



FFA at a Glance

Mission statement: Friends Foundation for the Aging is a Quaker foundation supporting organizations that provide innovative, sustainable, equitable programs and leadership to advance healthy aging for older adults and their families, grounded in Friends' values.

Vision A world where older adults have dignity and self-determination, are valued and respected, and have adequate resources, housing, healthcare, support, and community.

Values Friends Foundation for the Aging values and philosophy flow from the Quaker testimonies of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality (equity), and stewardship, providing the lens through which possible grants are viewed. Guiding Principles (click here for definitions) include:

- service to diverse populations
- potential to create change
- leveraging resources
- collaboration
- engagement of employees and participants
- integration of services
- continuing engagement of FFA

Priority areas:

- Quaker organizations and those with aligned values
- Focus on underserved populations (such as low income, minority, immigrant, LGBTQI) and small, grass-roots community-based organizations that struggle to find funding elsewhere
- Innovative projects that target specific focus areas (technology, isolation, dementia, direct care staff, intergenerational, ageism, etc), that present models for sustainable replication, and engage collaboration toward aging well
- Coordination of care and support of family caregivers
- Development of future leaders in aging services
- Intergenerational interaction
- If not Quaker, organizations in the Greater Philadelphia – New Jersey--New York region

How we grant

FFA grantmaking is anchored in Friends' values. At present, most grants provide program support for a single year, although funding may continue for additional years. Collaborations are encouraged, and we seek innovation, sustainability and replicability. FFA expects to develop trusting relationships with grantee partners, seeking feedback, with responsive availability and conversations throughout the year, simplified processes, and transparency. It all starts with a conversation. *Please read [Applying for a Grant and Reporting on a Grant for process details](#).*