

# The Greater New Orleans Foundation

## LGBT Fund – Guidelines for Proposals

**Deadline is 11:59 pm (CT) Friday, July 15, 2016**

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### LGBT Fund Guidelines

Nonprofit, tax-exempt organizations that serve Orleans Parish are eligible to apply for funding. Organizations that are not tax-exempt but have a fiscal agent relationship with a 501(c)(3) organization are also eligible. Expected grant size is \$5,000 to \$10,000; grants may be larger or smaller.

LGBT Fund will support:

- General operations
- Programs
- Advocacy, including legislative, judicial, or executive advocacy; community organizing; campaigns; leadership development; and policy development
- Capacity building, including technology needs and support, collaboration, professional development, communications training, organizational effectiveness, and evaluation and research

### Priority Areas

Our priorities are informed by an analysis of pressing community needs, corresponding data, service delivery gaps, and best practices, as well as by available funding. We draw from the collective wisdom of our nonprofit partners, our staff, and the field of grantmaking. Accordingly, we have developed a theory of change statement for the LGBT Fund. The theory of change statement guides our investments in the LGBT Fund and is available [here](#):

As we seek to be responsive and strategic, we will refine and adjust our priorities over time. Feedback and guidance are always welcome.

### LGBT Fund

Support is available to organizations and programs that increase the quality of life and access to opportunity for LGBT individuals and families, particularly transgender youth and adults of color, low-income LGBT people, and LGB youth of color.

Priority is given to work that aims to:

1. Advocate for effective policies that will improve the quality of life for LGBT individuals and families, particularly transgender youth and adults of color, low-income LGBT people, and LGB youth of color.

2. Build the cultural competency of “mainstream” organizations that serve LGBT clientele, particularly transgender youth and adults of color, low-income LGBT people, and LGB youth of color. This work would provide the staff of “mainstream” organizations with the education, tools, and professional development opportunities that will help improve their knowledge, skills, and attitudes when serving LGBT clientele.
3. Provide LGBT individuals and families with high quality, well-coordinated, and culturally competent direct services related to: primary care, behavioral, and preventive healthcare; crisis management and legal support; workforce development; financial literacy and asset building; transportation; housing and safe spaces to congregate; and non-HIV status-related social services.

### **How to Apply for Funding**

Note: All grant applicants will need to create an account [using our online system](#) to apply. Basic information will be stored for future use when new applications are submitted.

1. Use our [online portal](#) to submit a grant application along with all attachments by **11:59 pm (CT) on Friday, July 15, 2016**.
2. A grant review committee will review all applications and recommend grants to be approved by the GNOF board.

Awards are expected to be announced no later than August 31, 2016.

Applications will be evaluated based on the following:

1. Does the project and/or organization meet basic eligibility criteria? Does the project and/or organization meet the general and specific guidelines outlined above?
2. What needs are being addressed to increase the quality of life and access to opportunity for LGBT individuals and families?
3. How many LGBT individuals and/or family members will benefit?
4. How will the program or project be evaluated or its impact measured?
5. The proposed plan or strategy for use of the funds?
6. Is the organization networking, coordinating, cooperating, or collaborating with others?

### **Still Have Questions?**

If you have a question, please e-mail your question to [grants@gnof.org](mailto:grants@gnof.org) (please include the word “**LGBT Fund Question**” in the subject line).