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The Greenleaf Fund provides grants and loans to elderly Quakers, and those in sympathy with Quakers, who are of modest means and need assistance with their housing needs or ongoing medical, maintenance, or living costs.

ELIGIBILITY & PRIORITIES

Applicants must be 62 years of age or older. Grants are made to individuals only; Greenleaf does not grant to organizations. Applications are considered according to the following priorities:

1. Residents of The Greenleaf’s boarding home as of April 10, 2008;
2. Quakers who are members* of Monthly Meetings in Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting;
3. Quakers who are members* of another Monthly Meeting of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting;
4. Those who are in sympathy with Friends** and live in the geographic area defined by Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting;
5. Those who are in sympathy with Friends **and live in the geographic area defined by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting.

* For the purposes of this Fund, the term ‘member’ means someone who is either a member of a Monthly Meeting of the Yearly Meeting, or someone who has been an active attender for not less than five years prior to making application to the Fund for support.

** For the purposes of this Fund, ‘those in sympathy with Friends’ means non-Quakers who either:
A. are parents, spouses, or domestic partners (including surviving spouses and domestic partners) of members of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting; or -
B. have worked or volunteered for a minimum of 5 years in Quaker organizations within the geographic area defined by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting;

Applications for grants and loans from persons in category A will be considered before applications from persons in category B.

APPLICATION TIMELINE AND EXPECTATIONS

1. Complete the Greenleaf Application Form and send it by May 1 or October 31 to:
   Clerk of the Greenleaf Fund Granting Group
   c/o Nicholas Gutowski, PYM Director of Grant Making
   1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

2. Receipt of your completed form is acknowledged promptly. All personal and financial information supplied by you is treated as confidential. Please redact (cover or conceal) Social Security numbers.

3. A representative of the Granting Group may contact you or the Care Committee of your Monthly Meeting.

4. Decisions regarding the awarding of grants and loans are made by the Greenleaf Granting Group, which is composed of Friends from various Monthly Meetings. The Granting Group’s decisions are announced in July and January. Normally checks are mailed by mid-August and mid-February.

5. Awards are made as grants or no-interest loans. Loans are awarded in cases where applicant has significant assets. Loan recipients are required to sign a letter of intent to repay upon the settlement of their estates, should sufficient funds remain.

Assistance with emergency needs may be available at other times of the year. If you have immediate needs, please contact Aging Support Coordinator Sheila Sorkin at (215)241-7068 or ssorkin@pym.org.