



NEW ENGLAND  
YEARLY MEETING  
OF FRIENDS  
QUAKERS

February 25, 2022

Dear Susan Hoskins and Friends Foundation for the Aging leadership:

New England Yearly Meeting (NEYM) seeks funding from Friends Foundation for the Aging in 2022-2023 to support a New England based Aging Resources Coordinator working in partnership with New York Yearly Meeting's (NYYM) thriving Aging Resources Consultation and Help (ARCH) Program.

Leadership from both NEYM and NYYM have explored how the benefits of [NYYM's ARCH Program](#) could be shared with New England Friends and local meetings via a regional coordinator working about 10-15 hours per month and supported by NYYM's ARCH Director (Callie Janoff). We believe this partnership between two neighboring Yearly Meetings would require a relatively modest amount of resources and would offer Quaker meetings, families, and individuals something there is a pressing need for—resources, learning opportunities, and care along the challenging stretches of the aging journey.

NEYM believes this partnership with NYYM will be fruitful not only because of our adjacent geography and common faith, but also because ARCH's approach to this work is so well aligned with our own understanding of best practice: inviting communities as a whole (rather than a few individuals) into the service of mutual accompaniment and better understanding of aging-related concerns, lifting up the powerful ways God continues to work through us as we age and as we more fully live into multigenerational community.

Because our vision is to build upon the solid foundation of NYYM's existing ARCH program, we believe this partnership makes good sense in practical terms; a relatively "light lift" compared to the consequential impact it will have on New England Friends who are grappling mightily with the needs of aging members.

As you will see detailed in our draft budget below, we estimate we would need about \$8,637 on top of the funds we already possess to make a two year experiment with this model possible. We have chosen two years as the length of time for this initial experiment because we know that relationship-based work takes time. By giving the New England Coordinator enough time to establish relationships with individuals and meetings as well as spread the word about what is available, we believe we will better be able to evaluate the success of this endeavor and build on-going support for it into our overall budget.

We plan to evaluate the success of this project via surveys supplemented by follow up conversation (at the beginning, midpoint, and two-year mark) to both individuals directly engaged in the program and local meeting Ministry & Counsel and/or Pastoral Care Committees.

We hope that you are clear to approve this letter of intent and welcome a full proposal from us in time for your March 15th deadline. Thank you for your consideration.

On behalf of New England Yearly Meeting,

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**Estimated Budget**

Item	Notes	Amount
New England Coordinator wages	Pay for 15 hours per month for 24 months at a rate of \$22.75 per hour  NEYM already has \$3,853 remaining from a previous FFA grant which would be put towards this	\$8,190
ARCH Director wages	Pay for time spent on training and monthly supervision and coordinating meetings with ARCH Director (approximately 30 hours over the course of 24 months at \$75/hour)	\$2,250
Coordinator travel and admin	Travel and meal reimbursement, materials, etc.	\$1000
NEYM staff support	Onboarding to NEYM's email/internal communication systems and payroll/time tracking; periodic meetings with NEYM staff to identify points of integration with other NEYM events, to connect with intended audiences via NEYM communications channels, and to coordinate wider pastoral care efforts/local meeting relationships as needed. Approximately 30 hours at \$35 per hour	\$1,050

**Total project cost: \$12,490**

**Less funds already held by NEYM from previous FFA grant: \$3,853**

**Total amount sought: \$8,637**