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Texas Pride Impact Funds Announces 2020 Grants Program for Texas Organizations and Programs that Benefit the State's LGBTQIA+ Community

HOUSTON, TX – – The board of directors of [Texas Pride Impact Funds](https://www.txpif.org) today announced their 2020 Grants Program for Texas-based non-profits who provide support and services to the state's LGBTQIA+ community. The same announcement last year drew proposals from thirty-one organizations around the state, of which seventeen 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 TPIF's Grant Process 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 LGBTQIA+ community in Texas is in the hands of non-profit partners who do so much with so little. Very few other foundations will fund LGBTQIA+ 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. Intersectional projects and programs that address rural communities, communities of color and transgender persons will be given additional consideration as these LGBTQIA+ communities are known to have the greatest gaps in services and support.

For 2020 the organization is launching a Letter of Interest (LOI) as the first step all interested organizations must take for this year's grant application process.

Organizations have until March 13, at 5pm CDT to respond with their Letter of Interest (LOI). On April 6, Texas Pride Impact Funds will invite selected organizations to submit a Proposal Application based on the organization's Grants Action Group's evaluation of the submitted LOIs. Proposal Applications will be due May 15. Site visits of grant finalists will be conducted this summer and the Grant Action Group will submit their recommendations to the board of Texas Pride Impact Funds for final selection. Grants will be awarded between September and October of 2020.

This year's Grant Process and criteria can be viewed at <https://www.txpif.org/grant-process-defined/>.

A list of last year's awarded grants can be found at <https://www.txpif.org/2019-grantees/>.

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About Texas Pride Impact Funds

As the first, and only, community foundation for LGBTQIA+ 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 LGBTQIA+ population, funding for LGBTQIA+ services and support ranks last among those states. 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. 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) or email info@txpif.org.

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