

Description of Fund Distribution

Many Meeting House buildings are in need of repairs or improvements. The amount of money available annually from the Meeting Houses and Properties Fund is not sufficient to cover more than a partial amount of the necessary costs. Therefore, the money cannot be granted to all of the Meetings' requests. Several criteria are used in evaluating how the available funds are distributed. These criteria include the following:

- Repairs are needed to ensure the safety and comfort of attenders
- Maintenance and repairs are needed to protect the integrity of the physical building
- Building improvements will result in less expense in the future
- Improvements will make the building and property more attractive to attenders

In addition, the repairs or improvements should fit into the context of the overall activity of a Meeting (this is one reason why the annual State of the Meeting report is requested with the application). Also, the commitment of a Meeting to make the change or repair is demonstrated and measured by the money already in hand or its guaranteed availability. It is very unlikely that a grant will be awarded to pay substantially for all of the costs of a project.

Any physical project is expected to be complete or at least well underway by the end of the calendar year in which the funds are granted. If this is not the case, the previously allocated money will be returned to the Fund and will be included in the following year's distributions. Meetings which find themselves in this latter position may then reapply for a similar grant in the following year.

See the Trustees page on the NYYM website for further information about the application process.