Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
Grandom Institution

1. Does our organization have to be associated with the Society of Friends (Quakers) to be eligible?
   A: No, Grandom Institution gives regardless of affiliation.

2. Does Grandom consider new organizations or only returning organizations?
   A: Grandom considers both new and returning organizations.

3. Does Grandom accept applications from individuals or low income households?
   A: No, Grandom does not accept applications from individuals, only organizations.

4. What is the maximum grant level?
   A: The current grant averages $4,000, and Grandom will consider requests up to $10,000.

5. Does Grandom require matching funds?
   A: No, but matching funds and leveraged funds are preferable. If you have matching funds, please identify the source and the expected amount of match.

6. Does my organization have to be in Philadelphia?
   A: Grandom gives preference to Philadelphia based organizations, but can also fund projects in Montgomery, Delaware or Bucks counties.

7. What is Grandom’s definition of low income?
   A: Grandom uses 200% of the federal poverty level for bill payment assistance eligibility, and 80% of the Area Median Income for energy efficiency or renewable energy projects. Please consult the Philadelphia Energy Directory for details: www.ecasavesenergy.org.

8. Does Grandom require that bill payment assistance recipients apply for LIHEAP, Crisis and other existing funds prior to using Grandom funds?
   A: Yes, Grandom requires that organizations systematically leverage LIHEAP and other existing programs, prior to using Grandom grant funds.
9. **What are some examples of clean energy programs?**

   A: The following is a partial list of examples. Grandom is interested in promoting innovation, so this list is provided for illustrative purposes only.

   - Self-help weatherization workshops
   - Direct installation of cost effective measures that are beyond the ability of most residents, such as programmable thermostats
   - Energy efficiency improvements, weatherization
   - Community solar or other low income solar program
   - Fuel switching from inefficient fuel oil to high efficiency heat pump

10. **What is the difference between heating assistance and bill payment assistance?**

   A. Heating assistance is a broader term meaning any form of assistance which helps reduce a low income family’s energy burden in winter. Please see the answer to question 9 for examples.

   Bill payment assistance is essentially a small grant, usually of $100 per year per household, to help pay an energy bill for a low income household.