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Texas Pride Impact Funds Announces Second Annual Request for Proposals to Texas Organizations, Programs that Benefit the State's LGBTQ Community

HOUSTON, TX – – The board of directors of [Texas Pride Impact Funds](http://www.txpif.org) today announced their second Request for Proposals (RFP) from Texas-based non-profits who provide support and services to the state's LGBTQ community. The same announcement last year drew proposals from thirty-eight organizations around the state, of which fifteen were selected to receive an aggregate of \$120,000 in grants. Through these grants, Texas Pride Impact Funds (TPIF) will help eligible organizations whose work - whether current, new or joint projects - is consistent with the TPIF mission of "Securing the future for LGBTQ Texans by inspiring giving and investment and expand opportunities to enrich our communities."

"The goal of the RFP is to identify organizations that are doing incredible work but lack the staff or financial resources to fulfill their mission," said Randall Gentry, Chair of the Texas Pride Impact Funds Grants Program. "The health – and future - of the LGBTQ community in Texas is in the hands of non-profit partners who do so much with so little. Very few other foundations will fund LGBTQ nonprofits and programs, therefore it is vital that we support a wide variety of community needs."

Texas Pride Impact Funds is making a series of targeted grants to organizations and projects that align with funding priorities that include health care, seniors, youth, employment, and social support. The grants program was launched after completion of Texas Pride Impact Funds' "[Impact! Texas Needs Assessment](#)," a statewide study of LGBTQ supportive organizations and individuals.

Organizations will have until Friday, May 10th, at 5pm CDT to respond to the RFP. Texas Pride Impact Funds' Grants Action Group will review the submitted proposals, conduct site visits of grant finalists and submit their recommendations to the board of Texas Pride Impact Funds for final selection. Grants will be awarded between September and October of 2019.

This year's RFP and criteria can be viewed at <https://www.txpif.org/needs-assessment-grants/grant-process-defined/>.

A list of last year's awarded grants can be found at <https://www.txpif.org/needs-assessment-grants/2018-grantees/>.

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About Texas Pride Impact Funds

As the first, and only, community foundation for LGBTQ Texans, TPIF seeks to connect organizations and community leaders with philanthropic donors across Texas. Although Texas is one of the top five most populous states in the nation and home to nine percent of the US LGBTQ population, funding for LGBTQ services and support ranks last among those states. Now in its fourth year of operations, TPIF has successfully established grass roots Regional Leadership Councils and continues to build a statewide network for local leaders and organizers to share best practices, methodologies and contacts for collaboration. A “First Hundred Funders” multi-year financial commitment campaign is underway for supporters who believe in the strategic, long-term purpose of TPIF. The Dallas Foundation is the fiscal sponsor of TEXAS PRIDE IMPACT FUNDS, a component fund of The Dallas Foundation, a 501(c)(3), publicly supported charity, Federal Tax ID 75-2890371. For more information, to donate or volunteer, visit Texas Pride Impact Funds online (www.txpif.org) or email info@txpif.org.

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