2023 LGBTQ+ Giving Circle Grants

Information Sheet

Grants range from $2,500 - $25,000

Grant Description

The LGBTQ+ Giving Circle will provide grants between $2,500 - $25,000 to CBO's working to raise

visibility and address the needs of LGBTQ+ communities within Lancaster County. Priority will be given

to proposals that center the most vulnerable LGBTQ+ communities and provide support for those most

affected by systemic injustices such as racism, homophobia, transphobia, and misogyny.

Eligibility Summary

Eligible applying organizations must meet the following requirements:

- Serve Lancaster County***** residents without discrimination.
- Current 501(c)(3)****** designation from the IRS.
- Registered with the Pennsylvania Bureau of Charitable Organizations unless otherwise exempt per the Institutions of Purely Public Charity Act.
- Complete IRS Form 990 annually.
- Annual audit or a financial review by an independent CPA is within the last 12 months.
- In good standing with all existing awards and contracts with the Lancaster County Community Foundation.
- Provide organizational Non-Discrimination Policy meeting all federal requirements as it applies to your type of organization [(FAQs)](#).
- Be aware of the Community Foundation's [Anti-Hate policy](#).

Application Process

1. Complete application at Lancfound.org/grants.
2. Final deadline is May 19 at 11:59 pm
3. For this grant, there is no letter of intent or feedback process.

Grant Timeline

- March 10 – Grants and Opportunities Information Session – Grants Open.
- May 19 – Grant Applications must be complete by 11:59 pm.
- May 22 – June 5 – Grants Review
- June 8 – Award notifications to applicants (yes or no)
- Completion Report due: June 30, 2024

Application questions

- PROJECT NARRATIVE: Describe the proposed project, the geographic area(s) of Lancaster County it will serve, and the distinct audiences to be served; clearly state how this project centers LGBTQ+ communities. (2,000 characters)
- FUNDING: Restate the amount you are seeking through this grant opportunity and describe any other funding sources and amounts you are exploring. If this proposal is not funded at the level requested, will you be able to implement aspects of the project as stated? (2,000 characters)
- BUDGET: Please provide a detailed budget which itemizes each item or service, a description, and the portion of grant funds being dedicated to that piece. (2,000 characters)
- PROJECT SUCCESS: What will project success look like and how will project success be measured and documented? How will you conduct program evaluation (collecting value statements, numbers served, surveys, measuring impact, or using other methods)? (2,000 characters)

- ACCESS & INCLUSION: The LGBTQ+ Giving Circle affirms the need for intersectional and equitable strategies in all of its funded projects. Describe how your project will consider its outreach to LGBTQ+ community members. How does the project directly bring visibility or provide services that affirm and support these communities? How is the project considering equity and intersectionality amongst all members of LGBTQ+ communities? (2,000 characters)

Evaluation Criteria

- Connection to LGBTQ+ Giving Circle's mission and priorities outlined in the grant description
- Focus on LGBTQ+ communities is clearly specified and defined
- Narrative provides a clear picture of all proposed actions and activities.
- Project/program dates and locations are clearly addressed and anticipated.
- Project has an achievable funding plan.
- Project demonstrates how it will be inclusive and accessible to all audiences.
- Budget clearly defines where awarded funds will be applied.

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