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## **Texas Pride Impact Funds Awards 21 Grants Throughout Texas**

*LGTBQ Community Foundation Supports Non-profit Initiatives Representing a Range of Missions*

DALLAS –Texas Pride Impact Funds (TPIF) foundation is proud to announce its selection of 21 Texas grant recipients, more than half of which lie along the border or South Texas. The 2021 Community Grants Program continues its mission of recognizing organizations and projects that address the current and direct needs of the LGBTQ+ communities of Texas while also seeking to correct the systemic injustices that unfairly burden people living within these identities and at their intersections.

On Saturday, October 9, the TPIF Board of Directors approved the recommendations of the Grant Action Group, culminating the evaluation process begun in June. TPIF proudly presents this year's 21 grant recipients, who share gifts ranging from \$4,000 to \$10,000. Highlights of the 2021 grant recipients, include:

- Four awards to organizations or projects focused on people who are transgender
- Three awards for capacity-building to community centers in Corpus Christi, El Paso, and San Antonio
- Two youth programs, one in San Antonio and the second in Dallas-Fort Worth
- Seven organizations in West Texas (Amarillo, El Paso and Lubbock), and
- Five grassroots organizations in urban centers (Austin and Houston) providing services to LGBTQ+ Communities of Color or persons who are transgender

### **2021 Strategic Planning Effort Refines Grant Recipient Selection**

“TPIF embraced a comprehensive community-based, strategic planning initiative this year that established our Focus Communities and Populations for grantmaking,” added Goree. “While we will continue to fund a full range of organizations, projects, and leaders, we will prioritize funding within our general and special grant cycles for our Focus Communities and Populations to drive support and build capacity in communities that have been historically disadvantaged.”

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The strategic planning process formally engaged nearly 100 stakeholders including donors, grassroots organizers, leaders and subject experts from across Texas and the nation and the overwhelming conclusion is for TPIF to boldly expand grantmaking and supporting activities. The value of TPIF's grantmaking to date has demonstrated effectiveness in seeding new projects/organizations, building the capacity of existing organizations, and supporting leadership development to serve focus communities and populations. Further, our strategic plan specifically adopted the 5-year objective to increase grantmaking annually from all TPIF sources to \$1.0 million a year by 2026.

## **21 Recipients of Texas Pride Impact Funds' 2021 Community Grants Program**

**Allgo (Austin) \$6,000**

**Alliance of Border Collaboratives (El Paso) \$4,000**

**Borderland Rainbow Center (El Paso) \$6,000**

**Coastal Bend PRIDE Center (Corpus Christi) \$6,000**

**Eagle Pass SAFE (Eagle Pass) \$6,000**

**East Lubbock Art House (Lubbock) \$6,000**

**Elevate North Texas (Dallas/Fort Worth) \$4,000**

**GENTex (Rio Grande Valley) \$10,000**

**Panhandle AIDS Support Organization (Amarillo) \$6,000**

**PFLAG El Paso (El Paso) \$7,000**

**Poderosos (Harlingen) \$6,000**

**Pride Center San Antonio (San Antonio) \$6,000**

**South Texas Equality Project (Rio Grande Valley) \$7,000**

**Texas Tech University, Office of LGBTQIA Education & Engagement (Lubbock) \$6,000**

**The Normal Anomaly Initiative Houston (Houston) \$4,000**

**The Houston Intersex Society (Houston) \$4,000**

**The Power of 3: Unity Community Equality (Lubbock) \$4,000**

**Thrive Youth Center (San Antonio) \$6,000**

**Trans Legal Aid Clinic Houston (Houston) \$4,000**

**Transgender Education Network of Texas (Austin) \$6,000**

**Valley AIDS Council (Harlingen) \$6,000**

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## About Texas Pride Impact Funds

The Mission of TPIF is to inspire giving and investment to secure equitable opportunities that serve and enrich the lives of LGBTQ+ Texans for generations to come. TPIF was chartered in 2015 as the first LGBTQ+ statewide 501(c)(3) public foundation for Texas.

The Foundation's "focus communities and populations" include underserved geographies; people of transgender experience; People of Color, seniors, youth, people with disabilities; and displaced peoples. Now, in our fourth year of grantmaking, TPIF has Regional Leadership Councils in communities across Texas including Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth Houston, Lubbock (West Texas) and San Antonio (South Texas), advancing a statewide network for local leaders and organizations to share best practices, methodologies, and contacts for collaboration.

Texas is one of the top four most populous states in the nation and home to nine percent of the US LGBTQ+ population. However, funding for LGBTQ+ services and support in Texas ranks last among those states. To date, TPIF's donors have made donations and pledges exceeding \$1.6 million with another \$5 million in legacy estate gift intentions. A multi-year 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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