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2023 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 impactful players and coordinate our efforts and contributions in a way that sparks sustainable change in our communities.

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 once again 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 Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at 5:00pm.

Funding Focus

Proposals should explicitly address one or more of 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 trauma-informed mental health services (preventative or otherwise) specific to the needs of the LGBTQ+ community.
- Ensure LGBTQ+ youth have access to educational or cultural enrichment opportunities, as well as authentic social-emotional support systems critical to their well-being and development.



Use of Funds

Funding may be used to support, expand, or strengthen existing programs or launch a new program. Collaboration between well-aligned 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:
 - Organizations who are already serving or are looking to expand their services to the LGBTQ+ community
 - Organizations that develop solutions with a racial equity lens
 - Proposals with clear and measurable outcomes
 - Organizations exhibiting an asset-based approach to working with their populations

Application Process

Submit your application via [GCF's online grantmaking system](#), and enter the code "GCFGC23"; then select "GCF Giving Circle Application." After creating a new account and/or logging in, please complete and submit the application by Tuesday, October 31, 2023.

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

- Most recent audit or 990
- Project budget
- Income statement and balance sheet (Most recent two years, if possible)

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 Release	October 2, 2023
Proposal Deadline	October 31, 2023 @ 5:00pm
Decision Communicated	December 2023
Funding Received	December 2023

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 Isabella (Bella) Frueh at isabella.frueh@gcfdn.org. Bella 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.