

AFFA Small Grants Program: Request for Proposals

(available on our website: affa-sc.org)

The AFFA Small Grants Program funds programming, organization building and/or support to nonprofit organizations addressing the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning youth (LGBTQQ).

Eligibility

Grants will be considered for organizations that are:

- Based in North Carolina, South Carolina or Georgia
- Nonprofit and exempt from federal taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or utilizing a fiscal sponsor.
- Nondiscriminatory by policy.
- Working for fundamental social change and demonstrating practical alternatives to social justice for LGBTQQ youth.

Grant making Program

Grants are available to grassroots, local and state organizations in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia to 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organizations, which work to improve the quality of life among LGBTQQ youth. Those organizations, which have not yet received their 501 (c) (3) Internal Revenue Service status, must include proof of a 501 (c) (3) fiscal agent. Grant priority will be given to groups working for long-term social change, and emotional health among LGBTQQ individuals.

Examples of requests might include:

- Supporting the activities of Gay Student Associations, implementing Day of Silence or other awareness programs on campus
- Travel money for students to attend rallies or lobbying days, e.g. attending "Creating Change" or "Campus Pride" events
- Bringing in out of town speakers for LGBTQQ campus wide events
- Purchasing needed books or materials for LGBTQQ resource center on campus
- Collaborative projects with other nonprofits, e.g. a youth organization and film society developing LGBT youth themed film curriculum for the community

Grant Size

Organizations are eligible for grants from \$500 to a maximum of \$4,000 per year from the AFFA Small Grants Program. Funding in subsequent years is conditional on compliance with reporting requirements, continued progress toward meeting stated goals and objectives, and demonstrated impact of activities.

Priority Criteria

The following will be considered in evaluating the organizations submitting proposals.

- **Youth Involvement:** in the organizing and governance of the organization and project.
- **Track Record:** Organizations must demonstrate a proven record of impact. New organizations must show they have the requisite plans and people in place to make impact.
- **Planning:** Organizations must have well developed strategies and goals with realistic plans for accomplishing them.
- **Measurement:** Groups who demonstrate the ability to measure goals and outcomes.
- **Systems Level:** Organizations which demonstrate that they are working toward change at the systems level will be given priority; meaning, organizations working to affect attitudes and behavior at the community, political, cultural or policy level.
- **Fundraising:** Groups which demonstrate funding from a wide number of sources, and which include fundraising by youth.
- **Fiscal Responsibility:** Organizations which demonstrate the ability to make and adhere to budgets, use financial resources wisely, and garner in-kind resources.
- **Collaboration:** Groups which collaborate with allies will be given priority.
- **Leadership Training:** organizations which develop leadership skill sets in LGBTQQ youth.
- **Emotional Health:** organizations who recognize and respond to building emotional health and self-esteem in LGBTQQ youth.

Review Process

Alliance For Full Acceptance will review grant requests March 1, June 1, September 1 and December 1. Organizations will be notified of decisions within 30 days of submission date.

Grant Requirements:

A brief progress report is due six months after receipt of the grant indicating the use of the grant funds and the outcomes to date.

A final report on the project must be submitted one year from the receipt of the grant or upon completion of the project or program for which the grant was made, or funds have been fully utilized and should include the following:

1. How the grant made fulfilled its original intent and purposes;
2. What outcomes were measured and the results of those measures;
2. Geographic area and demographics of those served; include statistics on age, sexual orientation and gender identity of those who participate in the grant project/benefit from the grant project.

Application to AFFA Small Grants Program for LGBTQQ Support

*Please use this coversheet and include a maximum of five pages to answer items 1 through 5 below.

*Do not forget to include your budget and Board listing with bios.

Date: _____	Organization: _____
Mailing Address: _____	City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Physical Location (if different from mailing address): _____	

Phone: _____	FAX: _____ Email: _____
Website Address: _____	
Contact Person & Title: _____	
Person Preparing Proposal and Relationship to Group: _____	
Federal Tax I.D. Number (EIN): _____ (include copy of 501(c)(3) letter)	
What is your organization's tax status? <input type="checkbox"/> 501 (c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501 (c)(3) fiscal agent	
Fiscal Sponsor if applicable: _____	
Tax I.D. Number of Fiscal Sponsor: _____ (include copy of their 501(c)(3) letter)	
Amount Requested _____	Project Title: _____
Checklist:	<input type="checkbox"/> Proof of 501(c)(3) determination or fiscal sponsor
	<input type="checkbox"/> Project Budget (incl. any in-kind donations)
	<input type="checkbox"/> List of Board of Directors with brief bio

1. Describe the geographic area served.
2. Describe who will be served by the grant you are requesting: identifying race, gender, gender identity, ethnicity, socio-economic background, etc
3. Describe the program for which you are requesting funds and why. Be sure to include details on: (1) how the project or program will positively impact the quality of life of LGBTQQ youth (2) how you will measure its impact (3) how much the project will cost, and what portion you are requesting from the Small Grants Program (4) how LGBTQQ youth are involved in the planning and executing of the project or program
4. What is your organization doing which **affects change** in the attitudes and behavior of the LGBTQQ youth community, the wider community, political and/or cultural environment of LGBTQQ youth?
5. Specifically, what does your organization do to contribute to the **emotional health** of LGBTQQ youth?
6. Please attach your **budget** with a copy of in-kind donations; and, a list of your board of directors with brief bios.

*Please forward an electronic copy to: wredman-gress@affa-sc.org
*And mail a hard copy to:
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