



## **GROWING TOGETHER: AN LGBTQ+ FUND Grantmaking History**

Over a 20-year history, the Growing Together Fund has distributed more than \$135,000 in grant funds to San Luis Obispo County organizations. The fund’s initial grantmaking priorities were determined through a Community Scan survey and focused on community education, youth services, and LGBT organizational strengthening. Over the years, funding focus has adjusted to meet on community needs. In 2022, GTF updated their funding priorities to programs that:

- Demonstrate strategies to reach out to, involve, and center queer and trans people of color (QTPOC)
- Focus on advancing medical and mental health care for transgender and nonbinary people
- Create “queer spaces” in currently unserved areas of the county.

*[In 2023, GTF provided grant funding of \\$10,500 to the following organizations and programs](#)*

### **Planned Parenthood California Central Coast**

Gender Affirming Hormone Therapy - \$5,000

### **The GALA Pride & Diversity Center**

LGBTQ+ Youth Support Expansion Project \$5,000

### **Santa Maria High School GSA**

For re-emerging club campus awareness and pizza party- \$500

*[In 2022, GTF provided grant funding of \\$19,110 to the following organizations and programs:](#)*

### **KCBX Radio/Central Coast Public Radio**

Support for a QTPOC Reporting Series for the Central Coast - \$5,000

### **Planned Parenthood California Central Coast**

Gender Affirming Care - \$5,000

### **Lumina Alliance**

Outreach to LGBTQ+ Survivors of Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence - \$5,000

### **San Luis Obispo Children’s Museum**

My Time, a free monthly event at the museum for LGBTQ+ Families - \$4,110.00

*[In 2021, GTF provided grant funding of \\$13,000 to the following organizations and programs:](#)*

### **RISE**

To support a no-cost counseling program for LGBTQ+ sexual assault and intimate partner violence survivors. - \$3,000

**Planned Parenthood California Central Coast**

Gender Affirming Care - \$4,500

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County**

Mentoring LGBTQI Youth program including continuation of one-to-one mentoring, enhanced mentor training around specific needs of LGBTQI youth, and anti-bullying / non-violence education for participants. - \$4,500

**Cal Poly LGBTQ+ Campus Life Student Assistants**

In support of club sustainability and student outreach events - \$500

**Paso Robles High School GSA Club**

In support of Paso Robles High School LGBTQ+ students “Coming Out Against Hate” - \$500

*In 2020, GTF provided grant funding of \$15,000 to the following organizations and programs:*

**George Flamson Middle School Pride Club**

Funding for GSA club t-shirts and club activities on campus - \$500

**Atascadero High School GSA Club**

Funding for Pride Week materials to promote the club and for promotion of the club to the community in addition to a club field trip. - \$500

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County**

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**RISE**

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**Transitions – Mental Health Association**

Creation and management of also County LGBTQ+ mental health task force. - \$5,000

**Gala Pride and Diversity Center**

An emergency grant in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to support operations. - \$2,000

*In 2019, GTF (Formerly GTI) increased the maximum award amount from \$3,000 per grant to \$5,000 per grant and began accepting applications for two-year programs.*

*GTF provided grant funding of \$20,150 to the following organizations and programs:*

**Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County**

One-to-One Mentoring for LGBTQI Youth and for enrollment and case management for the volunteer, child, and guardian. - \$5,000

**Planned Parenthood California Central Coast**

Gender Affirming Care and the hiring of a Gender Affirming Care Patient Navigator- \$5,000

**Transitions Mental-Health Associates (TMHA)**

Support for sending two TMHA Program Managers and, hopefully, one teen resident of the Youth Treatment Program to the Gender Spectrum Conference and Professionals’ Symposium in Moraga, California, July 19-21, 2019. - \$3,000

**Gay And Lesbian Alliance (GALA) of the Central Coast**

This project would finish designing and implement no cost community LGBTQ+ 101 trainings for the San Luis Obispo community in various locations around the county. - \$4,150

**Cuesta College Foundation**

Cuesta College will implement a Campus Pride Safe Space Program that will increase awareness, knowledge of, and sensitivity to the needs of the LGBTQIAP community. - \$3,000

*In 2018, GTI provided grant funding totaling \$10,500 to the following programs:*

**Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County**

Inclusive Health Care – Youth & Providers Empowered. Funding for approximately 50 hours of health educator staffing. - \$3,000

**Stand Strong (formally Women’s Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo)**

Cuesta Conmigo (Count on Me) – two groups serving between 8 and 12 individuals with one group in Spanish and the other in English. - \$3,000

**Transitions Mental Health Association (TMHA)**

Suicide Prevention Forum that will accommodate more than 200 attendees. - \$3,000

**Tranz Central Coast (fiscal sponsor was GALA)**

To support the “Teaching Transgender Training of Trainers” program to educate about the growing need for culturally sensitive and trans-affirming training and community outreach and including purchase of “The Teaching Transgender Toolkit” books. - \$1,000

**Morro Bay High School Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)**

To support the organization’s work in providing a safe space LGBT+ students and allies as well as to discuss social issues for the LGBT+ community. Funds will be used to purchase sweatshirts and materials for an art project open to all students. - \$500

*In 2017, GTI provided funding of \$14,800 to the following programs:*

**Arroyo Grande High School LGBT+ Club**

To fund the re-emerging club which provides a safe space for LGBT students and a place for allies to discuss LGBT topics and issues. - \$500

**Morro Bay High School Sexuality and Gender Alliance (SAGA)**

To support the organization’s work in providing a safe space LGBT+ students and allies as well as to discuss social issues for the LGBT+ community. - \$500

**RISE**

LGBTQIA Support Group & Community Case Management to support, expand, and strengthen existing Supportive Mental Health Services and outreach to the LGBTQIA community. - \$3,000

**Cal Poly Corporation: Central Coast Coalition for Inclusive Schools (CCC4IS)**

To support building capacity in the SLO community to support LGBTQIA+ Youth with a variety of programs. - \$3,000

### **Cuesta College Foundation**

Safe Zone Ally Training: To support students, including those who identify as LGBTQI, who struggle with mental health challenges that affect their academic success and their overall health and wellbeing. Creation of a "What is an Ally?" video. - \$3,000

### **Women's Shelter Program of San Luis Obispo County**

To support mental health services for youth by updating LGBT promotional materials and brochures. - \$1,000

### **Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast (GALA) Senior Advocacy**

Senior Lesbian Isolation Solutions 2017 Grant: To support membership to SLO Village, a retirement model for seniors with access to volunteer services and social programs. This grant will allow 6-10 subsidized memberships for 1 year. - \$1,800

### **Cal Poly Queer C.A.R.E.S Program (through Cal Poly Corp)**

SLO County LGBTQ+ Mental Health and Wellness Needs Assessment. To support a survey to collect data from SLO County residents who identify as LGBTQ regarding their mental health and services available to them. Information will be used to better direct future support - \$1,000

*[From 2016 to 2013 GTI focused funding on youth services and community education including the implementation of the FAIR Education Act. The following programs were awarded:](#)*

### **Cal Poly Corporation as fiscal agent for Central Coast Coalition for Inclusive Schools**

To support the development of youth leaders in local high school Gay Straight Alliances and document initiatives and changes that arise from the supports provided. - \$3,000

### **Cal Poly LGBTQIA Faculty Staff Association**

To support "Gay Counter-Acculturation" educational presentations by author David Halperin on campus in October 2013 for students, staff, and community members. - \$1,000

### **Gay and Lesbian Alliance**

"LGBT Legal Forum" - To implement an educational forum on the impact on LGBT individuals of the SCOTUS ruling to overturn DOMA - \$150

### **AIDS Support Network**

"Fusion" to support SLO's sole HIV prevention and education program for LGBTQIA youth - \$3,000

### **Atascadero High School GSA Club**

"Our Voice" - To advance the relationship between the GSA and the adult membership of the GALA Center in SLO for learning about the equality movement. - \$210

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters**

"Community Based Mentoring" - To support LGBTQI youth who have experienced discrimination and/or bullying by matching them with appropriately trained mentors, and to integrate culturally appropriate training for parents and mentors in the organization. - \$3,000

### **SLO High School GSA Club**

To support club sustainability through purchase of club t-shirts, and to host a club picnic to increase membership and visibility. - \$500

**Templeton High GSA Club**

To support club sustainability and increase on campus awareness with distribution of club t-shirts - \$381

**Community Counseling Center**

LGBTQ Youth Affirmative Strategies & Interventions training workshop for mental health providers; school districts, and youth/family serving agencies. \$525

**Your True Gender**

To support costs for first Transgender Educational Conference in SLO County. - \$2,000

**Access Support Network of SLO & Monterey Counties**

To support “Know Your Status,” a day long program on the Cal Poly campus with panel presentations on HIV Stigma, pre-exposure prophylaxis, free HIV testing, and special guest speakers. - \$1,000

**Transitions Mental Health Association**

To support the 2016 Suicide Prevention Program with specific focus on mental health and suicide ideation in the LGBTQI community, including Supportive Mental Health Services AND Bullying/Harassment/Discrimination. - \$2,500

*From 2012 to 2007 GTI focused funding on youth services and community education. Mini grants were distributed to:*

**LifeBound Leadership**

To implement a LGBTQ inclusivity education, community engagement and advocacy program for 24 youth, ages 16-18. - \$3,000

**Planned Parenthood of SLO**

To implement a series of health education sessions for the LGBTQ community. - \$3,000

**Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast**

Senior Cultural Competency Training Program - To provide training to healthcare service providers to help meet the unique needs of older LGBTQI patients/clients of healthcare facilities and social service agencies - \$1,500

**Asset Development Network**

To support the development of the teen theater group to increase awareness of LGBTQI bullying and other types of bullying. - \$1,000

**Transitions-Mental Health Association**

Mental Health & Wellness Ally Training - To expand TMHA Ally Training and make it available to other health and human service providers throughout SLO County - \$2,500

**Tranz Central Coast**

To support implementation of therapist-led support groups and audio-visual equipment for community education programs. - \$1,000

**Women’s Shelter Program, Inc.**

To support the LGBTQ outreach project addressing issues of intimate partner violence. - \$1,000

**YMCA of SLO County**

To support Inclusivity Marketing and Cultural Competency Training for staff. - \$1,000

**Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast**

To support creation of a History of Pride educational exhibit and to implement a community education program during the 2010 Pride Festival - \$980

**YMCA of SLO County**

To establish and implement “No Place for Hate” campaign in all their program sites. - \$810

**Gay and Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast**

To support Board Development through sponsorship of attendance by youth Board Member to attend the Creating Change Conference - \$500

**Sexual Assault Recovery & Prevention Center**

To pilot a self-defense training program for gay men - \$500

**SLO County Office of Education**

To sponsor LGBTQ youth and GSA advisors to participate in the Asset Development Conference in 2010 - \$500

**Cuesta College GSA**

To support club activities and greater visibility on campus - \$500.

**SLO High School GSA**

To support club activities – gay prom and youth forum - \$500

**Templeton High School GSA**

To support club activities and visibility on campus - \$500

**Nipomo High School GSA**

To support continuity and sustainability activities of the Club - \$500

*The 2006 grant cycle continued focus on youth services and community education, Mini grants were distributed to:*

**SLO County Bar Association**

To conduct two workshops on the changing Domestic Partnership Laws in California - \$2,000

**EOC Health Services**

To market LGBTQ friendly reproductive health services for youth and adults - \$1,000

**Nipomo High School GSA**

To support continuity and sustainability of the Gay-Straight Alliance Club on campus - \$500

**SLO County Office of Education**

To sponsor LGBTQ youth and GSA advisors to participate in the Asset Development Conference in 2007 - \$450

*The 2005 grant cycle prioritized mental health and counseling service access. However very few proposals were received. The following programs were awarded:*

### **Gay & Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast**

To address community education needs and programs for LGBTQ youth through development of “The History Project” – a video documentary of local LGBT community members \$5,000

### **Community Counseling Center**

To provide, in collaboration with a mental health professional association, a local LGBTQ training for mental health professionals and implement three weekly support groups for LGBTQ individuals. \$4,896

*The 2004 grant cycled prioritized mental health and counseling service access for the LGBT community. A proposal review committee comprised of Advisory Committee Members along with two mental health therapists from the community assisted with evaluation. The approved grantees included:*

### **Gay & Lesbian Alliance of the Central Coast**

To improve utilization of the LGBT community center through space reconfiguration and to support programmatic capacity building for the Youth Project and four community forums - \$6,280

### **EOC Health Services**

To provide LGBTQ cultural sensitivity training for staff in their reproductive health and community education programs and implement “LGBTQ friendly” program practices - \$4,036

*This grant was also highlighted in the California Family Health Council Summer 2004 newsletter, as EOC Health Services is one of their grantees and tapped into CFHC’s training center for the workshop facilitator.*

### **Community Counseling Center**

To develop and provide, in collaboration with a mental health professional association, a LGBTQ cultural competency training for mental health professionals and establish two support groups for LGBTQ individuals - \$3,500

### **Hospice of SLO County**

Sharing our Grief - to support expanded access to bereavement services for the LGBT community and conduct cultural competency in-service for staff and volunteers. \$2,920

*In June 2003, the second round of fund grants were awarded to programs supporting the LGBTQ Community. The Advisory Committee continued with a model of mini-grants and larger project grants. The funded projects were:*

**Domestic violence outreach** and development of a peer advocacy program within the LGBT community - \$7,000

### **Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals United**

“Respect Zone” training for students, faculty, and staff of the local state university; and speaker’s fees for 2004 Community Pride Week - \$6,550

### **Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians & Gays**

“Safe Schools” Training for staff, faculty, and administrators of local schools to eliminate harassment of students; and to provide a resource library for staff at each site - \$4,250

### **GALA Community Center**

Staffing support - \$5,000

### **Gay & Lesbian Alliance**



Newsletter enhancement - \$3,000

**GALA Community Center**

Purchase of a copier - \$1,200

**Tranz Central Coast**

Community outreach and development materials for group supporting transgender/transsexual persons - \$1,000

**PFLAG Hotline**

Promotion and advertising - \$500

*In 2002, six grants were funded, totaling \$25,500. The funded projects were:*

**Gay & Lesbian Alliance**

“Organizational Capacity Building” To provide seed funding for establishment of a part-time center coordinator staff position, which will improve access to and utilization of GALA’s community center - \$10,000

**SLO Little Theatre**

“The Laramie Project” To support outreach and production costs for four benefit performances of The Laramie Project, with proceeds going to four local LGBT organizations - \$5,500

**Parents, Family & Friends of Lesbians & Gays**

“Safe Schools Project” To train school personnel about harassment and bullying issues related to LGBT youth, as well as strategies for intervention - \$5,000

**Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals United**

“CommUnity Pride To support keynote speaker fees as part of a 10-day series of educational workshops and pride activities - \$3,000

**Gay & Lesbian Alliance “A LGBT Senior Survey”**

To identify specific needs of local seniors within the LGBT community and support services to be provided by GALA - \$1,000

**Women’s Shelter Program of SLO County**

“Domestic Violence Outreach” To work with local LGBT organizations in developing an educational brochure and outreach/referral program - \$1,000