

## **Nominations of Non-profit Agencies for Grants from Newtown Meeting**

Agency Name

Nominator

Arch Street Meetinghouse Preservation Trust

Martin Ogletree

George School

Peter Vari

Camp Onas

Scott Hoskins

Friends Village

Janet Braker



## Newtown Friends Meeting

## Agency Grant Policy and Request

### Overview

The Financial Oversight Committee (FOC) manages the annual operating budget. At the close of each fiscal year, the Controller and Treasurer report ending account balances.

The FOC reviews current and anticipated needs against those balances and may:

1. Instruct the Controller to transfer all or a portion of any available operating fund balance amounts to the Treasurer for re-investment in the Meeting's endowment accounts.
2. Determine Agency recipients and amounts to be disbursed from operating surplus and unspent endowment income per the Agency Grants Policy and recommend same to Monthly Meeting for approval.
3. Determine another use for the funds and submit a recommendation to Monthly Meeting for approval.

This policy documents the processes and policies associated with option 2 above.

The FOC is responsible for receiving and vetting requests and potentially awarding grants to agencies that support Quaker oriented social impact goals. Grants are NOT based on financial need; however, Members should thoughtfully consider any application in terms of the Meeting's available funds. This policy is intended to broadly define the parameters for the types of agencies to be awarded grants and to create equitable processes for the application and awarding of same.

### Definitions

**Member** – Newtown Monthly Meeting 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 align with the membership guidelines established in Philadelphia Yearly Meeting Faith and Practice, which leaves final decisions to the Monthly Meeting.

**Valid Agency** – The FOC currently defines this term to cover agencies (typically nonprofits) engaged in positive social impact initiatives that provide and nurture key tenets of Quakerism e.g., peace and justice, food equity, poverty relief, eldercare, education, etc.

There is an expectation that Members directly associated with grant recipients will deliver a brief report to Meeting for Business that describes how the agency uses grant money and its positive impact on the community. The Treasurer is responsible for overseeing compliance with these reporting requirements.

### Application Process and Reporting

- Members should submit a completed request to the FOC Clerk (FOCclerk@newtownfriendsmeeting.org). There is an expectation that a Member applying is familiar with the specific Agency they are nominating for a grant.
- Applications will be accepted between August 1st and May 31st in order for the FOC to review them at a subsequent regularly scheduled meeting.
- Reminders of the application window will be placed in the newsletter and may be announced at the winter and spring Monthly Meetings. YTD submitted applications will be reported via the website.
- **Members are limited to one approved request per fiscal year (July 1 – June 30)**



**Approval Process and Reporting**

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**Agency Grant Request**

Application Date: **(MM/DD/YY)** 4/18/23

Your Name: Lorraine Muth

Your email Address: LMuth1062@gmail.com

Your Phone Number: **(555-555-5555)** 215-260-7441

Agency Name: Chandler Hall

Agency Address: 99 Barclay St. Newtown, PA 18940

Agency Website (If Applicable) [chandlerhallhealthservices.org](http://chandlerhallhealthservices.org)

Your Relationship to Agency: Board of Directors Member

Other Meeting Members and Attenders Involved with Agency:

Jenna Davis is on the Board; several NMM members live at Chandler Hall

Grant Justification: Describe Agency Mission and Alignment with NMM.

Chandler Hall is a Quaker-based, non-profit organization which provides Newtown and nearby areas with great options for independent living, personal care, memory care, skilled nursing, respite, and palliative/hospice care. John Whitman, CEO, is continuing to put his stamps on Chandler Hall and it is an exciting time! As we continue to implement new innovations in care, additional funding is needed and most welcome.

The Meeting has consistently donated to Chandler Hall in the past, and for that, we are very grateful.

## **Agency Grant Request**

Application Date: **(05/24/2023)**

Your Name: **Scott Hoskins**

Your email Address: [scohoskins@yahoo.com](mailto:scohoskins@yahoo.com)

Your Phone Number: **(267-987-5574)**

Agency Name: **Camp Onas/Friends Camp Association**

Agency Address: **609 Geigel Hill Road, Ottsville, PA 18942**

Agency Website (If Applicable) **<https://camponas.org>**

Your Relationship to Agency: **Board of Directors since 2016, former Clerk (11/20 to 11/22)**

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Other Meeting Members and Attenders Involved with Agency: **Katie Hulihan (Board member), Charlie Forte (enthusiastic camper about to have his 2<sup>nd</sup> summer experience), the Kinnel family (former campers and staff), numerous other Meeting families who have sent children to Camp Onas in years past.**

Camp Onas is currently engaged in two major funding initiatives. The first is our **Camp Onas Capital Campaign**. We hope to raise enough funds for two purposes. The kitchen needs modernizing and expansion ... the kitchen feeds over 200 hungry campers and staff three times a day, compared to the 150 appetites it was designed to feed. We also want to build the endowment for our Camper Aid Fund, the equivalent of scholarships. We annually seek gifts for that Fund to support Quaker families, and campers who strengthen our community's diversity.

The second, and more immediate initiative is raising the money to build **two new Showerhouses** to replace the aging structures that were built over 50 years ago, and which are now in constant need of remedial care and repair. As planning for this project evolved, awareness of specific needs were built into their design:

- Expansion (Camp has grown from 150 campers each session to slightly over 200),
- Safety (in light of recent tornado activity in Ottsville and other factors, a secure place for campers to shelter-in-place)
- Greater privacy for the users – new toilets are in fully enclosed stalls, and every shower has its own private dressing space
- Greater energy efficiency and water use reduction

Since the planning and design phase has passed, a number of factors have pushed the cost of the project significantly higher, including and not limited to inflation of materials and labor costs. Our original intention was to use money that we had budgeted/set aside, to seek out grants and targeted donations, and to finance the balance (our bank has assured us of loan worthiness). The \$1000 donation that Newtown Friends Meeting made last year was for that purpose.

When the Coronavirus pandemic threatened, we carefully considered options, and ultimately determined that we needed to stay closed for the summer of 2021. That didn't eliminate all costs, of course. We made it through that closure, and in the summer of 2022 we ran a carefully planned reduced capacity program. Thankfully, no one got sick, and the Camp community was filled with joy and enthusiasm for the return. We anticipate a nearly fully restored program this coming summer (and are very close to being fully enrolled). We are still seeking grants and donations to help with the cost of the Showerhouse project. For a number of years (to the best of my knowledge) NMM made contributions of \$500 or less. Individuals in the Meeting have also made significant donations. Understanding that last year's donation to Camp Onas from Newtown Friends Meeting was exceptionally large, I would still like to request a similar amount (\$1000) this year. We still hope to raise enough through grants and donations to make the mortgage as manageable as possible, in spite of all the economic forces that seem to conspire against it.

Grant Justification: Describe Agency Mission and Alignment with NMM.

### **Mission Statement**

Friends Camp Association of Pennsylvania, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, owns and operates Camp Onas: a camp, outdoor education facility, and retreat center.

Friends Camp Association strives to be a faithful steward of its heritage, people, land and other resources based on the Quaker belief of that of God in everyone.

Onas is a caring community where individuals are nurtured and encouraged spiritually and group unity is fostered through recreation and education in a peaceful and simple environment.

Camp Onas is not unlike other Quaker communities with which one may be familiar. Campers and staff experience silent Meeting for Worship weekly. The testimonies designated by the SPICES acronym are overtly and intentionally stressed. Activities and attitudes which build a diverse, interdependent community are daily the norm. Spiritual journeys are begun.

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**Agency Grant Request**

Application Date: **(MM/DD/YY)** 3/30/20

Your Name: Peter Vari

Your email Address: [petervariusa@gmail.com](mailto:petervariusa@gmail.com)

Your Phone Number: **(555-555-5555)** 267-994-8811

Agency Name: George School

Agency Address: 1690 Newtown Langhorne Rd, Newtown, PA 18940

Agency Website (If Applicable) <https://www.georgeschool.org/>

Your Relationship to Agency: Trustee

Other Meeting Members and Attenders Involved with Agency: Marguaerite, Chiyo, Laura  
and many others as retired teachers and trustees.

Grant Justification: Describe Agency Mission and Alignment with NMM.

The School's mission statement tells it all:

"With Quaker tradition as its touchstone and academic excellence at its core, George School seeks to develop citizen scholars cheerfully committed to openness in the pursuit of truth, to service and peace, and to the faithful stewardship of the earth. We want our students to treasure learning for its own sake and to use it to benefit a diverse world. Above all, we want them to let their lives speak."

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Agency Grant Request

Application Date: **(4/7/23)**

Your Name: **Will Reid**

Your e-mail Address: [wsrunc@aol.com](mailto:wsrunc@aol.com)

Your Phone Number: **215-504-1066**

Agency Name: **Right Sharing of World Resources**

Agency Address: **101 Quaker Hill Drive, Richmond, IN 47374**

Agency Website (if Applicable) [rswr@rswr.org](mailto:rswr@rswr.org)

Your Relationship to Agency: **Financial Supporter**

Other Meeting Members and Attenders Involved with Agency:

**The following Members and Attenders are all Financial Supporters of Pennswood Village's current RSWR project in Kenya: Bob Anderson, Ken & Marj Burton, Marguerite Chandler & Richmond Shreve, Ruth Peterson, Norval & Ann Reece.**

**A number of Members of our Meeting have donated stamps, including several valuable stamp collections to RSWR.**

Grant Justification: Describe Agency Mission and Alignment with NMM.

**Right Sharing of World Resources** is an independent Quaker organization whose mission, values and goals are completely congruent with those of NMM.

**Proposal:**

The Peace and Social Justice Committee proposes that Newtown Friends Meeting donates \$6,500 to sponsor a Right Sharing of World Resources project.

We propose that Newtown Monthly Meeting fund a RSWR project because of the value, efficiency and multiplying effects of these investments. We believe the combined impact of enabling people in poverty-stricken areas to meet their most basic human needs and to gain some control over their lives, while simultaneously benefiting others and building community is an investment we should make.

We have an opportunity as a community to take a large step in bringing our actions into closer alignment to our values, as we seek to "Walk cheerfully across the earth, answering that of God in every person."



**RSWR Mission:****Goal 1**

To provide resources for marginalized women in developing countries to improve the quality of life for the women in a sustainable and self-determined way.

**Goal 2**

To provide opportunities for those blessed with material resources to explore the burdens of materialism, the power of enough, and global responsibility, and to promote balanced sustainable lifestyles and sharing from abundance.

**RSWR Work & Values:****Right Sharing:**

We encourage everyone to share their abundance.

**Partnership:**

We work in partnership with organizations in Kenya, India, Sierra Leone, and Guatemala to improve the quality of life for entire communities.

**Empowerment:**

We support marginalized women to make decisions that improve their own lives and the well-being of their families and communities.

**Stewardship:**

Our work is grounded in a sense of stewardship for the world's material, human and spiritual resources.

**Integrity:**

We practice openness and accountability in our relationship with one another, our partner organizations, and those who support our work.

**How RSWR Projects Work:**

RSWR works by providing small grants to groups of impoverished women who then make microloans to their members to engage in start-up, income generating businesses, through community self-help initiatives.

Each group of women is required to be small (15-35), audited, with little or no access to other funds, inclusive of village, tribal, religions, and other divisions. For example every group in India must include both Muslims and Hindus to be eligible for RSWR grants.

Each member of a group must be committed to two things: 1) helping each other succeed in their local businesses, and 2) making sure that each woman repays her loan so money is available for other group members to get loans to fund more businesses.

RSWR staff in each county assist the groups with applications for funds and provide financial and organizational expertise after groups receive grants.

#### **Execution of RSWR Projects:**

- 1) Groups of women submit detailed business plans for a seed grant;
- 2) The Board of RSWR selects the groups to receive the grants (funded by donations to RSWR);
- 3) The groups then loan money to their individual members to run microbusiness ventures;
- 4) The women run their businesses, generate income and pay back their loans with interest to the group;
- 5) The group then uses the repaid money to make more loans to other women to fund more businesses.

RSWR staff in each country assist the groups with applications for funds and financial and organizational expertise after groups receive grants.

Each group receives only one group from RSWR and continues to expand with loans to other group members as initial loans are paid back to the group, thus providing a strong incentive for all members to help each business begun with an individual loan succeed. The group then uses the repaid money to provide additional loans to members to start their new businesses and to keep the funds recirculating again and again.

The payback rate of the RSWR loans is a remarkable 95%.

#### **Example of Projects:**

Pennswood Village's current RSWR project is enabling individual women to undertake businesses in fish mongering, buying and selling cereals, selling second-hand clothes and shoes, grocery kiosks, vegetable and fruit stalls, and milk vending. Each individual will borrow \$108 from the group at 10% interest and repay the group in twelve months. The money will then be reloaned to others for their businesses and recirculated again and again.

#### **Educational Benefit:**

This project has the potential to be particularly valuable for our younger people. The opportunity to follow first-hand reports of the specific setbacks and successes of a small group of people as they build start-up businesses in poverty-stricken areas while learning to work together, in a different cultural setting provides a unique opportunity.

**Strengthening Quaker Institutions:**

Currently RSWR relies heavily on individual donations to sustain its work. At this point only 10% of its income comes from institutions. An increase in RSWR's ability to rely on regular budgetary support from Quaker Meetings would enhance its ability to do long-term planning.

If Newtown Friends Meeting were to decide to fully fund a RSWR project this year, the experience and feedback our community would gain could enable us to work with other Quaker Meetings in our area to build support for RSWR into their regular budgets as well. This would enhance RSWR's ability to perform its mission.



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**Agency Grant Request**

Application Date: **(MM/DD/YY)** 4/2/23

Your Name: Ann Reece

Your email Address: annreece@aol.com

Your Phone Number: **(555-555-5555)** 215-968-9481

Agency Name: The Quaker School at Horsham

Agency Address: 250 Meetinghouse Rd, Horsham, PA 19044

Agency Website (If Applicable)

Your Relationship to Agency: Board member of TQS

Other Meeting Members and Attenders Involved with Agency:

Grant Justification: Describe Agency Mission and Alignment with NMM.

TQS uses research-based program provided by compassionate professionals to enable each student with complex challenges to blossom and achieve meaningful personal, social and academic success. Students at TQS have struggled in traditional schools and come with a pressing need for a safe learning environment where they can confidently face the challenges of learning. Students have a mix of disabilities: ADHD, learning disabilities, autism, language disorders and anxiety.

The underlying basis for all things at TQS is the fundamental Quaker belief that there is Light of God within every person, and that we are meant to share that Light through our efforts, our gifts and our actions.



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**Agency Grant Request**

Application Date: **(MM/DD/YY)** 4/25/23

Your Name: Bill Fellows

Your email Address: willfell@me.com

Your Phone Number: **(555-555-5555)** 215-499-9290

Agency Name: Friends Publishing Corporation

Agency Address: 1501 Cherry St., Philadelphia PA 19102

Agency Website (If Applicable) [www.friendsjournal.com](http://www.friendsjournal.com)

Your Relationship to Agency: Board Member

Other Meeting Members and Attenders Involved with Agency: Ann Reece (Board Member),  
many members/attenders are consumers of FPC's publications, videos and podcasts.

Grant Justification: Describe Agency Mission and Alignment with NMM.

Friends Publishing Corporation's mission is to communicate Quaker experience in order to connect and deepen spiritual lives.

It provides publications (including Friends Journal), videos (including the QuakerSpeak series) and more recently podcasts (Quakers Today) that help inform and inspire members and attenders. All of this is available through a comprehensive website available at no cost.

As the face of Quakerism for those who don't know much about the Religious Society of Friends, the work of FPC helps to introduce them to the religion and interest them in attending a Meeting.

There is clear alignment with MMM as many members/attenders are recipients of FPC's materials and some have contributed articles and poems to Friends Journal and have been interviewed for Quaker Speak videos.



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**Agency Grant Request**

Application Date: **(MM/DD/YY)** 4/6/23

Your Name: R. John Davison

Your email Address: [jdavison1950@gmail.com](mailto:jdavison1950@gmail.com)

Your Phone Number: **(555-555-5555)** 215-968-0943

Agency Name: Welcoming the Stranger

Agency Address: P.O. Box 1156 Langhorne, PA. 19047

Agency Website (If Applicable) [www.welcomingthestranger.org](http://www.welcomingthestranger.org)

Your Relationship to Agency: Volunteer teacher since 2008

Other Meeting Members and Attenders Involved with Agency:

Financial contributors: Betsy Crofts, Peter Vari and Eva Jacobovics. Marguerite Chandler sponsored 

Grant Justification: Describe Agency Mission and Alignment with NMM.

Welcoming the Stranger was founded in 1999 to give free classes in English, computer skills, and citizenship prep for immigrants throughout Bucks County. The founder was Reverend Sturgis Poorman, a Haverford College alum ('67) and a "friend of the Friends." Its mission is in line with Friends' testimonies and practices of equality and community



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**Agency Grant Request**

Application Date: **(MM/DD/YY)** 4/27/23

Your Name: Betsy Crofts

Your email Address: emcrofts@gmail.com

Your Phone Number: **(555-555-5555)** 215-359-5820

Agency Name: Friends Committee on Legislation

Agency Address: 245 Second St. NE, Washington DC 20002

Agency Website (If Applicable) [www.fcnl.org](http://www.fcnl.org)

Your Relationship to Agency: Bucks County FCNL Advocacy Team coordinator

Other Meeting Members and Attenders Involved with Agency:

Other AT members include Sharon Hulihan, Wendy Kane, Nancy Martin, Pat Sherwin plus other NMM <sup>+</sup>

Grant Justification: Describe Agency Mission and Alignment with NMM.

FCNL was founded in 1943, the first religious lobbying group on Capitol Hill. "Today, FCNL's work includes many of the issues of concern to Friends, from military spending and racial equality to a more peaceful foreign policy and a healthy environment." [from the website]

Each year FCNL Advocacy teams lobby on one particular policy. This year our team is urging Congress to Invest in Peace by increasing funding for three peacebuilding accounts under State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs (SFOPs) which are part of the U.S. State Department.

FCNL gives Quakers and others with similar values a voice in Washington D.C. so that we may participate in shaping and preserving our democratic system of government at the federal level.

Grant request: \$500



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### Agency Grant Request

Application Date: (MM/DD/YY) 4/28/23

Your Name: Pat McBee

Your email Address: mcbeepatricia@gmail.com

Your Phone Number: (555-555-5555) 215-713-6376

Agency Name: Bucks County Interfaith Coalition for Refugee Resettlement

Agency Address: PO Box 6, Newtown, PA 18940

Agency Website (If Applicable) [www.bcicrr.org](http://www.bcicrr.org)

Your Relationship to Agency: Member of volunteer leadership team

Other Meeting Members and Attenders Involved with Agency: Norma Kaplis, Marguerite Chandler, Bob Anderson, Nancy & Peter Martin

Grant Justification: Describe Agency Mission and Alignment with NMM.

Deep thanks to NFM for supporting refugee families through the work of BCICRR. Last year, if I recall correctly, the meeting provided one month's rent of \$1900 for the Afghan refugee family now settled in Morrisville. I am pleased to report that they are doing well. The head of household is well employed and our rent subsidy to them is now only \$900 per month. They are able to manage all their other financial obligations. The two Syrian families who came to us six years ago are now completely independent of our financial support. One family has purchased a home in Levittown.

Our work's alignment with NMM, in a spiritual sense is that it arose in a leading during worship at NMM. In a moral sense it is a statement of respect and acceptance in the face of distrust and rejection of immigrants and asylum seekers and a testimony to the oneness of all humankind.

This year, BCICRR's mission is shifting. We find that we, as an unincorporated group of individuals, don't have the administrative strength to take on the varied tasks of sponsorship of a refugee family. While we will continue to support the Afghan family for another 2-3 years, we are undertaking to collaborate with two other Bucks County immigrant serving organizations to bring services to our part of Lower Bucks. Details at [www.bcicrr.org](http://www.bcicrr.org). We are seeking \$15,000 for start up of this new project. If the meeting were able to repeat its gift of \$1900 it would be a great boost as we enter into this new

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**Agency Grant Request**

Application Date: **(MM/DD/YY)** 3/29/23

Your Name: Martin Ogletree

Your email Address: martin.ogletree@verizon.net

Your Phone Number: **(555-555-5555)** 267-981-1296

Agency Name: Arch Street Meetinghouse Preservation Trust

Agency Address: 4th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA

Agency Website (If Applicable) <https://www.historicasmh.org/>

Your Relationship to Agency: I am a F/friend of Arch Street Meetinghouse and attend functions there.

Other Meeting Members and Attenders Involved with Agency: Alan Crosman, Carolyn Evans, Jennifer Wo  
Lisa Ogletree is Clerk of the Arch Street Meetinghouse Preservation Trust Board

Grant Justification: Describe Agency Mission and Alignment with NMM.

Arch Street Meetinghouse is the historic gathering place for Philadelphia Quakers and is now a place where thousands of Philadelphia public school children and tourists visit and learn about Quakers each year. It is a venue for Quaker-related events (e.g., Friends in Business, portrayals of historical Quakers and Founding Fathers), weddings and memorial services. It is also the home of Central Philadelphia Monthly Meeting.