



Proudly Announces...

2020 Community Grants

The LGBT+ Giving Circle requests proposals for its ninth round of Community Grants. These grants will assist organizations working to bridge diversity and cultivate community.

The LGBT+ Giving Circle was founded in 2011 by a group of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and allies.

Our mission is to unite donors to support organizations that serve, are inclusive of, or are allied with the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community to enhance and strengthen our region.

Each LGBT+ Giving Circle member contributes to the LGBT+ Fund for Greater Rochester which in turn makes grants to nonprofits selected by the members. By pooling their contributions together, like-minded individuals decide together how money should be distributed and thus, are able to create an impact far greater than each could individually.

Who's eligible to apply for grants from the LGBT+ Fund for Greater Rochester?

Organizations classified by the Internal Revenue Service as a 509(a)(1) or 509(a)(2) public charity under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, serving Monroe, Ontario, Wayne, Genesee, Livingston, Orleans, Seneca, and Yates Counties. Organizations must be headquartered in one of these counties; OR, alternatively, an organization may apply if its services are sufficiently unique as to be otherwise unavailable in these eight counties. This can include service, charitable, faith-based, fraternal, educational, and government organizations and institutions, as well as other charitable organizations.

A 501(c)(3) organization may submit only one Proposal per grant-making cycle.

Only organizations and institutions that have a non-discrimination policy stating that they do not discriminate based on **sexual orientation and gender expression** in employment, promotion, or provision of services (OR, are a first-time applicant committed to developing an inclusive nondiscrimination policy during the course of the grant year).

Community Grant projects should accomplish some, if not all, of the following:

- Further the mission of the LGBT+ Giving Circle;
- Keep the grant money in the community at large and support the local economy;

- Encourage communication and cooperation among organizations, associations, agencies, and institutions in the community;
- Leverage support from other sources;
- Address a need, population, or issue that has been underserved or underfunded.

What will not be funded:

The following are excluded from consideration:

1. Political campaigns and legislative lobbying efforts
2. Building projects, including facilities improvement projects
3. Capital campaigns
4. Endowment campaigns
5. Direct support for individuals
6. Proposals from private foundations (private non-operating foundations)
7. Gala events and other special fundraising events
8. Projects that exclusively serve religious purposes
9. Projects completed before December 1, 2020
10. Any costs associated with this proposal that the applicant has, or will have, incurred prior to December 1, 2020

Additional Requirements:

- Projects must begin no earlier than December 1, 2020 and end by November 30, 2021.
- During the assessment cycle:
 1. Applicants may be contacted by a member of the Grantmaking committee, with requests for clarification or additional data.
 2. Applicants may be visited by members of the LGBT+ Giving Circle Grantmaking committee.
- Once a grant has been awarded, grantees will be required to:
 1. Provide periodic updates as requested.
 2. Complete a Final Report, which the LGBT+ Giving Circle will send to the grantee shortly after a grant is made.
 3. Attend at least one LGBT+ Giving Circle meeting or event to report on their project. Presentations may be videotaped and shared with members of the LGBT+ Giving Circle.
 4. Accommodate site visit(s), as requested.
- Changes to the funded project(s)/program(s) must be approved by the LGBT+ Grant Making Committee.

Grant awards and amounts will be determined by the members of the LGBT+ Giving Circle.

In this cycle, grants will likely range from \$1,500 to \$3,000.

How do I apply?

Eligible organizations should submit their application via Rochester Area Community Foundation's [online grant portal](#). First time users to the portal will need to register their organization's information to create an account before applying. Please make sure the contact information for the account created, especially the user and email address, is for the person primarily responsible for the application. See the tutorial video on the login screen for registration tips. To register, login, or begin a new application [click here](#).

Applications are due by **Thursday, July 23, 2020**. Awards will be made in November 2020. *Each organization may make one submission per grant cycle.*

If you have any questions, please contact a Program Administrator at the Community Foundation at grants@racf.org or (585) 341-4348.

Thank you for your interest in submitting a request for funding from the LGBT+ Giving Circle.