Philadelphia Yearly Meeting

Aging Assistance Granting Group
Grant Application Guidelines

PURPOSE

The Aging Assistance Granting Group (AAGG) provides grants to aging PYM Quakers who need financial assistance *in order to remain in their own homes, or to meet basic living expenses, or to afford necessary equipment or services. Small pocket money grants are also made for residents of Friends retirement communities. Occasional grants may be made to support specific projects of Quaker organizations to benefit aging PYM Friends. Grants are made in accord with the donors' restrictions on the nine AAGG Funds and are based on funds available; there is no guarantee of repeat funding.*

Please read these guidelines before applying.

PRIORITIES

The Aging Assistance Granting Group is composed of Friends from various PYM Monthly Meetings. The group responds to needs that arise between their Fall and Spring meetings when necessary. The granting group's discernment is guided by the priorities:

- **Help PYM Friends age with dignity.**
- **Address basic needs of PYM Friends 60 years of age and over first.**
- **Assist in those cases where AAGG is the most appropriate funding source.**

One time grants and AAGG monthly grants

1. **One-time Grants** meet specific needs. These are usually made to individuals and often paid directly to the vendor or provider of services. Infrequently, one-time grants are made to Quaker institutions.
2. **Monthly grants** are made to aging individual **members** of PYM Monthly Meetings. Attenders may apply by approval of the Clerk or care committee of the meeting. The Clerk will affirm applicant has been active for at least **two** years prior to application date. Grantees-- with rare exceptions-- are at least 60 years old and must demonstrate financial need. Applicants with liquid assets are expected to spend down to 6 months reserve before applying.
3. **Applications are made by the individual** using the AAGG Application Form and Financial Form. Their applications may be completed with the support of a family or Meeting member, or other caregiver. All applications are endorsed by the member's meeting.
4. **One-time grants** normally range from $200 to $10,000 based on need and availability of funds and are used for a single purpose such as installing home modifications.
5. **Monthly grants** range from $100 to $1,000, based on need and availability of funds and are used for ongoing expenses such as a housing, food, heat, medical expenses.

Pocket money grants

1. **Pocket Money Grants** are made to individuals --Quaker or not--who are current residents of PYM area Friends retirement facilities who are not on Medical Assistance, and who otherwise would have not have spending money. Grants are for personal purchases such as clothing, medications, spending money, and the like, not for monthly or per diem charges.
2. **Pocket money grants** are normally about $1400 per 12-month period. Grant size is the same for all recipients in each cycle, and varies with the number of applicants.
3. **Friends retirement homes in the PYM area** may apply twice a year, on behalf of residents who meet the eligibility requirement above, for Pocket Money Grants for individuals. To apply, the facility completes the *first page only* of the AAGG Application Form and *first page* of the AAGG Financial Form for each resident.

INSTITUTIONAL REQUESTS

Quaker institutions in the PYM area may apply for onetime grants for projects that address the needs of aging PYM Friends. Application is made using the Quaker Grantmakers Common Form.

APPLICATION TIMELINE AND EXPECTATIONS

Aging PYM members with immediate needs should ***apply as soon as the need is known.*** Contact Aging Support Coordinator Sheila Sorkin at (215) 241-7068 or ssorkin@pym.org. She will help you through the application process:

1. **DEADLINES*:*** Normal application deadlines are ***May 1 & November 1.*** The Granting Group meets in June and December, and also responds to urgent needs that arise between meetings.
2. **Request application forms** from Aging Support Coordinator**.**
   a. **Individual applicants** must complete the Aging Assistance Application Form and Financial Form and supply support materials.
   b. **Friends Retirement Facilities** requesting pocket money grants must complete the Aging Assistance Application Form *(p. 1 only)* and Financial Statement (*p. 1 only*) for each resident who is eligible for a grant.
   c. **Quaker institutions** such as Monthly and Quarterly Meetings should use the Quaker Grantmakers Common Form to request one-time Cadbury grants for specific projects to benefit aging PYM Friends (available on PYM grants web page).
3. **Submit signed, completed application:** Scan and e-mail (preferred) full application and all required documents to Grants@PYM.org or mail to:

   Aging Assistance Granting Group
   c/o, PYM Grants Director
   1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

4. **When your application is received**, you will be notified by phone or e-mail. At that time, we will ask you to provide any missing materials before the group considers your request.
   By the month following the AAGG meeting when your request is considered, you will receive a letter notifying you of the group's decision. If you have received an award, the letter will explain what you can expect regarding payment of your grant. Payment will be made by direct transfer or check if the grant is approved.
5. **Within one year of receiving payment,** you are required to establish a financial power of attorney. Please send a copy to grants@pym.org.

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