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Texas Pride Impact Funds Announces 2021 Grants Program for Texas Organizations and Programs Benefiting the State's LGBTQ+ Community

HOUSTON, TX -- The board of directors of Texas Pride Impact Funds today announced their 2021 Grants Program for Texas-based non-profits who provide support and services to the state's LGBTQ+ community.

Through these grants, TPIF will help eligible organizations whose work - whether current, new or joint projects - is consistent with the TPIF mission: *"Securing the future for LGBTQ Texans by inspiring giving and investment and expand opportunities to enrich our communities."*

During this fourth annual grants program, Texas Pride Impact Funds (TPIF) is implementing lessons learned from 2020 in responding to the complex effects of COVID-19 on community nonprofits facing economic hardship compounded by systemic racism and transgender discrimination. Applicants will find a simplified online process and prioritized funding for rural outreach and social justice initiatives, where the greatest gaps in services and support are known to exist.

"The goal of TPIF's Grant Program is to Invest in community-building efforts with an eye toward supporting BIPOC-led organizations and other nonprofits addressing persistent issues in healthcare, mental health, economic security, seniors and LGBTQIA youth, while advancing systemic change on issues of racial injustice," said Board Vice President, Judy Sherman. "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 public foundations in Texas will fund LGBTQ+ nonprofits and programs, therefore, our ability to lift up this vital work is more important than ever."

Organizations have until May 31 to respond with their application. Site visits, whether virtual or in-person, to grant finalists will be conducted late summer and TPIF's Grant Action Group, comprised of board members and community volunteers, will submit their recommendations to the board of TPIF for final selection. Grants will be awarded in late September 2021.

This year's Grant Program and criteria can be viewed at <http://www.txpif.org/grant-process-defined/>. Listings of last year's 42 grant awards can be found at <https://www.txpif.org/2020awards/> and <https://www.txpif.org/qtcfawards/>.

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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 four 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 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.