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LGBTQ+ Giving Circle Request for Proposals

Greater Cincinnati Foundation (GCF) invites your organization to partner with us to drive equitable change in our community. Change is sparked when people come together – in partnership, collaboration and generosity. Our role is to align the right players. Then, coordinate their efforts and contributions in a way that creates the most impact.

GCF invests in the expertise of trusted partners to build a more equitable region. One of the many ways we support our partners is by offering competitive grants that align with our donors' interest areas. Funding in these areas is made available through our Request for Proposal (RFP) process.

This year GCF and a group of passionate donors have joined together to meaningfully and collectively support the LGBTQ+ Community through the LGBTQ+ Giving Circle RFP. Grants will be awarded up to the \$15,000 level. To be considered for funding, proposals must be submitted by **Friday, October 7, 2022 at 5:00pm.**

Funding Focus

Proposals should explicitly address the following purpose(s):

- Ensure that vulnerable LGBTQ+ residents of our region have access to safe shelter and/or affordable housing.
- Increase access to well-integrated and/or trauma-informed mental health services for LGBTQ+ people in our region.

Use of Funds

Funding may be used to support, expand, or strengthen existing programs or launch a new program. Collaboration between like organizations is highly favored. Funding will not be awarded for campaigns or special events. For more specifics of what funding may be used for, please review our [Grant FAQs](#).



Criteria

- Applicants must be classified as tax-exempt by the IRS, typically 501(c)(3) status or government agency. If your organization is not a 501(c)(3), you may utilize a fiscal agent, however the fiscal agent must be identified in the application.
- Grants will be made to organizations with efforts based in the Greater Cincinnati region which includes the counties of: Hamilton, Butler, Warren, and Clermont in Ohio; Boone, Kenton and Campbell in Kentucky and Dearborn in Indiana.
- Organizations meeting the above criteria are welcome to apply, however, preference will be given to:
 - Small to mid-size organizations with operating budgets under \$1 Million.
 - Organizations who are already serving or are looking to expand their services to the LGBTQ+ community
 - Organizations serving youth (15-24 years old) and/or seniors (62 years or older).
 - Organizations that develop solutions with a racial equity lens
 - Proposals with clear and measurable outcomes
 - Organizations using an asset-based approach to the work

Application Process

Respond to this RFP via [GCF's online grantmaking system](#) using the "GCF LGBTQ+ Giving Circle Application". After creating a new account and/or logging in, complete the application and submit by the deadline listed in this RFP.

Upload the following 3 documents in the final section of the application:

- Most recent audit or 990
- Project Budget
- Income statement and balance sheet (2 years)

Templates are provided for the project budget, income statement and balance sheet. The use of these templates is not required, but highly encouraged.



RFP Timeline

Key Steps	Date
RFP Workshop (if applicable)	September 21 st , 2022 10:00-11:30am
Proposal Deadline	October 7, 2022 @ 5:00pm
Decision Communicated	Mid-November
Funding Received	Early December

Questions

Answers to general questions are available on our website at www.gcfdn.org/faq.

We are here to be a resource throughout the application process. Please direct any additional questions that you may have to Rosie Polter, Program Officer at rosie.polter@gcfdn.org. This is the Program Officer leading this RFP process and should serve as your primary contact. Thank you for considering partnership with GCF and we look forward to learning from your submission.

GCF Mission

As a trusted and connected partner, we inspire generous people to invest in a more equitable and vibrant region, now and for generations to come.