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**Texas Pride Impact Funds Awards COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUNDS Throughout Texas**  
*LGBTQ Community Foundation Supports Emergent Non-profit Initiatives*

HOUSTON, TX –To support the most vulnerable within the LGBTQ community, Texas Pride Impact Funds (TPIF) is awarding \$120,000 across the state in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a statewide LGBTQ community foundation, Texas Pride Impact Funds has selected 26 nonprofits to share in this COVID-19 Emergency Fund for LGBTQ Texans. Operating under shelter-in-place orders has dramatically affected LGBTQ service provider’s ability to continue critical HIV, mental health and food services. In lieu of competitive grants in 2020, TPIF decided to send funds as soon as possible where most needed; six months ahead of the planning done at the beginning of this year.

“The Coronavirus pandemic is magnifying the problems that already existed surrounding basic needs, food, shelter and employment for the LGBTQ community,” said Ron Guillard, president of Texas Pride Impact Funds. “A major concern is how the crisis is compounding inequality and endangering LGBTQ communities of color who already face multiple, complex barriers. Tragically our LGBTQ communities of color face an accentuated crisis from COVID-19,” continued Guillard.

Recipients of TPIF’s COVID-19 Emergency Fund come from smaller cities around the state including Corpus Christi, Eagle Pass, New Braunfels, Lubbock and Midland as well as organizations serving multi-county regions in the urban centers of Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, El Paso, Houston and San Antonio.

A Facebook event at 5 pm CDT on 4/20 will announce recipients across the state.

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**EMBARGO UNTIL 6:00 pm CDT Monday April 20, 2020**

The awards range in value from \$1,500 to \$10,000 and will be made available immediately, focused on organizations providing nutrition and food as well as LGBTQ health and mental health services. “We are honored to be able to accelerate our 2020 funding during this time of crisis as a result of generous donors who believe in the long-term strategic vision of a state-wide LGBTQ community foundation for Texas. As our list of COVID-19 Emergency Fund recipients indicates, we are connecting LGBTQ Texas through philanthropy,” said Guillard. “We will continue to strive to meet today’s critical issues as we become lasting stewards to address the needs of tomorrow.”

**26 Recipients of Texas Pride Impact Funds COVID-19 Emergency Funding:****Abounding Prosperity (Dallas) \$3,000****allgo (Austin) \$3,000****AIDS Services (Austin) \$5,000****Black Trans Advocacy Coalition (Dallas) \$3,000****Borderland Rainbow Center (El Paso) \$10,000****Coalition for Aging LGBT (Dallas) \$5,500****Communities of Color United: Coalition for Racial Justice (Austin) \$2,500****Coastal Bend Wellness Foundation (Corpus Christi) \$7,500****Dallas Hope Charities \$3,000****Dune's LGBT Homeless Solutions Foundation (Fort Worth) \$5,000****Eagle Pass SAFE \$3,000****Fundación Latinoamericana De Acción Social (Houston) \$1,500****Legacy Counseling Center (Dallas) \$5,500****Lesbian Health Initiative (Houston) \$2,500****MCC San Antonio (San Antonio) \$5,000****Montrose Center (Houston) \$7,500****Montrose Grace Place (Houston) 5,500****Out in West Texas (Midland) \$1,500****Pride Center (San Antonio) \$5,000****Pride Community Clinic, UT Health (San Antonio) \$7,500****Resource Center (Dallas) \$7,500****River City Advocacy (New Braunfels) \$5,000**

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**Texas Tech LGBTQIA (Lubbock) \$1,500**

**Thrive Youth Center (San Antonio) \$5,500**

**Trans Pride Initiative (Dallas) \$3,000**

**Waterloo Counseling Center (Austin) \$5,500**

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#### About Texas Pride Impact Funds

Chartered in 2015 as the first LGBTQ statewide 501(c)(3) public foundation for Texas, Texas Pride Impact Funds (TPIF) has a mission to secure the future for LGBTQ Texans by inspiring giving and investment to expand opportunities and enrich our communities. The foundation's current grantmaking priorities include Education, Healthcare, Social Support, Seniors, and Youth. TPIF is especially interested in the projects and programs of nonprofits that address rural communities, communities of color and transgender persons. These intersectional issues are of utmost concern to help LGBTQ communities known to have the greatest gaps in services and support. Now in its fifth 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.

Of the five most populous states, **Texas RANKS LAST in funding by foundations and corporations to LGBTQ non-profit organizations**. Similar (per capita) funding in New York is 6.6 times that of Texas, California 3.4 times, Illinois 2.5 times and Florida is 2.0 times that of Texas. To date, Texas Pride Impact Funds' donors have made contributions exceeding \$1,000,000 with another \$3,400,000 in legacy commitments. A multi-year financial commitment donor 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](http://www.txpif.org)) or email [info@txpif.org](mailto:info@txpif.org).

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