



2017 GLBT Community Projects Fund Guidelines

The GLBT Community Projects Fund is a unique partnership between The Miami Foundation and the National LGBTQ Task Force, based in Washington, DC. In 2005, the Task Force assumed leadership for producing two signature events for Greater Miami's LGBTQ community: the Winter Party Festival in the spring and the National LGBTQ Task Force Gala-Miami (formerly the Miami Recognition Dinner) in the fall. Thanks to the efforts of local LGBTQ leaders, a share of the proceeds from these events stay in the local community through a Fund established at the Foundation.

The Miami Foundation has a long history of supporting nonprofits working on LGBTQ issues at the grassroots level. Through the GLBT Community Projects Fund, we work with an advisory committee of local community leaders, appointed by the Foundation, to design the grantmaking process, review proposals and award grants each year to deserving nonprofits in Greater Miami.

The Fund's Purpose

The GLBT Community Projects Fund's goal is to advance education and public awareness of LGBTQ issues and support the local LGBTQ community. The Fund's committee considers proposals for general program support, specific projects and capacity building activities that further its priorities. The Fund's committee considers requests that address current and emerging needs, with a particular interest in community building.

The Miami Foundation

Established in 1967, The Miami Foundation uses civic leadership, community investment and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for everyone who calls Greater Miami home. For 50 years, we have partnered with individuals, families and corporations who have created more than 1,000 personalized, philanthropic Funds. Thanks to them, we have awarded over \$250 million in grants and currently manage over \$300 million in assets to build a better Miami. As the Foundation marks our 50th anniversary, our commitment is to foster those passions that spur people to give – a sense of being connected to and investing in our community's past, present and future – for a more resilient tomorrow.

Eligibility

Applicants should be nonprofit organizations that have:

- Demonstrated involvement in addressing LGBTQ issues
- Projects and programs that benefit Miami-Dade County residents
- 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status or projects with an established fiscal agent. Case-by-case consideration will be given to grassroots groups or associations taking on important projects with a charitable purpose.

Grant amounts and use

Grants range from \$2,500 to \$15,000. Grants may be used to support costs directly related to implementing a program, such as salaries of program staff or consultants, outreach, marketing, supplies, materials, events, local travel, and reasonable indirect costs (overhead). We do not provide grants for memberships, fundraising events, annual campaigns, endowments, memorials or reducing deficits.

Number of requests

Nonprofits may submit one proposal. If a program is a collaborative effort between two or more nonprofits, partners must select one nonprofit to serve as lead applicant. Colleges and universities may submit up to three (3) requests from multiple departments, which we will consider competitively against each other and other applications.

Fund Priorities

Priority will be given to proposals deemed strongest in one or more areas below.

1. Strengthen the programs and capacity of nonprofits whose main focus is serving the LGBTQ community as well as other groups that show commitment to addressing LGBTQ issues.
2. Foster collaboration on programs and events among groups within the LGBTQ community and with other LGBTQ-friendly organizations.
3. Address the health*, human service and social justice needs stated below. (**Health-related requests should focus on factors related to people's sexual orientation and/or gender identity that impact their health.*)
 - Social services and health needs of transgender people
 - Services and support for homeless LGBTQ youth
 - Social justice efforts such as advocacy to protect or advance civil rights and liberties or combat discrimination; non-partisan voter education on issues like legal rights of LGBTQ families
 - Services and support assisting LGBTQ youth and their families; seniors; African-American, Caribbean and Hispanic residents isolated due to race, ethnicity or economics
 - Services and support addressing anti-LGBTQ violence or domestic violence in the LGBTQ community

Application process

Applicants must submit a proposal via the Foundation's online grants application portal. To access the online portal, please visit the [Grant Programs](#) page on our website and carefully review the registration instructions.

The most competitive proposals demonstrate clarity in addressing the Fund's priorities, achieving measurable outcomes, and delivering quality activities that can lead to those outcomes.

The Fund's Committee will evaluate requests and may conduct in-person interviews with applicants during the review process. Please note: interviews are for informational purposes and not indicative of funding decisions.

Proposal narrative questions (Character counts include spaces)

1. Please provide a brief summary of the proposed program. (350 characters)
2. Benefit to the LGBT Community (1,700 characters). Identify the following:
 - Demographics and number to be served
 - The issue and how it fits the organization's mission
 - How the project addresses the issue
3. Details of Project (2,000 characters). Identify the following:
 - Where, when, and how often activities will take place
 - Organization's capacity to implement the program
 - Strategy to secure future income sources and sustain the program beyond this grant
4. Expected Outcomes of Project (1,700 characters). Identify the following:
 - The top 3 specific, measurable outcomes demonstrating your program's impact
 - The methods will you use to measure results
 - For example: *Participants (or X% of participants) will achieve Y result, as measured by Z method.*
5. Additional Comments (1,250 characters).

Required attachments (Each must be a single document in PDF format)

- Proposal budget form (download at miamifoundation.org/grantprograms)
- Organization's current annual operating budget
- Current Board of Directors List including names, titles and affiliation (one page)
- Most recent Statement of Financial Position (Balance Sheet) & Statement of Activities (Income Statement)
- Most recent 990 (first page only)

Timeline

- Proposals due: Thursday, July 13, 2017 by 4 p.m.
- Applicant Interviews (held at the discretion of the committee): August 21 – August 31, 2017
- Estimated notification of grant awards: Friday, September 22, 2017
- Grant period: October 1, 2017 – September 30, 2018

For questions, please contact

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