

QFJ FUNDING GUIDELINES AND PRINCIPLES

1. Programs arise from concerns based on Friend's principles and testimonies. We need to be responsive to the needs and requests of those with whom we work. When initiating projects ourselves, our leadings must be sensitized by listening to the wishes and needs of those affected by the project.
2. Preference should be given to service not already being undertaken by other groups, and to service providing opportunities for the personal involvement of Friends and those in sympathy with Friends' concerns.
3. People in need should be served regardless of political, religious, national and racial factors. The popularity of programs should not be a factor in their assessment.
4. QFJ strives to cooperate as much as possible with other groups and individuals in its area of concern and, if possible, involve Monthly Meetings in the implementation of specific projects. It is important that through Friends' participation, the non-violent and restorative justice components of the project are strengthened.
5. QFJ will foster justice projects across Canada, through the work of individual Friends and Monthly Meetings. Proposals for the use of funds should be reviewed by QFJ at its spring meeting (end of February or early March) each year. Requests should be made prior to project expenses being incurred.
6. QFJ sees its funding role as appropriate to supporting the startup of a project rather than to providing sustaining core funds to an established organization. Grants applications will be considered for up to \$500.00. Once an organization obtains charitable status, we will end funding as deemed appropriate by the committee. We are still open to supporting specific projects or programs from established organizations.
7. A Friend with a concern for a justice project should test it with the local Monthly Meeting for clearness, and involvement, if appropriate. It should then be presented to QFJ with a minute from the Monthly Meeting.
8. QFJ does not support the use of violence by any means for any purpose whatsoever. QFJ will not support or fund any organization or project whose purposes are contrary to our pacifist principles.
9. An Agency Agreement that outlines the terms and obligations of the grant recipient will be signed by the recipient and QFJ. Funds will not be disbursed until both parties have signed the Agreement.

These guidelines were updated in 2008.