



2018 Grant Cycle | Request for Proposals

Amplifying Voices

**Up to \$20,000 to be awarded in October 2018
to a nonprofit organization serving LGBTQ New York City**

Stonewall Community Foundation is now accepting proposals for our 2018 Stonewall Quarter Share Grant Cycle. Please read this document carefully to determine whether you qualify to submit a proposal for funding.

Overview

Coordinated by Stonewall Community Foundation, Stonewall Quarter Share (SQS) is a network of young donors who, through organized philanthropy and volunteer service, support LGBTQ causes throughout New York City. Each year, SQS members award one or more grants to advance programming and services that directly benefit LGBTQ New Yorkers. As SQS enters its second decade, we are ecstatic about the opportunity to offer a one-year grant of up to \$20,000—our largest grant ever!—to be made to an organization that is centering and uplifting the voice of marginalized communities within the LGBTQ community. This grant cycle also continues Stonewall's commitment to provide grant seekers greater agency in determining the use of grant funds, based on their individual and unique needs.

Background

Despite positive advances and tremendous victories over the past few decades, the LGBTQ community now finds itself struggling to retain these wins amid attempts to undermine our rights. Religious doctrine is used to avoid baking wedding cakes, fake facts are presented to bar transgender individuals from military service, healthcare workers can refuse to treat LGBTQ patients, and transgender students struggle to find a safe place to simply relieve themselves.

But our community is not backing down. LGBTQ organizations are resourceful and resilient and, increasingly, are focused on supporting the most marginalized within our community.

Stonewall believes that true, lasting change can only come when we work across the myriad identities and experiences of our community. We believe this can result in transformation both within an organization and within the LGBTQ community.

With all this in mind, and to ensure that funds go where they are most needed, this grant cycle seeks to assist an LGBTQ organization or project in amplifying the voices of the most marginalized including, but not limited to, gender nonconforming, immigrants, low income, youth, transgender, people with disabilities, and communities of color. We seek to fund an organization or project that may help build and educate the community, address economic challenges, increase awareness and empathy across communities, increase empowerment and engagement within marginalized communities, or strengthen intersectional work within the LGBTQ community. Proposals are due by noon on Thursday, July 12th, 2018.

For grant usage, we ask that the applying organization tell us exactly how funds would best be used. We believe that when foundations listen to their grantee partners, amazing things are made possible. In our grantmaking we aim to demonstrate the willingness to listen and trust in the resourcefulness of the organizations we fund.



Who Should Apply

Organizations—including current and past grant recipients—are eligible to apply if:

- The proposed work engages the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer community;
- The proposed work focuses primarily on the five boroughs of New York City or neighborhoods therein;
- They have 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status as evidenced by an IRS-issued determination letter; or a formal written sponsorship agreement with a fiscal agent that has such status.

Preference will be given to organizations for which this grant would make a meaningful impact on the organization's ability to launch or sustain programming.

Restrictions

Restrictions on how grant funds are spent will be set by grant recipients. That is, our expectation for grant usage will align with what applicants outline in their proposals, whether that is for operating or infrastructural support, staffing, seed funding, or a specific campaign or project. We encourage applicants to take stock of what it is they need or their work demands, even if that is something for which funding has been elusive. So long as a compelling case is made as to how the work amplifies the voices of the most marginalized in the LGBTQ community, your proposal will be considered for funding.

How to Apply

Please complete and submit the attached Cover Page, along with your proposal in PDF or Word format, current and prior fiscal year operating budgets, and a list of your current foundation funders.

Budget materials will help us evaluate your proposal. Budget documents should include revenue and expenses for both the current and prior fiscal years. You may submit them using your own templates.

Your proposal should be no longer than four (4) pages and should provide:

- A narrative detailing how this grant would be used to amplify the voices of the LGBTQ community;
- A delineation of what success, relative to this grant, would look like and mean to your organization and the population you serve, noting any specific goals and objectives you may have and any longer-term impact you anticipate from the grant;
- A description of how you may be able to use this grant as leverage for other grants and funding; and
- A thoughtful statement on how the communities you serve are reflected in the leadership of your organization.

Note: The Cover Page, budget materials, and funder list do not count towards the proposal page limit.



An informational conference call will be held on Thursday, June 7th at 2pm EDT
to answer questions related to this RFP.

You can join the call by dialing (515) 604-9350, Access code: 483625





Please email all requested materials to grants@stonewallfoundation.org.

The submission deadline is noon on Thursday, July 12th, 2018.

Reporting Requirements

Format and other specifics of reporting will be determined in consultation with the grant recipients.

The Selection Process

Stonewall staff and the SQS Grants Advisory Committee will evaluate submissions and select finalists, on which the full SQS membership will vote. Proposals with the most votes will be sent to Stonewall's Board of Directors for ratification.

The grant will be awarded on October 4th, 2018 at our annual Revel event.
Representatives of the grantee organization or project are expected to attend.

About Stonewall Community Foundation

Stonewall Community Foundation is the only public foundation by and for New York City's lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community.

Since 1990, Stonewall has invested over \$19 million in more than 600 organizations through donor-advised and discretionary grantmaking. We inspire positive social change through strategic initiatives that engage the community, empower leaders, and invest in LGBTQ nonprofits across the five boroughs.

About Stonewall Quarter Share

Quarter Share aims to provide financial support to Stonewall Community Foundation and other LGBTQ organizations in New York City; inspire a lifelong passion for philanthropy; develop the next generation of leaders in the LGBTQ community; and connect members through meaningful social, service, and educational events. For more information, please visit <http://www.stonewallfoundation.org/sqs>.

Recent grantees include the New York Transgender Advocacy Group, Fostering Change for Children, Rainbow Heights Club, SAGE, and Trinity Community Connections.

Questions and Inquiries

Please call 212.457.1341 or email grants@stonewallfoundation.org with any questions about this RFP, Stonewall Community Foundation, or Stonewall Quarter Share.

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