

GROWING TOGETHER FUND Gay – Straight Alliances Mini-Grants

The Community Foundation's Growing Together Initiative Fund distributes grants to local organizations that focus on the principles of social justice, a civil society, and safety of our youth. On behalf of our donors, more than \$150,000 in grants have been provided since 2002. An endowment fund of more than \$370,000 supports local efforts focused on community inclusiveness now and in perpetuity.

Mini-grants of up to \$500 are available to Gay - Straight Alliance Clubs in support of their efforts in San Luis Obispo County. Grants are available for projects in three broad categories:

- **Advocacy Beyond Campus** – Projects that reach out to the local community. Examples: providing youth speakers for community meetings, participating in Pride in the Plaza, club community service activities.
- **Continuity of the Club/Sustainability** – Projects that work to increase the sustainability of Gay – Straight Alliances Clubs. Examples: increasing membership, outreach to allies, training for existing members, club presence at school wide activities such as homecoming, club buttons, stickers and t-shirts to increase awareness of club.
- **Community Education** – On-campus projects that reach out to club member's fellow students. Examples: sponsoring activities such as guest speakers, film screenings, "Coming Out Day" or "Day of Silence".

Eligibility:

- a) Applicant is a new, re-emerging, or existing Gay Straight Alliances Club; and
- b) Club is based at a San Luis Obispo County high school or at Cuesta College; and
- c) Planned activities are consistent with school district parameters.

Funding:

Accepted grant applications will receive funding for projects to take place during the current academic year. Requests for funding in the following academic year will be considered on a case by case basis.

Deadline for Application: Completed and signed applications may be submitted for consideration at any time during the school year at 550 Dana Street, San Luis Obispo, CA. We suggest submitting this application for funding early in the school year. Incomplete applications will not be accepted. **Allow up to 45 days for grant award decision to be made.**

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GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCES
MINI-GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS**

- Complete the **Application Form** and have the Club President and the Club Advisor sign the **Certification**.

- Attach** a maximum 1-page description of **Planned Activities** and a list of **People Responsible** for the planned activities. The description of planned activities should explain what you are going to do, as well as when it will be done and who will do it. Also address how the project or activity falls into one of the three grant categories: Advocacy Beyond Campus, Continuity of the Club/Sustainability or On-Campus Education. How will your project benefit your club, school, or community?

- Complete the **Detailed Budget** form.

- Submit the completed application with attachments to The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County, 550 Dana Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401. Faxed or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Grant application questions may be directed to Erin McCall, Field of Interest Program Associate, at Erin@cfsloco.org or 805-543-2323.

GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCES MINI-GRANT APPLICATION



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Club Name: _____

School: _____

If funded, Organization Grant Check is Payable To: _____
(this is either the name of the school, school district, or official club name that has fiduciary responsibility)

Club Student Contact: _____

Telephone #: _____
(Student Contact)

Club Advisor: _____

Telephone #: _____
(Club Advisor)

Club Advisor Address:
(all mailings will be sent to this address)

Street Address

E-Mail: _____
(Student Contact)

City, State, Zip code

E-Mail: _____
Club Advisor

Please describe the status of your club. Is it new? Re-emerging? Established? How many members are there?

What is the mission or purpose of the club?

If the club is an established or re-emerging club, please describe some of the club's past activities.

(Attach an additional 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper if necessary)

If the club is an established or re-emerging club, please describe the club's past successes and barriers.

(Attach an additional 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper if necessary)

Project Proposal

What category does your proposed project fall under?

- Advocacy Beyond Campus Continuity of the Club/Sustainability On-Campus Education

ATTACH: Description of planned activities and list of people responsible for planned activities. (See instructions)

If this grant is for activities in the next academic year, describe how club leadership will be sustained to ensure project continuity. *(Attach an additional 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of paper if necessary)*

Mini-grant amount requested: _____

CERTIFICATION – YOU MUST READ AND SIGN BELOW: *(Application is not valid without signature)*

I certify that all information submitted in the application materials is true and correct. I agree to provide all statements or documents requested, and I understand that failure to provide these documents will result in termination of my application. The planned activities for grant funding are consistent with school district parameters.

Date:

Club President's Signature

Date:

Club Advisor's Signature

