



2024 LGBTQ+ Giving Circle Information Sheet

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

Grant Description

The LGBTQ+ Giving Circle will provide grants between \$2,500 - \$25,000 to CBOs working to raise visibility and address the needs of LGBTQ+ communities in Lancaster County. Priority will be given to applications that consider the intersectionality of identities and that center the most vulnerable LGBTQ+ communities and those most affected by systemic injustices such as racism, homophobia, transphobia, and misogyny.

To view past project examples, go to this URL: <https://www.lancfound.org/fund/lgbtq-giving-circle-fund/>

Eligibility 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 <https://www.lancfound.org/grants>
2. Due date is May 17 at 11:59 pm
3. May 17 – June 5 – application review by LGBTQ+ Giving Circle
4. For this grant, there is no letter of intent or feedback process

Grant Timeline

- Application opens: March 12, 2024
- Final applications due: May 17 at 11:59 pm
- Award notifications: June 14, 2024
- Grant funding period: June 14, 2024, to June 13, 2025
- Completion Report due: July 11, 2025

Application Question Preview

PROJECT NARRATIVE – Describe the proposed project, the geographic area(s) of Lancaster County it will serve, and the distinct audiences to be served. (2,000 characters)

FUNDING – Restate the amount you are seeking through this grant opportunity and describe any other funding sources and amounts you exploring. If this application is not funded at the requested level, will you be able to implement aspects of the project as stated? (2,000 characters)

BUDGET – Provide a detailed budget that lists each item or service, a description, and the portion of grant funds being dedicated to that piece. (2,000 characters)

PROJECT SUCCESS – Describe the goals for the success of the project and how that success will 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 within the project? (2,000 characters)

Evaluation Criteria Preview

- 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 intersectional, inclusive, and accessible to all audiences
- Budget clearly defines where awarded funds will be applied

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