

Matching Grants

Matching Grants Can Enable Meetings to Launch Quaker Quest Public Sessions

Friends General Conference is pleased to announce a special matching grant program to help meetings to offer Quaker Quest, the dynamic new inreach and outreach program that has been successful in England and now in the US and Canada.

Thanks to the support of a Quaker donor and a Quaker fund, FGC is offering matching grants up to \$1,500—on a dollar for dollar basis—for any meeting that has made the commitment to offer Quaker Quest for the *first time* in their meeting. FGC will be able to provide a limited number of matching grants each year, on a first-come, first-served basis.

These grants are to be used to help cover the costs of advertising your Quaker Quest series to the general public and are *intended particularly for meetings which do not have access to sufficient financial resources to run Quaker Quest public sessions in their meeting*. Some direct support is available for meetings that cannot raise sufficient matching funds.

The grant criteria and application procedure are listed below.

Criteria

1. A monthly meeting needs to have already held an all-day workshop on Quaker Quest facilitated by two members of the Quaker Quest Traveling Team.
2. The monthly meeting needs to have assembled a core group of six to eight Friends who are committed to working to ensure that the program is done well.
3. The meeting for business needs to have already approved doing the public Quaker Quest sessions.
4. The core group must have a budget for Quaker Quest showing the amount being supplied by the meeting.
5. The meeting must be willing to submit a written report on its experience with Quaker Quest within six months of receiving a grant.
6. The meeting must be holding public sessions for the first time.

Procedure

Please submit a letter from your meeting making a formal request with the following information:

1. A minute from your meeting stating its plan to offer the public Quaker Quest sessions.
2. The budget for Quaker Quest that your meeting has developed showing all costs, and an itemized list of the advertising plans for the series.
3. A specific dollar-amount request for matching funds, up to \$1,500.
4. Your meeting's full budget for your current fiscal year.

Please send your full application to quakerquest@fgcquaker.org. Friends General Conference will respond to your request within one month of receiving your application.

From Friends General Conference's Quaker Quest Basic Information Packet for Meetings. This, and other Quaker Quest documents and information about QQ in the US and Canada, can be found by going to www.fgcquaker.org/quakerquest or emailing quakerquest@fgcquaker.org.

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