

Minute to establish a Community Sharing Fund Revised July, 2023

Community Sharing Fund Working Group (Under the care or PESW)

Spirit is calling us to bring our Quaker values into the community in more real and tangible ways. The working group recommends that Strawberry Creek Meeting establish a Community Sharing Fund to begin in 2021.

Purpose:

Support organizations in our East Bay Community that are addressing social, racial and equity issues and serving people in need and in the East Bay community, with a particular focus on addressing the disproportionate impacts on communities of color.

Criteria for selecting organizations:

- Organizations located in and serving the East Bay.
- Organizations serving communities of color.
- Organizations led by people of color (at least 50% to go to these organizations).

Proposed workings of the CSF

- The Community Sharing Fund is an on-going experiment, to be evaluated annually.
- Funding will come from individual donations, and the Meeting's reserves.
- The proposed amount of the CSF to be at least \$10,000, but will depend on available Meeting reserves and donations
- Grants will be disbursed annually, with no strings attached. Recipients are not required to report back.
- Grants from the CSF can be disbursed to organizations the Meeting already supports.
- The Community Sharing Fund sub-committee will seek recommendations for organizations from the Strawberry Creek Meeting community.
- The Meeting seeks to establish a personal connection with CSF recipients as a way of reaching out to, and being part of our community.
- The Meeting shall establish a sub-committee under the care of the Peace Earthcare and Social Witness Committee to evaluate opportunities and organizations and to disburse grants on behalf of the Meeting. The sub-committee may be drawn from the wider Strawberry Creek Meeting community.
- The sub-committee shall evaluate each year's CSF results and possible next steps for future years.