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Pride Foundation Awards Grants to 56 Organizations Supporting LGBTQ Community in the Northwest

Eleven Oregon Organizations among Grantees

Seattle, WA—Pride Foundation announced today that it has awarded \$303,775 to 56 organizations that support lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth, adults, and families in the Northwest. In Oregon, a total of \$60,100 was invested in eleven organizations.

Despite the recent progress Oregon has made in regards to legal protections for the LGBTQ community—including marriage equality and increased access to healthcare for transgender people—LGBTQ people still face heightened risks of hate crimes, poverty, homelessness, discrimination, bullying, HIV infection, and mistreatment in social and human services.

By directing resources to those who remain most invisible and vulnerable despite recent progress, Pride Foundation's community grants program is making an important statement about the work that lies ahead and the continued need in the LGBTQ community.

"Our grantees reflect the diversity of our community, and the breadth of issues affecting LGBTQ people throughout their lives," said Kris Hermanns, Executive Director of Pride Foundation. "When viewed collectively, these investments paint a comprehensive picture of the road ahead—from safe schools, to workplace equality, to culturally-competent healthcare and social services, to food and housing security, to elder care."

Grantees in Oregon will be working to reduce barriers faced in rural communities, and other priorities include youth, people of color, transgender people, and elders.

Highlights from Pride Foundation's 2014 Oregon grants include:

Center for Intercultural Organizing (Portland): \$5,000 to build internal capacity to ensure their organizational structure emphasizes the needs of LGBTQ members and to grow the Resilient Connections group, which supports LGBTQ immigrants and refugees.

HIV Alliance (Eugene): \$7,500 to support HIV prevention and outreach in eleven rural counties in Oregon through HIV counseling, testing and referral services, building a gay men's health network, and a support group.

Lotus Rising Project (Medford): \$5,000 to support Lotus Rising Project's programs to create institutional change in schools and cultural change in communities through reducing bullying in area schools and building youth leaders.

PFLAG Oregon Central Coast (Newport): \$3,100 to make area schools and communities safer for LGBTQ youth living in rural environments.

SAGE Metro Portland (Portland): \$5,000 to support Service and Advocacy for LGBT Elders (SAGE) Metro Portland, a project of Friendly House—the only organization in Oregon that provides community services and programming specifically for LGBTQ older adults.

TransActive Gender Center (Portland): \$10,000 to support TransActive—an organization providing a holistic range of services and expertise (client services, education, and advocacy) to empower transgender and gender non-conforming children, youth, and their families to live healthy lives, free of discrimination.

This year's grantees include LGBTQ organizations as well as mainstream organizations providing programming and services specifically to the LGBTQ population. LGBTQ issues only receive [0.26% of total foundation dollars](#) (26 cents for every 100 dollars), making Pride Foundation's work even more critical.

In addition to their community grants program, Pride Foundation also makes investments in LGBTQ youth, adults, and families through a scholarship program, donor-advised, and donor-designated funds. In total, the foundation has invested nearly \$7.1 million this year to support LGBTQ people in their home communities.

“In all that we do, we are focusing our resources and grant dollars on bridging the gap between legal victories and the ability for all LGBTQ people to be who they are, where they are,” said Hermanns. “We are honored to partner with wonderful organizations and individuals throughout our region and country that share our values and hopes for our community.”

The full list of Pride Foundation grantees and project descriptions is available at www.pridefoundation.org/grantees.

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Pride Foundation is a regional community foundation that inspires giving to expand opportunities and advance full equality for LGBTQ people across the Northwest. Learn more at www.pridefoundation.org.