

Request for Proposal
From The Grandom Institution

History of the Grandom Institution

The Grandom Institution is a collection of several Philadelphia area trusts that are dedicated to fulfilling the original terms of the Hartt Grandom Trust and several others as nearly as possible while adapting to the changing conditions of the world. The Grandom Institution was founded in 1842 by a generous bequest from Hartt Grandom, a member of the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers). The Institution has provided grants initially directly to individuals, and later to organizations serving low income people, for a range of energy assistance, energy and self-sufficiency purposes every year for more than 170 years!

In the 19th century and the first half of the 20th, Grandom funds were chiefly used for the distribution of firewood and coal at reduced rates to the poor of Philadelphia. In adapting to changing demands, in the latter half of the 20th century, funds have been distributed for all types of heating fuel, including oil, gas and electricity, for preventative or self-help measures such as weatherization and insulation, and for education programs to assist individuals to reduce their energy use and burden.

Grandom has helped tens of thousands of low income households through the years.

Priorities of the Grandom Institution

Philadelphia's low income households have a very high energy burden. Climate change is well underway and will have a disproportionate impact on the poor and elderly. The Grandom Distribution Committee places a priority on clean, affordable energy solutions for low income households. These solutions will increase the self-sufficiency of low income households and reduce their energy burden permanently.

This priority will take effect in the 2018 grant year.

Examples of the types of projects that meet this priority include:

- Self-help weatherization workshops including the distribution of simple and inexpensive material that low income people can install in their own homes
- Installation of inexpensive, yet very cost effective measures such as programmable thermostats
- Energy efficiency improvements
- Heating system upgrades to a cleaner, lower carbon heating source, and/or a more efficient system
- Low income solar energy program such as community solar

Deadline for Applications: June 1, 2018 no later than 5 pm. Email complete application to grants@pym.org with the subject line "Grandom Application" or mail one copy to PYM Director of Grant Making, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102.

Guidelines for Proposals: If you are applying for bill payment assistance funding, you need only complete the Application form and do not need to submit this additional information. Proposals should be brief and should not exceed 10 pages including the budget. Proposals should include:

- Brief history and purpose of the organization,
- Goals and objectives,
- Description of program or project for which the grant is requested,
- If you are partnering with another organization, please identify the organization and describe the role of each partner
- Anticipated results, and
- Budget

If your organization has never received a grant from Grandom, please attach a list of the organization's Board of Directors, and proof of its tax exempt status. Please use a budget format similar to the one provided here.

For more information Please refer to our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). If you still need information, please email grants@pym.org. Remember to put "*Grandom Question*" in the subject line.