



Hope Grants – Guidance Notes

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Quaker Peace
& Social Witness

The purpose of Hope Grants is to improve the quality of life for anyone who is in membership of, or closely connected with, the Religious Society of Friends in Britain and who is affected by present or past unemployment (either of the person concerned or a member of the household) and/or the inability to make a living wage.

Eligibility

Applicants should be

- a member of, or closely connected with, the Religious Society of Friends in Britain

and

- have impaired quality of life due to present or past unemployment (either of the person concerned or a member of the household) and/or the inability to make a living wage.

Grants are not normally made to full-time students or to those who are retired and no longer looking for work, though overseers are invited to make enquiries about any applications they believe appropriate.

The application must be supported by an overseer (or a Friend appointed to equivalent oversight responsibility within the appropriate Area Meeting) who must be satisfied that:

- The applicant is being inhibited from fully using her/his talents by financial constraints resulting from unemployment and/or the inability to make a living wage

and

- The applicant's quality of life will be improved by a grant

and

- Any appropriate local Quaker or other funds have been considered.

Hope Grants are unlikely to be given for help towards daily living expenses or clearing debt. Overseers are invited to enquire about Overseers Relief funds in these and other circumstances when local funds are not available.

Applications

Applications should be submitted by e-mail on the Adobe pdf application form which can be downloaded with these Guidance Notes. A further document gives additional guidance on downloading and completing Adobe pdf forms for grants.

Both applicant and overseer must complete relevant sections of the form. **Either** may download the form and guidance notes, make enquiries and submit the form. Applications may be made at any time. Grants are usually decided and, if approved paid, within a month.

Sums available

A grant of up to £750 may be made to any one application.

Reapplications

Applicants may re-apply for a grant but will not be considered within 12 months and if necessary priority will be given to first time applicants.

Examples of grants made in recent years

- Equipment for a new or developing hobby (IT equipment, music or sports equipment etc.)
- Help with the cost of attending evening classes or lessons (lifesaving, music, driving, etc.)
- Help with cost of participating fully in the life of the Society of Friends (travel cost to Quaker events, conference fees, etc.)
- Help with travel costs, like visiting an aged relative, a short break e.g. weekend camping, family visiting the seaside.

The funds for these grants come from endowments given to the Society for these specific purposes.

Enquiries should be made to:

Grants Officer, Friends House, 173-177, Euston Road, London NW1 2BJ

Email: grants@quaker.org.uk