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MacKenzie Scott's \$4.2 Billion Philanthropic Investment Includes "Game-Changing" Gift to Pride Foundation, LGBTQ+ Community in Northwest

Pride Foundation receives \$3 million gift—at a time when it is needed most.

SEATTLE (December 16, 2020) – Pride Foundation, the only LGBTQ+ community foundation in the Northwest, was included in the impressive group of 384 nonprofit organizations that in total received nearly \$4.2 billion from philanthropist MacKenzie Scott.

As described in her article [in Medium](#), Scott and a team of advisors analyzed the work of thousands of organizations across all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and Washington D.C. and selected those with the highest potential for impact.

"We are so honored to be one of the LGBTQ+ organizations included in MacKenzie Scott's announcement. This isn't just a gift to Pride Foundation—this will strengthen the entire ecosystem of support for LGBTQ+ communities in the Northwest. It's game changing." Katie Carter, Pride Foundation CEO explains. "It allows us to think even more expansively about our grant making—to make longer term, larger, and even more responsive investments in LGBTQ+ groups at an absolutely critical time."

In 2020, Pride Foundation has pivoted quickly in response to COVID-19, the ensuing economic devastation of the pandemic, and uprisings for racial justice across the region. In March, the organization launched their Crisis Community Care Fund with one primary goal: to provide fast, low-barrier, no strings attached support to LGBTQ+ community groups.

By drawing from their own resources and expanding their fundraising efforts, they have awarded \$1.6 million this year to organizations working to meet the needs of LGBTQ+ people—a community that has been [especially hard hit](#) by COVID-19. They see MacKenzie Scott's gift as an opportunity to carry these efforts even further in 2021 and beyond.

"With this gift, Pride Foundation is poised to move even greater resources to our communities in the years to come, and is a bright spot given the harsh reality that LGBTQ+ communities continue to be severely overlooked and underfunded," Carter explains. "We hope this gift—and MacKenzie Scott's incredible belief in our work—will inspire others to invest in equity and justice like she has. We hope others will see her proactive philanthropy as a call to action."

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[Pride Foundation](#) is the only LGBTQ+ community foundation serving the Northwest region of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington. Since 1985, Pride Foundation has fueled transformational movements to advance equity and justice for LGBTQ+ people in all communities across the Northwest.