



CONSORTIUM

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LGBT+ Futures: Bi Fund

Guidance

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Introduction

The Fund

Thanks to a partnership with BiPride UK, and the [research](#) conducted by our Community Consultants, we are delighted to open a small grants fund specifically for Bi Organisations across the UK.

How much is available?

There is a total pot of £5,000 available, which will be distributed as community grants of up to £250.

Who can apply?

This funding is ringfenced for bi led organisations doing work specifically with bi communities. To be eligible, the primary purpose of your organisation or group must be to support bi communities.

What can we apply for?

We recognise the amounts being offered as grants is small. Therefore, we are keen to support as many bi-led groups as we can.

The funding can be used for the general running of the group, and we have made the application process as simple as possible. You can of course apply for specific items, but there is no requirement for this.

How do we apply?

You can apply directly through our online portal at www.consortium.lgbt/bifund.

We recognise that groups prefer applying in different ways and are happy to listen to groups on their preference. For example, if your organisation would prefer to submit a short video application, we can facilitate this. If your organisation would prefer having 1:1 support to submit an application, we can arrange for a member of the team to support you with this.

Please get in touch with the team on grants@consortium.lgbt if you need support with applying.

How long can the funding last for?

Up to 12 months. Given the awarded amounts are likely to be for core running costs of a group, we don't expect funds to last a long period of time. We will require a very short form to be completed within 12 months to confirm the funds have been spent and offer us any information/case study on how the group has used the funding. This is used to help us secure future funds in our conversations with funders.

Is there a deadline for applications?

No. We plan to communicate news of this fund with as many bi-led organisations as possible prior to it opening for applications. We recognise that smaller organisations

need time and capacity to submit applications so we hope by communicating early groups can explore whether this funding is for them.

There is a limited pot of funding so we will communicate through our website and social media channels when over 50% of the funding has been allocated. We feel this is the fairest way to give organisations the time they need to apply, whilst being transparent about what has been spent to date and anticipate when we will need to close the fund.

How are decisions made?

Decisions will be made by a community panel, formed of bi people with as diverse a range of lived experiences as we can bring together, alongside representatives from Consortium and BiPride UK.

How long will decisions take?

Given the small amounts of funding available, we aim to make decisions as quickly as is practicable. We anticipate this will be a maximum of 8 weeks from submitting your application to a decision being communicated with your organisation.

Can a bi org of any size apply?

Yes. We will prioritise smaller grassroots organisations for the awards but recognise the bi-led part of our sector is small, with limited financial resource.

Do we need to be a member of Consortium?

No. Any bi-led organisation can apply, whether a member or not.

What do we need to have in place to apply?

- A bank account in its name, or another organisation that can hold the funds on your behalf.
- Some form of document that says what the group is for (this might be a constitution, set of rules, group agreement).
- Have at least 2 people involved in the organisation (e.g. committee members, trustees, etc.)

Smaller organisations can reach out to use and have a discussion if any of these requirements are a challenge.

Do we have to apply for the full £250?

No. Apply for what you need. We recognise these are small awards but if your organisation just needs £100 to print some leaflets and promote the group then please do just apply for that. This will enable to make these limited funds go as far as possible.

Who do we speak to for more information?

Please reach out to Consortium's grants team on grants@consortium.lgbt.