

This is a resource to assist individuals within the Strawberry Creek Friends Meeting in identifying the appropriate committee to which to submit their requests for financial assistance.

Sharing Fund

Mutual Care

The Sharing Fund is sometimes available to help people out during a personal crisis. The fund is used only on an occasional basis where Friends need assistance to tide them over for an emergency. In general, the Mutual Care Committee does not extend funds to meet ongoing needs.

Traveling Ministries

Worship & Ministry

Ministries funded are typically Quaker-related ministries, and when appropriate, ministries that reach beyond Quakers to further values related to our testimonies. Services funded are typically for expenses for Friends serving on boards of Quaker organizations, organizations that have significant Quaker participation, and organizations that are supported by Strawberry Creek Monthly Meeting. Process: Apply to Worship and Ministry in writing, giving a background of the ministry or service, its evolution, overall financial needs and other sources of support, the ministry's contribution to SCMM, the larger Quaker community and the world, etc. Funds will not typically exceed half of the anticipated expenses of the ministry or service, including transportation, housing, and other needs. In most cases the funding will \$300 or less. Friends applying typically have a recommendation from their anchoring or clearness committee. It is ideal if Worship and Ministry has about three months to consider a request for funding.

Quaker Events Support Fund

Care of Meeting

Modest financial aid is available to help SCMM members and regular attenders seeking to develop their capacity for service or to enhance a spiritual leading by participation in College Park Quarterly or Pacific Yearly Meetings, Friends General Conference Annual Gathering, and Quaker board or committee meetings. Care of Meeting Committee (COMC) accepts written requests for aid; the committee can provide a set of specific guidelines.

SCMM Free Pass for Quaker Center Programs

Care of Meeting

One SCMM member/attender per month can participate in Quaker Center programs (including summer youth camps) for free by using the meeting Annual Pass. The pass is made available to different people for each program, particularly individuals who might not otherwise participate. To apply, make written request to Care of Meeting Committee.

Retreat Fund

Care of Meeting??

The Retreat Expense Account is intended to make up the difference each year between Retreat Expenses and Retreat Income. Recommended retreat fees are suggested to participants (both Spring and Fall Retreats), but no one is turned away due to lack of funds. Some participants are able to give more than the suggested fee. Many can't afford the full amount. The amount budgeted for the Retreat Expense Account is set based on the shortfall for the previous few years. For 2017 and 2018 the amount is \$2300.

Dime A Gallon Fund

Witness

The dime-a-gallon fund was started by SCM in 2004 for the purpose of educating our Meeting and others about the need to reduce our fossil fuel use and to enable action to that end. For years the fund provided mini-grants (up to \$500) to local projects that directly reduced the use of fossil fuels, supported sustainability education or supported the healthy interdependence of people with nature. In 2017 PESW decided to suspend the mini-grant program and engage the Meeting in further dialogue about the future of the fund while allowing the fund to grow.

Rep's Expenses*

Care of Meeting

PYM Rep and Observer -- For travel expenses and for registration fees, meals, and lodging.

FCLCA and FCL Reps -- For travel expenses, and meals.

CPQM Rep -- For travel expenses, and meals.

***Reimbursement request action, for all 3 accounts:** *Recipient (who must be the Rep or the PYM Observer) submits to the Treasurer, a request for reimbursement for expenses incurred to attend the meeting/function. The request should be written (paper or email), and include a receipt. The Treasurer will write a check for expenses.*

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