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## Texas Pride Impact Funds Awards 37 Grants Throughout Texas

### ECFBC's Community Foundation's Grantmaking Hits \$1,000,000 Milestone to Community Organizations Across the State

**SALUD**—Texas Pride Impact Funds (TPIF, the Foundation) is proud to announce its selection of 37 recipients for its 2022 Community Grant program.

On Tuesday, July 26, the TPIF Board of Directors approved the recommendations of the Foundation's Grant Action Group, concluding the evaluation process which began June 29. The Grant 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 inequities that unfairly burden people living within these identities and at their intersections.

This year's grant process benefited from the deployment of a cloud-based grants management software platform configured specifically to replicate TPIF's previous highly manual process and at the same time incorporating grant-making principles referred to today in *philanthropy* as Trust-Based Grantmaking. Trust-Based Grantmaking principles include transparency, simplified and streamlined paperwork for applicants, and funders (TPIF) assuming responsibility to get to know the issues and organizations in their region. In TPIF's case, the distinct regions of Texas.

TPIF's Grant Action Group, responsible for the foundation's grantmaking processes, invited community members from all walks of life and regions of the state to participate in the selection process by reviewing the narrative section of this year's grant applications, which was only four questions. Two other factors were considered to arrive at the 37 awards: (1) alignment with TPIF's funding priorities (our [Focus, Communities and Populations](#)) and (2) factors causing an organization to be overlooked by traditional funding sources, either due to geographic region and/or the narrowly focused, but vital, services it offers.

"Surpassing the \$1,000,000 milestone in less than four years from our first grant awards in November of 2018 proves that Texas Pride Impact Funds' mission resonates with a generous community of donors and funders - from across Texas and the nation - who believe in the strategic importance of an LGBTQ+ community foundation for Texas. Equally exciting - we are still in year one of the Foundation's first five-year plan that has all efforts aligned to reach \$1,000,000 per year in grantmaking by 2025," said Rae Gulland, TPIF executive director. "The impact of our grant program on small and mid-size organizations across the state serving historically under-resourced communities has been demonstrated over and over and we look forward to rolling out more of these stories going forward."

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