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Texas Pride Impact Funds (TPIF) Awards First Statewide Grants *LGBTQ Communities Foundation Supports Non-profit Initiatives*

HOUSTON, TX – Fifteen Texas-wide LGBTQ youth, healthcare and small community organizations out of 38 applicants are the first recipients of \$120,000 in grant funding from the newly-formed Texas Pride Impact Funds (TPIF) foundation.

Five years in the making and chartered in 2015 as the LGBTQ community foundation for Texas, TPIF's mission is informed by the organization's landmark 2017 statewide assessment, reported founding board member and TPIF spokesman Ron Guillard. Grants awarded to 15 non-profits support a variety of community projects including:

- Youth initiatives
- Community-building events
- Transgender healthcare professional competency-improvement programs
- Additional health-related programs statewide

Recipient communities around the state include Beaumont, El Paso, Harlingen, and Midland as well as Austin, Dallas-Fort Worth, and Houston urban centers where LGBTQ organizations serve multi-county regions.

Studies Support TPIF's Formation and Grant Recipient Selection

"Nationwide research data provided by *Funders of LGBTQ Issues* indicates that, comparing the five most populous states, per capita funding to LGBTQ non-profits from corporate and public foundations in Texas significantly lags behind that of New York, California, Illinois and Florida by up to 440%," reported Guillard. "It is TPIF's most earnest mission to help these local organizations because we see them doing important work."

"TPIF's 2017 statewide study *IMPACT! Texas*, the first comprehensive state-wide needs assessment of the LGBTQ community and organizations providing services to LGBTQ individuals, established our grantmaking priorities. It is energizing to see the critical impact that projects at these small and mid-sized organizations are making throughout Texas," Guillard added. "At Texas Pride Impact Funds we believe that the one million LGBTQ Texans in major urban centers to rural communities, deserve the opportunity to thrive and be who they are, where they are."

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Fifteen Grant Recipients

ASHWell Medical Clinic, Austin \$10,000 for operational funding for a part-time outreach specialist to spread awareness of new HIV/PrEP/PEP/Hep C/STD medical services.

Borderland Rainbow Center, El Paso \$10,000 for training area healthcare providers on an expanded selection of topics to increase the number of LGBTQ+ competent providers and upgrade an associated referral webpage.

Communities In Schools of Central Texas, Austin \$4,000 for an LGBTQIA+ Student Leadership Summit designed to engage 300 students, parents, educators, and volunteers in bringing knowledge, awareness and relationship-building around LGBTQIA+ topics.

Gender Infinity, Houston \$7,500 for the 8th Annual Gender Infinity Conference, an affirming space for families, learners, advocates, and providers to advance relationships, knowledge and resources that empower gender-diverse individuals.

Kind Clinic, Austin \$2,500 for transgender and gender non-binary patients receiving care, empowering patients to take charge of their sexual health needs and providing supportive behavioral health resources.

Legacy Community Health, Beaumont \$10,000 for a March 2019 Greater Beaumont summit during National LGBTQ Health Awareness Week.

Legacy Counseling Center, Dallas \$9,000 for a new TPIF Therapeutic Group project for HIV-positive gay men in crisis, most of whom are newly diagnosed.

Lesbian Health Initiative, Houston \$5,000 for programming providing access and barrier reduction to routine healthcare through patient navigation to care.

The Montrose Center/Hatch Youth, Houston \$8,000 for rapid rehousing and wraparound youth services to support the goal of self-sufficiency as defined as the ability to pay rent, utilities and cover most expenses such as food and clothes.

Out In West Texas, Midland \$10,000 for a project and symposium to train medical, legal, mental health, and educational providers in West Texas who work with transgender clients.

Promise House, Dallas \$9,000 for the LGBTQ Transitional Living Program designed to change the lives of homeless youth by empowering them to become independent adults and to gain resilience and self-acceptance.

Resource Center/Youth First, Dallas \$10,000 for programs and activities that aim to decrease high-risk behaviors, decrease social isolation, and improve self-esteem among North Texas middle and high school LGBTQ youth.

TransFORWARD: Texas Transgender Health, Austin \$5,000 for a pilot project to establish a blueprint for statewide expansion to advance cultural competency of medical staff and hospital processes for transgender clients and the full LGBTQ community.

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Valley AIDS Council, Harlingen \$10,000 for a Community Mobilization Coordinator to organize the Council's 2019 PRIDE in the Park, a family-oriented event that attracts up to 5,000 attendees.

Waterloo Counseling Center, Austin \$10,000 for LGBTQ-affirming mental health counseling, including individuals, couples, family, and group therapy.

About Texas Pride Impact Funds

TPIF is a statewide organization founded in 2015 to secure the future of LGBTQ Texans by inspiring giving and investment to expand opportunity and enrich communities. TPIF operates as an LGBTQ community foundation and serves as a catalyst for LGBTQ organizations and philanthropists in the state by connecting communities of volunteers and donors to improve the lives of the state's population of more than [930,000 LGBTQ adults and youth](#). A "First Hundred Funders" campaign, a multi-year financial commitment, is underway for supporters who believe in the strategic, long-term purpose of TPIF. The Dallas Foundation is the fiscal sponsor of TEXAS PRIDE IMPACT FUNDS, a component fund of The Dallas Foundation, a 501(c)(3), publicly supported charity, Federal Tax ID 75-2890371. For more information, to donate or volunteer, visit Texas Pride Impact Funds online (www.txpif.org) or email info@txpif.org.

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