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LGBT+ Futures:
National Emergencies Trust Fund
Guidance
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Introduction

We are excited to deliver a further Grants Programme for diverse and unique organisations that make up the Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Trans + (LGBT+) Sector.

Thanks to the National Emergencies Trust, **a total funding pot of £350,000** is available to LGBT+ non-profit groups, organisations and projects. The funding is available to **address the additional needs of LGBT+ people and communities most adversely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic** and to **support and strengthen LGBT+ organisations that have been impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic.**

Please read this guidance to ensure that your application has the best chance of success. Incomplete applications that do not meet the aims set out in this guidance will not be funded.

There are **no deadlines** for this fund. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until all the funding has been awarded.

Allow 6 weeks from the date of your application to your anticipated result.

Please take your time to make a considered and appropriate application which will best support your organisation and community at this time. There is no need to rush to make an application. Funding will be awarded in tranches and we will ensure funding is carried forward to meet the needs of later applicants.

As the grants are awarded for immediate responses and support to organisations, individuals and communities in need as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, grants are for short-term work only and **all funds awarded through the programme must be fully spent by 31 May 2021.**

For questions or help completing your form please contact our Grants Team on 020 7064 6500

General Guidance

Who can Apply?

Any UK based non-profit group¹, organisation or project that works with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans + (LGBT+) people is welcome to apply.

Organisations applying must have Objects in their constitution specifically outlining their support of LGBT+ communities and/or be clear in their public facing materials (e.g. website) that their existing work proactively engages LGBT+ people or communities.

You do not need to be a Member of Consortium to be eligible to apply.

Previous Futures Fund grantees and current Intersections Fund grant holders are eligible to apply

Organisations must be fit for funding. This means having good governance, appropriate financial management in place and high standards of safeguarding for staff, volunteers and those using their support or services. As part of our application checks organisations are required to show they have the following:

- A governing document e.g. a constitution
- Two or more unrelated trustees, board members or directors
- Able to provide a correspondence address
- Relevant Safeguarding & Diversity & Inclusion Policies
- A bank account in the organisations name, or be able to nominate a registered charity that will hold a grant in trust for them

If your organisation needs support to ensure that you have the correct governance, policies and procedures in place, get in touch with our grants team on 020 7064 6500 or email grants@consortium.lgbt.

We want this funding to get where it is most needed. If your organisation needs additional support or guidance to be able to submit an application please get in touch—we are here to help.

¹ This includes: Registered charities; CIOs; CICs; Non-profit companies (companies limited by share are not eligible); Unincorporated Charitable Associations (e.g. community and voluntary groups with a written constitution)

Small Grants up to £5,000

Each organisation or group can apply for one grant only from the LGBT+ Futures: National Emergencies Trust Fund through either the small grants or main grants.

Applications can be for any amount up to a maximum of £5,000.

Application to the small grants fund will be via a short online form.

If you require support at any point our grants team will be happy to provide support. If the application form is a barrier to applying, we can support your organisation to apply via alternative means. Please contact us grants@consortium.lgbt

Proposals must be working towards the funding focus outlined below.

Main Grants between £5,001 and £15,000

Each organisation or group can apply for one grant only from the LGBT+ Futures: National Emergencies Trust Fund through either the small grants or main grants.

Main grants are those between £5,001 and £15,000.

Don't be tempted for apply for the maximum amount just because you can. A large number of applications are anticipated, and we are keen to fund as many viable projects as possible, so we expect the average grant amount awarded to be at a much lower value than the maximum amount, at between £5,000-£10,000.

Grant awards over £10,000 will be exceptional. Please think carefully before submitting a bid at this level.

Applications to the main grants fund will be via application form.

Proposals must be working towards the funding focus outlined below.

Funding focus

Funding will be only be awarded to support LGBT+ projects which require support to enable them to continue through the Covid-19 pandemic and which are meeting the **immediate needs of LGBT+ people and communities adversely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.**

The grants are likely to be awarded towards ongoing work, core costs and additional work which strengthens the position of organisations and their ability to respond to community needs at this challenging time.

We particularly welcome work supporting those LGBT+ people and communities that are underrepresented and/or subject to higher levels of marginalisation.

Projects are likely to focus on at least one of the following community needs:

- **Wellbeing Services**
Supporting voluntary sector organisations to deliver a range of wellbeing services with some offering targeted specialist services. Examples of the types of activities and items we could fund include:

- Befriending and outreach support to reduce social isolation
 - Creative arts and healthy living workshops
 - Fitness classes
 - Counselling and therapeutic sessions
- **Emergency Accommodation**
Supporting voluntary sector organisations to provide shelter and accommodation services to people experiencing homelessness. Examples of the types of activities and items we could fund include:
 - Housing advice services
 - Temporary housing for victims of crime or those living in difficult households
- **Organisation Running Costs**
Supporting voluntary sector organisations to adapt and respond to the pandemic. Examples of the types of activities and items we could fund include:
 - Purchase of equipment to deliver virtual services
 - Salaries and sessional staff to meet the increasing demand
 - Funding to support organisations to continue services following a loss of income
- **Education and Training**
Supporting voluntary sector organisations to offer formal training and skills development and educational coaching. Examples of the types of activities and items we could fund include:
 - Tutoring and homework clubs
 - digital provision to support LGBT+ young people
 - Ensuring children and young people are equipped so they can successfully access educational support (for example, through the provision of internet and/or IT devices)
 - Employment and skills development
- **Food, Medicines and other essentials**
Supporting voluntary sector organisations to provide essential delivery services ensuring the practical needs of vulnerable individuals and families are met. Examples of the types of activities and items we could fund include:
 - Foodbanks
 - Home delivery of essential items, including care packs and medication
- **Information and Advice**
Supporting voluntary sector organisations to provide specialist and general information, guidance and advice online or by telephone. Examples of the types of activities and items we could fund include:
 - Helplines to connect people to wellbeing services

- Curation of content for distributing to local audiences by radio, YouTube TV, websites and community newsletters
- **Temporary Emergency Response Coordination**
Supporting community and volunteer-led resilience and response coordination to the pandemic. Examples of the types of activities and items we could fund include:
 - Covering the expenses of volunteers who are delivering essential services to response agencies and residents in their local community
 - IT and communication expenses for coordinators to help them galvanise support and work effectively with local agencies

All grants must be fully spent **by 31 May 2021**.

Geographical Areas

LGBT+ Organisations, groups or projects working within the UK can apply.

We are particularly keen to receive applications from areas of the UK which are under-served in terms of LGBT+ support.

What we cannot fund

Whilst we are keen to fund as many LGBT+ Organisations, groups and projects as we can there are several types of organisations, projects and work we cannot fund.

Please ensure that you read the list carefully. If you are unsure if your organisation or proposed work is eligible, please get in touch with the Grants Team.

- Any organisation, group or project that is not specifically LGBT+ focussed, or cannot demonstrate that the organisation already works with LGBT+ people
- Work which does not respond directly to needs arising from the Covid-19 pandemic
- Organisations which do not deliver services (e.g. Prides and other event based organisations)
- Activities that take place outside of the UK
- Organisations which cannot demonstrate that they are working in an inclusive, non-discriminatory way.
- Standalone or large capital purchases
- Research
- Political Groups
- Work that promotes religion (i.e. work that evangelises or proselytizes)
- Organisations or projects that will distribute the grant money to others
- Retrospective costs, i.e. costs already incurred prior to receiving a grant
- Work that duplicates existing local or thematic work
- General appeals

- Any organisation currently or previously in receipt of a grant from Consortium which has a history of non-compliance with grant conditions

When to apply

Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. We endeavour to make decisions on applications within 6 weeks of receipt.

Grants should be paid within 1 week of applicants being informed of decisions, subject to receipt of required documentation.

Decision Making Processes

All complete applications from eligible LGBT+ Organisations, groups and projects (as outlined above) will be processed and assessed by our Grants Team. Each application is scored against a set of criteria and goes through the same process.

Assessment recommendations will be sent to our Grants Committee for decisions. This will include a Consortium Trustee and LGBT+ community and funding sector representatives. A full list of Committee members will be published on our website.

Grant Terms and Conditions

If your organisation is awarded a grant, we will provide a Grant Agreement that you must agree to in order to receive the money, which will include only being able to use the grant for the work that has been applied for and awarded.

Feedback for Unsuccessful Applicants

We will offer feedback to any organisation that requests it.

Data Protection

We use the personal data you provide, such as contact details for individuals at your organisation, in order to allow you to apply and for us to assess your application. If your grant is successful, we will use this data to check that the grant is being managed appropriately and maintain contact with you.

Monitoring & Evaluating

If your organisation is awarded a grant you will receive the monitoring and evaluation requirements at the start of your grant period. By accepting a grant from the Fund, you are agreeing to report back to us on how the money was spent and the difference it made.