

Overview

The Newtown Monthly Meeting Financial Oversight Committee is responsible for receiving, vetting and potentially awarding grants of budgeted funds to Members* of the Meeting who desire to attend conferences or other types of educational activities that provide Quaker oriented spiritual growth opportunities for both the Member and the wider Meeting Community. Grants are NOT based on financial need, but Members are encouraged to thoughtfully consider any application in terms of the Meeting's available funds and their own financial situation. This policy is intended to broadly define the parameters for the use of these grants and to create equitable processes for the application and awarding of any funds.

Definitions

* **Member** – Newtown Monthly Meeting currently defines membership as any person who joins based on an approved membership application or transfer of a valid membership from another Meeting, or whose parents requested membership for them at birth. Membership is retained absent a request for release or transfer of membership. Newtown Monthly Meeting seeks to be in alignment with the membership guidelines established in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, which leaves final decisions to the Monthly Meeting.

Conference or Other Valid Use – Newtown Monthly Meeting currently defines this term to cover short-term events such as conferences and/or gatherings that are specifically intended to nurture spiritual growth and understanding of Quakers and/or key tenets of Quakerism.

There is an expectation that conference grant recipients will develop and deliver a report to Meeting for Business that describes both the event and their key learnings in order to enrich the broader Meeting community.

Application Process

- Members should submit a written request to the Clerk of Financial Oversight ideally at least forty-five days in advance of the event date in order to provide the Financial Oversight Committee time to review the application at one of their regularly scheduled meetings.
- Members are limited to one approved request per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)

Approval Process

- The Financial Oversight Committee will review all submitted requests and consider them based on any remaining budgeted funds available for a given fiscal year.
- Approved and unapproved applicants will be informed by the Clerk of Financial Oversight after committee consideration.