



CONSORTIUM

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LGBT+ Futures: Faith Fund

Guidance

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Introduction

The Fund

Thanks to the generosity of an individual Donor, and the success of our previous Intersections Fund, we have secured a **funding pot of £20,000** that is available for non-profit groups, organisations and project that **led by and for LGBT+ people of faith**.

How much is available?

There is a total pot of £20,000 available, which will be distributed as community grants in denominations of £500, £1,000 and £2,000.

Our Community Panel will decide on the award amount, taking into consideration a geographical spread of awards, the size of the organisation, cross section of faith organisations in the awards and the priority needs of applicants.

Who can apply?

This funding is **ringfenced for LGBT+ faith-led organisations doing work specifically with LGBT+ faith communities**. To be eligible, the **primary purpose** of your organisation or group must be to support LGBT+ faith communities—this may be focussed on one faith or be multi-faith.

What can we apply for?

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

The funding is 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 we are keen to make core costs awards.

How do we apply?

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

We have tried to make the application process as simple as possible. Rather than applying for a project, or something time-limited, we are keen for organisations to tell us why your organisation should receive an award, and provide evidence of previous work undertaken by the organisation.

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 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 information/a case study on how the group has used the funding. This is used to help us secure future funds in our conversations with a range of funders.

Is there a deadline for applications?

Yes. This will be a fixed application period Fund. **The deadline for applications is Sunday 23rd April 2023.**

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. If an organisation will have difficulties in completing the short application form in time

How are decisions made?

Decisions will be made by a Community Panel, formed of people with as diverse a range of faith lived experiences as we can bring together. They will be joined by a representatives from Consortium and the Donor.

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 the deadline for applications.

Can a faith-led org of any size apply?

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

Do we need to be a member of Consortium?

No. Any faith-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 us and have a discussion if any of these requirements are a challenge.

Do we have to apply for a set amount?

No. Write your application on the basis of setting out why your organisation needs support. The Community Panel will award on the basis of need and will be keen to make these Funds go as far as possible and support as many organisations as possible. The minimum amount that will be awarded is £500 and the maximum amount is £2,000.

Who do we speak to for more information?

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