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Pride Foundation Awards 72 Grants Transforming LGBTQ Communities across the Northwest *Awards \$383,000 to organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, & Washington*

SEATTLE, WA— Today, Pride Foundation announced \$383,000 in grant awards to 72 organizations in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington—investing critical resources in leaders and communities so even more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people can be who they are, where they are.

This year’s funding to organizations across the Northwest is the highest award amount in Pride Foundation history.

These remarkable grantees are working to address complex issues facing our community. Here in Alaska, \$21,000 was awarded to 3 organizations. Grantees include:

- **Alaskan AIDS Assistance Association (Four As)** (*Anchorage, Alaska*): For supporting its *Syringe Access Program* in Juneau—a program that has seen usage rates quadruple in the past two years—with an emphasis placed on vulnerable gay and transgender men, who are at higher risk of HIV infection.
- **Alaska Family Medicine Residency** (*Anchorage, Alaska*): For developing an LGBTQ health curriculum to be included in the medical training of family medicine resident physicians.
- **Identity, Inc** (*Anchorage, Alaska*): For organizing a series of community-based educational forums (in both urban and rural Alaskan communities) in collaboration with the Anchorage Museum and the Institute of Social and Economic Research.

Read a complete list of grantees [here](#).

“We’ve prioritized funding organizations and ideas that are strengthening the fabric our communities and our movements,” said Josh Hemsath, Pride Foundation’s Regional Development Organizer in Alaska. “At a time when more than 200 pieces of legislation targeting LGBTQ people have been introduced across the country and there is opposition to discrimination protections for transgender people, we need strong, life-

affirming resources and services accessible to our community. That's what these grants are all about.”

In addition to these community grants, Pride Foundation awarded a total of \$7.2 million to visionary organizations and student leaders in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington in 2016 through our scholarship program, sponsorships, and our area of interest, donor-designated, and donor-advised funds.

Since the foundation began in 1985, Pride Foundation has awarded nearly \$72 million to promote the safety, health, and well-being of LGBTQ individuals and families across the Northwest region—with a focus on those who are most impacted by disparities and inequities.

The press and members of the public can learn more about these remarkable grantee organizations at local [year-end events taking place around the region](#).

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Founded in 1985, Pride Foundation is a regional community foundation serving Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Its mission is to inspire giving to expand opportunities and advance full equality for LGBTQ people in the Northwest. Learn more at www.pridefoundation.org.