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Texas Pride Impact Funds Announces 40% Increase in 2022 Community Grants Program Funding for Organizations and Programs Benefitting LGBTQ+ Communities in Texas

DALLAS - The Board of Directors of Texas Pride Impact Funds (TPIF) today announced the 2022 Community Grants application will be available starting Tuesday, April 26, for non-profits who provide support and services to the state's LGBTQ+ communities. Grants will again range up to a maximum of \$10,000, however the total amount to be awarded in this year is being increased by 40% over prior years due to growth in the organization's generous donor base due to growing awareness of TPIF and its work across Texas.

Grant process improvements have been implemented this year from input received during the Foundation's strategic planning process completed in 2021. A portion of last year's community-based work included a Grants Process Vision Team comprised predominately of external stakeholders focused on TPIF grant making processes. As a result, many changes, some evident and others not, are being implemented. Improvements include:

- an online grants management software platform that greatly increases efficiencies in several ways from applicant experience through grant review and scoring methods.
- a highly simplified application reducing overall application complexity, especially created for many smaller organizations without professional grant writing resources; a typical reality of many TPIF grant recipients.
- a shortened overall grants process timeline due to TPIF setting an internal goal of 30 days or less for internal activities starting with the final application acceptance date to grantee award announcement.

Final grantee selections will be based on the strength of the proposal's narrative and two indexes. One index identifies alignment with TPIF's "Focus Communities and Populations" with higher valuation placed on compounding intersectionalities within these identified communities and populations. The second index prioritizes geographic regions of Texas that historically find few funding resource options for LGBTQ+ supportive grassroots organizations and smaller non-profits.

TPIF's grant funding award process continues to expand its community-based, participatory decision-making with increasing representation of LGBTQ+ community members of lived experience to ensure fairness, equity, and transparency.

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“Our Community Grants program continues to simplify the process for applicants. It is our goal that an application can be completed within 30 minutes, and we no longer request applications to include project plans. Our Community Grants award funds for general operating support, trusting our community-based organizations to use these grants for their greatest need,” said Executive Director, Ron Guillard.

Organizations have until June 17 to respond with their application; funding awards will be announced by mid-July.

TPIF will host a webinar on Monday April 25 previewing this year’s grant processes, review of the TPIF’s funding priorities - our Focus Communities and Populations - and to answer questions. Complete details regarding this year’s Community Grants program, timeline and eligibility can be viewed at <https://www.txpif.org/funding-programs/>. Questions should be submitted to grants@txpif.org.

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 foundation for Texas. The organization operates under fiscal sponsorship of the Dallas Foundation, a 501(c)(3), publicly supported charity, Federal Tax ID 75-2890371. The Dallas Foundation provides TPIF investment management and other administrative services, helping TPIF leaders and volunteers focus on community and donor engagement.

In November 2018, TPIF launched its annual Community Grants program, awarding \$120,000 to sixteen LGBTQ+ supportive organizations across Texas; to date a total of \$800,000 grants have been awarded (through December 2021). TPIF prioritizes organizations and projects that address the current and direct needs of LGBTQ+ communities while also seeking to correct the systemic injustices that unfairly burden people living within these identities and at their intersections. TPIF is supported by a growing donor community of individuals and families, corporations, and institutional donors.

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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