

Minute to establish a Community Sharing Fund

Community Sharing Fund Working Group

In response to Covid 19 and the current pandemic, 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:

The purpose of the Community Sharing Fund (CSF) is to support organizations in our East Bay community that are responding to the impacts of Covid 19 and the Pandemic 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 and Individuals (as allowed by IRS) responding to the impacts of the Pandemic.
- 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 CSF is a one year experiment, to be evaluated at the end of this year.
- The proposed amount of the CSF to be at least \$10,000.
- Funding for this year will come from a one-time donation of \$4,000 from the Sharing Fund (Mutual Care), individual donations totaling \$2,200 to date, and the Meeting's existing reserves.
- Grants will be disbursed within the year, 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 CSF 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 shall evaluate this year's CSF results and possible next steps for future years.

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