

New England Yearly Meeting

Gifts Application Guidelines

1. VISION & PURPOSE

The purpose of the Gifts 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. We seek to nurture our beloved community through the support of education, outreach, released ministry, and meetinghouse projects.

The 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 and Salem Quarter Fund

- Annual income from NEYM Witness and Ministry Fund, will be awarded annually to support witness and ministry until 2034, when the designation will be revisited to discern whether 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). Salem Quarter Fund is administered by the Gift Committee until the Quarter ends its sabbatical and resumes responsibility for its Fund.
- **Grant Size:** Currently, approximately **\$20,000** is available in the Witness & Ministry Fund for annual distribution. Additional funds from Salem Quarter Fund may be available. The Gifts Committee anticipates one or two grant cycles each year, one in the spring, and another in the fall if enough funds remain for a second cycle. Grants range from \$500 to \$10,000.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Grants 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). At Summer Sessions 2026 the guidelines were modified to strengthen our ministries with indigenous peoples to allow meetings and individuals in relationship with native tribes to provide direct assistance to tribes and individuals in efforts to repair historical damage. Assistance to indigenous peoples may be provided as a grant or as a gift. The key difference lies in whether the funds are given out of detached generosity (gift) within the restrictions of the IRS or if they come with reciprocal obligations, strict performance requirements, or expected deliverables (grant).

Repeat Funding: Grantees must submit a final report before applying for another grant. See full guidelines for repeat funding here. [Applying for a Legacy Grant | New England Yearly Meeting](#)

4. DEADLINES: Deadline dates are posted on the Gifts page of the NEYM.org website and announced in the NEYM newsletter.

5. 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 entity that will have care of the proposed ministry or project, by the application deadline. The letter of support should affirm the project or ministry is being taken under their care, including appointment of an oversight of ministry/care committee for individual applicants, and agreement to provide fiscal oversight. **Email your application to:** legacy@neym.org

Grant decisions will be made by the Gifts Committee through prayerful discernment, based on the application, letter of support, and meetings with the applicant(s) and members of their committees (for individual applicants). The review process may take up to 2 or 3 months. Once grants have been awarded, it may take several weeks for the funds to be received.

The Gifts 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 Gift funds and/or New England Yearly Meeting.

Grant recipients are required to submit a report by one year from when the grant was awarded. If the duration of the funded project exceeds a year, a final report is required 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 NEYM entity with oversight and the Gifts Committee.

Questions can be directed to the Gifts Committee clerk at legacy@neym.org.