

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

- 1. Does our organization have to be associated with the Society of Friends (Quakers) to be eligible?**

A: No, Grandom Institution gives regardless of affiliation.

- 2. Does Grandom consider new organizations or only returning organizations?**

A: Grandom considers both new and returning organizations.

- 3. Does Grandom accept applications from individuals or low income households?**

A: No, Grandom does not accept applications from individuals, only organizations.

- 4. What is the maximum grant level?**

A: The current grant averages \$4,000, and Grandom will consider requests up to \$10,000.

- 5. Does Grandom require matching funds?**

A: No, but matching funds and leveraged funds are preferable. If you have matching funds, please identify the source and the expected amount of match

- 6. Does my organization have to be in Philadelphia?**

A: Grandom gives preference to Philadelphia based organizations, but can also fund projects in Montgomery or Delaware counties.

- 7. What is Grandom's definition of low income?**

A: Grandom uses 200% of the federal poverty level for bill payment assistance eligibility, and 80% of the Area Median Income for energy efficiency or renewable energy projects. Please consult the Philadelphia Energy Directory for details: www.ecasavesenergy.org.

- 8. Does Grandom require that bill payment assistance recipients apply for LIHEAP, Crisis and other existing funds prior to using Grandom funds?**

A: Grandom gives preference to organizations that can show that they systematically leverage LIHEAP and other existing programs.

9. What are some examples of clean energy programs?

A: The following is a partial list of examples. Grandom is interested in promoting innovation, so this list is provided for illustrative purposes only.

- Self-help weatherization workshops
- Direct installation of cost effective measures that are beyond the ability of most residents, such as programmable thermostats
- Energy efficiency improvements, weatherization
- Community solar or other low income solar program
- Fuel switching from inefficient fuel oil to high efficiency natural gas

10. What is the difference between heating assistance and bill payment assistance?

A. Heating assistance is a broader term meaning any form of assistance which helps reduce a low income family's energy burden in winter. Please see the answer to question 8 for examples.

Bill payment assistance is essentially a small grant, usually of \$100 per year per household, to help pay an energy bill for a low income household.