

PYM Unity with Nature Committee 2014 Mini-Grant Program for Monthly Meetings

This year, the Unity with Nature Committee is continuing its Mini-Grant program to fund worthy proposals by monthly meetings in PYM for Earthcare projects. These funds come from sales of handmade items at our Earthcare table during the Annual Session as well as individual donations, and are not from the PYM budget.

Unity With Nature Mini-Grants support Quaker projects having a primary purpose of benefiting the natural world and/or promoting ecological awareness and education in the community. Friends' organizations—whether a school, meeting or other group—are eligible to apply for these annual awards. Partnerships with non-Quaker groups in the community are encouraged.

Please announce this opportunity to your Monthly Meeting and encourage Friends to apply for any relevant project in your Meeting that needs some additional, external funding to make it a reality.

* Mini-grants are a maximum of \$200, depending on the expense budget submitted. Grants are made to a Friends' organization, not to an individual.

* Deadline for application is May 31. We will inform applicants of our decision and make funds available by the end of the annual session next summer.

* The grants are to support activities or materials that would benefit the local environment or environmental awareness in the meeting. The possibilities are wide, limited only by your imagination. Examples are:

- Obtaining super-efficient appliances like a Sun Frost Refrigerator
- Ingredients for an organic garden, tree-planting, or drought-resistant plants
- Materials for ecological education (adult or children)
- Trip costs or scholarship for an environmental project or workshop
- Holding a locavore, zero-waste or similar sustainable event
- Installing rainwater catchment or graywater irrigation

* Activities involving meeting members and/or children are strongly encouraged, as are mini-grant projects which substantially involve the participants in their planning and completion. However, mini-grants are not intended to pay for services and labor by participants.

* Projects in which the Meeting (or other Friendly organization) matches the expenses are encouraged, but this is not required.

* Mini-grant recipients agree to document their project, furnishing a progress report no later than 6 months after receiving the funds, attaching digital photos where possible.

PYM Unity With Nature Committee Mini-Grant Application 2014

Please complete the application form below. Provide and attach a project description, which must include 1) an itemized budget, 2) a concise and complete description of activities, and 3) a timeline for completion.

Include a signed letter from your Treasurer or the Clerk of your Finance Committee, stating the total cost of your project and your Meeting's financial contribution.

Using MS Word or standard PDF format, email the material to Muriel Strand at auntym@earthlink.net and Catherine de Neergaard at cadeneergaard@gmail.com .

For more information, contact Muriel Strand at auntym@earthlink.net or 916-457-7141

Title of Project _____

Date of submission _____

Name of your Quaker Meeting, organization, and/or partners

Name of contact person _____

Email address of contact person _____

Telephone # _____

Name of Treasurer / Clerk of Finance _____

Email address of Treasurer/Clerk _____

Telephone # _____

Amount requested for mini-grant _____

Mini-grant check made out to _____

Address where mini-grant check would be sent:
