

# New England Yearly Meeting Legacy Gift Funds Grant Program

New England Yearly Meeting approved the establishment of two designated funds from the proceeds from the sale of New England Friends Home at Sessions 2014 (Minute 2014-62). At Sessions 2015, Friends approved the following vision and purpose, and names for the two designated funds (minute 2015-27).

## 1. VISION & PURPOSE

The purpose of the Legacy Gift Funds is to support the ministries of New England Yearly Meeting Friends, both within and beyond our region.

Guided by our living testimonies, we seek to strengthen our Witness through the funding of public and released ministry, beginning with attention to Racism and Climate Change and understanding that this is a starting point and concerns beyond these may also be funded. We seek to nurture our beloved community through the support of education, outreach, released ministry, and meetinghouse projects.

The Legacy Funds will serve as potent seeds to help Friends answer God's call in our time and to strengthen the new life that is already rising up in our Yearly Meeting. (minute 2015-27)

## 2. THE FUNDS

### NEYM Witness and Ministry Fund:

- Annual income from NEYM Witness and Ministry Fund, **estimated to be between \$15,000 and \$20,000 per year**, will be awarded annually to support **witness** and **ministry** until 2024, when the designation will be revisited to discern if it is still serving a vital purpose or if the funds should be put to another use. Change in this designation will require approval at Annual Sessions. (see minute 2014-62).
- **Grant Size:** In FY 2020, approximately **\$30,000** will be available and the Legacy Grant Committee anticipates awarding between **2 and 4** grants.

### NEYM Future Fund:

- Responding to a strong sense of urgency from within the Yearly Meeting, as well as in our world, grants from the **NEYM Future Fund** (approximately \$350K) will be awarded in 2 cycles per year (NEYM fiscal year), beginning in Fall 2015, **for 3 years**, or **until all the funds are awarded**, based on the applications received.
- **Grant Size:** Grants from the **NEYM Future Fund** will be between \$500 and \$10,000.
- **Future Fund Update:** The NEYM Legacy Gift Committee has completed four years of the Future Fund and has awarded a total of \$517,000 for New England Friends work in the world. In fall 2019, the Committee will take a break from reviewing applications to consider management of the remaining balance in the Future Fund, which is approximately \$50,000.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

Grants from both funds will be awarded to support the ministries of NEYM, both within and beyond New England, and will be made to committees of NEYM, its constituent monthly or quarterly meetings; to bodies of NEYM (e.g., NEYM staff, Young Friends, Young Adult Friends); as well as to individual members of NEYM monthly meetings under the direct care and oversight of one of the aforementioned committees, meetings or bodies of NEYM (e.g., for the release of a Friend to carry out work in the ministries of NEYM).

**Repeat Funding:** Grantees must submit a final report before applying for another Legacy Grant.

### 4. DEADLINES for YEAR FIVE (NEYM FY20)

NEYM Witness and Ministry Fund	NEYM Future Fund
<b>Monday, March 2, 2020</b> Expected disbursement June 2020	<b>Expected deadline in Fall 2020</b> Announcement will be made in summer 2020

**Application Process:** You **must** submit your application electronically. DO NOT MAIL to the NEYM Offices. We cannot process paper applications.

Please submit the appropriate application form along with a letter of support from the monthly or quarterly meeting, or NEYM committee that will have care of the proposed ministry or project, by the deadline above. **Email your application to:** [legacy@neym.org](mailto:legacy@neym.org)

Grant decisions will be made by the Legacy Gift Committee through prayerful discernment, based on the letter of support and application letter, as well as discussions with the applicant(s).

The Legacy Gift Committee strives to make the grant process transparent and effective. To this end, committees, groups and individuals that receive grants agree to allow information about their funded projects to be included in reports and outreach materials of the Legacy Gift Funds and/or New England Yearly Meeting.

Grant recipients will be required to submit annual reports on the progress of funded projects for the duration of the project, and a final report when the project is completed. Any changes to funded projects or ministry that result in a major change in the budget require approval of the meeting or committee with oversight and the Legacy Committee.

Questions can be directed to the Legacy Gift Committee co-clerks, Suzanna Schell & Jean McCandless, at [legacy@neym.org](mailto:legacy@neym.org)