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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 Oregon, \$72,500 was awarded to 16 organizations. Grantees include:

- **Sankofa Collective Northwest** (*Portland, Oregon*): For promoting the health and well-being of black LGBTQ people, youth, and their families and friends through support, education, organizing, and advocacy.
- **Safe Harbors** (*Enterprise, Oregon*): For launching the *Safe Space Youth Program*, the latest addition to Safe Harbors’ ongoing domestic violence and sexual assault programming, specifically focused on LGBTQ youth.
- **Cascade AIDS Project** (*Portland, Oregon*): For renovating Cascade AIDS Projects’ primary care medical clinic that focuses on serving Portland’s LGBTQ community. The clinic will open in March of 2017.
- **TransPonder** (*Eugene, Oregon*): For programming to better serve transgender and gender diverse community members and allies in Lane County.

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

“We’ve prioritized funding organizations and ideas that are strengthening the fabric of our communities and our movements,” said Kim Sogge, Pride Foundation’s Regional Development Organizer in Oregon. “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.