



**GROWING
TOGETHER:
AN LGBTQ FUND**
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THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

“Funding Equality for our LGBTQ Community”

**COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT
APPLICATION**

2020-2021

**The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County
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“GROWING TOGETHER: AN LGBTQ FUND” Community Action Project

The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County established Growing Together: An LGBTQ Fund (GTF) in 2001, an initiative to address the needs of our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) community by providing grants, raising community awareness throughout San Luis Obispo County, and through promoting philanthropy. The Growing Together Fund Advisory Committee will consider small grant proposals for emerging local needs or projects. The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County has established Growing Together: An LGBTQ Fund Endowment to ensure the ongoing availability of grant funding. Future funding levels will vary based on the development of the endowment. Local 501(c)3 nonprofit organizations that conduct the majority of their operations in San Luis Obispo County are invited to submit applications, either as a single organization or as part of a collaborative effort. If you are not a nonprofit organization, our Director of Grants and Programs, Cassandra Wagner, can provide suggestions on nonprofits to align with. Although the funds have to be administered through a nonprofit, you do not need to be a nonprofit to apply for funding.

Background

The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County is a public trust established to assist donors in building an enduring source of charitable funds to meet the changing needs and interests of the community. In order to identify the most pressing needs in the LGBTQ community, a local Advisory Committee was established, and is comprised of a diverse group of local residents. Representatives from local LGBTQ organizations, the faith community, local law enforcement, the county’s schools, and concerned community individuals serve on the committee. The goals of the Advisory Committee are:

- to assess the issues and service needs of the local LGBTQ community in order to determine how best to distribute grant monies;
- to promote community awareness and education and encourage local groups to better address the needs of the LGBTQ community;
- to create a permanent endowed fund dedicated to supporting the needs of the LGBTQ community.

Through the hard work of The Community Foundation and the Advisory Committee, the Growing Together Fund was able to secure initial matching funds from two prestigious sources, The National Lesbian and Gay Funding Partnership, and The California Endowment. Local donors continue to grow the endowed fund through their generous gifts.

Funding Levels

Effective in 2009, the Growing Together Fund Advisory Committee developed three different levels of funding:

- The first is specifically for youth led Gay Straight Alliances’ in San Luis Obispo County and is capped at a total per year funding amount of \$500 (separate application).
- The second is the **Community Action Project**, which is the application you are reading. This is specifically intended for emerging local needs projects. It is also designed for projects where almost all labor involved is voluntary, and all that is funded is materials,

facility fees, and other non-labor costs. The most an organization or individual can request and receive using this application is **\$1,000**.

- The third funding level is for a Growing Together: An LGBTQ Fund Grant. The current cap is \$5,000 per grant. This level is intended for more established non-profits who can provide a track record of financial stability and consistent community involvement (separate application utilizing a Letter of Intent process). The online application deadline for this grant opportunity is January 15, 2021.

General Information for Applicants

The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County supports charitable organizations whose programs primarily benefit San Luis Obispo County residents.

All applications will be evaluated based on their ability to impact identified needs or priority issues. A proportion of annual funding will always support non-HIV LGBTQ issues. Proposals that match or leverage funds will be given preference. Proposals that include a community education component and/or collaborate with other organizations are encouraged. If a project was previously funded through this initiative, one additional year of continuation funding will be considered.

Follow-up and Reporting Requirements

Grantee site visits may be conducted by the Program Officer and Foundation Board Members during the term of the grant.

All grantees will be required to provide a final report on how the funds were used and the benefits to your organization or the community. Copies of press releases and/or media contacts resulting from the grant award shall be included. A financial report outlining grant expenditures is required. Failure to submit the required report may disqualify the grantee from future funding requests.

Application Process

- 1. Complete Application:** Fill in all information on the cover sheet (including signatures) and line item budget.
- 2. Attach any Additional Information:** This should include, and be limited to, paper used to respond to the proposal narrative questions (maximum of 3 pages) and additional space needed for the line item budget (maximum of 1 page).
- 3. Submit:** Submit one original and two copies of the application with attachments to:

Physical Address & Mailing Address:

The Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County
550 Dana Street, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

*FAXED or e-mailed applications will **not** be accepted.*
Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

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

THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

**Growing Together Initiative Fund
Community Action Project
Application Cover Sheet**

Applicant Information

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____ **Fax:** _____ **E-mail:** _____

Grant Request Amount: \$ _____ (maximum of \$1,000)

Brief Grant Request Description (if applicable, project name): _____

Application Checklist

- Application Cover Sheet**
- Proposal Narrative Questions Sheet with Your Responses Attached**
- Line-Item Budget Form with Attachments if Necessary**

Authorizing Signatures

Application must include two signatures: (Exec. Dir. & Board Pres. Or 2 Board Officers)

Signature

Title

Name Printed

Signature

Title

Name Printed

Office Use Only	

Proposal Narrative Questions

Please attach supplementary 8 ½ by 11in. sheets of paper with your responses to the following questions typed on them. Total attachments should not exceed 3 sheets of paper (1" margins, minimum 12 pt font).

- 1. What demonstrated need in the LGBTQ community does the project address? *If this is a request for continuation of a previously funded project, explain the need for a second year of support from the Foundation.***

- 2. What is the implementation strategy for the program/project? *Include explanation of project, identify strategies and anticipated outcomes, volunteers/staff responsible, and list planned activities, including a timeline for activities.***

- 3. What are the measurable objectives and outcomes? How will they be measured and evaluated? *i.e., Objective: 30 teens will attend a community forum. Outcome: participants will gain the knowledge and skills to reduce discriminatory practices at school. Evaluated by pre-post questionnaires.***

- 4. What qualifications are possessed in order to successfully complete the program/project (both programmatic and administrative functions)? How will the program/project connect with other groups in the community?**

