

Thank you so much for the invitation (relayed by Hilary) to clarify the additional capacity that a QVS fellow could add to Pendle Hill's work with older adults.

The Pendle Hill proposal requests FFA's continued funding of our online programming – the upgrade of our website to accessible ADA compliance, continued funding of our First Monday expenses and Reading Group expenses, and \$8000 of outreach and engagement work. (I will note there is a typo in Outreach and Engagement budget submitted. The total listed for "Total Outreach and Engagement" is correct, as is our total request to FFA, but the breakdown should be \$4000 for staff time of outreach & engagement, and \$4000 for publicity materials.) This is a reduction by half of last year's FFA budget for outreach and engagement, which covers creation of publicity materials, and outreach to Meetings and Friends' communities and Pendle Hill's larger audience about the online programming that FFA funds.

Our proposal is that the QVS Fellow could play a significant role in making these online resources more accessible and usable and responsive to the needs of older adults. Specifically, we envision the QVS fellow working closely with the other FFA grantees. Currently, I only have capacity to connect with the other grantees during our biannual convenings, but we envision the QVS Fellow meeting individually with stakeholders from the other grantees who are interested, as well as Friends' retirement communities and other communities of older adults (including staff and participants). The Fellow would identify how our resources are currently being used, how existing resources could better be shared with these communities, what new resources would be of particular interest to these communities, and would explore creative ways of engaging older adults with these resources – possibly through creation of independent study groups and other creative accompaniment structures. The QVS Fellow would also support and strengthen our existing programs, especially providing tech support that older adults profoundly benefit from, and assisting in our broader outreach efforts with a focus on older adults.

The QVS placement is unusual because applicants' individual capacities and leadings range widely, and at Pendle Hill we try to make best use of the spiritual and professional gifts each fellow brings. I have just had the opportunity to interview the five QVS candidates who are interested in the Pendle Hill placement, and I am extraordinarily excited about the expanded capacity any of them could bring to this role. I am particularly excited that many of the applicants are young Friends who are excited to be investing in multigenerational Friends' community, and who I would look forward to mentoring into further leadership in the Religious Society of Friends.

Please don't hesitate to let me know if you have additional questions.

In friendship, Frances