individual Friends.

The purpose of Hope Grants is to improve the quality of life for anyone who is in membership of, or closely connected with, the Religious Society of Friends in Britain and who is affected by present or past unemployment (either of the person concerned or a member of the household) and/or the inability to make a living wage.

Eligibility

Applicants should be:

- a member of the Religious Society of Friends in Britain, or part of our Quaker community.
- and**
- have impaired quality of life due to present or past unemployment (either of the person concerned or a member of the household) and/or the inability to make a living wage.

Grants are not normally made to full-time students or to those who are retired and no longer looking for work, though Friends with responsibility for pastoral care are invited to make enquiries about any applications they believe appropriate.

The application must be supported by a supporting Friend (a Friend who is a role holder within the appropriate Local or Area Meeting) who must be satisfied that:

- The applicant is being inhibited from fully using her/his talents by financial constraints resulting from unemployment and/or the inability to make a living wage
- and**
- The applicant's quality of life will be improved by a grant
- and**
- Any appropriate local Quaker or other funds have been considered.

Hope Grants are unlikely to be given for help towards daily living expenses or clearing debt. Friends with responsibility for pastoral care are invited to enquire about our Pastoral Care funds in these and other circumstances when local funds are not available.

Applications

Applications should be made using the online forms for applicant and supporting Friend.

Both applicant and supporting Friend must complete relevant sections of the form. **Either** may make enquiries and submit the form. Applications may be made at any time. Grants are usually decided and, if approved, paid within a month.

Sums available

A grant of up to £750 may be made to any one application.

Reapplications

Applicants may re-apply for a grant but will not be considered within 12 months and if necessary priority will be given to first time applicants.

Examples of grants made in recent years

- Equipment for a new or developing hobby (IT equipment, music or sports equipment etc.)
- Help with the cost of attending evening classes or lessons (lifesaving, music, driving, etc.)
- Help with cost of participating fully in the life of the Society of Friends (travel cost to Quaker events, conference fees, etc.)
- Help with travel costs, like visiting an aged relative, a short break e.g. weekend camping, family visiting the seaside.

The funds for these grants come from endowments given to the Society for these specific purposes.

Enquiries should be made to:

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Email: grants@quaker.org.uk