



Appalachian Community Fund
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GLBTQ Initiative Fund

Deadline: Proposals accepted anytime

The Appalachian Community Fund (ACF) was founded in 1987 to bring new resources and provide grants to groups for community organizing and social change in the central region of Appalachia: (East Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Southwest Virginia and all of West Virginia. ACF uses the Appalachian Regional Commission's designation for Appalachian counties in these states.

Grants are given to community-based organizations that address underlying causes of the economic and social distress in Central Appalachia. ACF seeks to build a long-term resource base and expand community philanthropy in the region. In its 20-year history, ACF has given away over \$5 million to community organizations; in 2006-2007 ACF distributed \$321,000 in grant awards.

GLBTQ INITIATIVE FUND

HISTORY:

In 2006 a donor gift enabled ACF to establish the Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/ Transgender/ Questioning (GLBTQ) Initiative Fund to develop resources and make grants to GLBTQ organizing efforts in Appalachia's communities. Other funders have contributed to the Fund and two small grants have been made from this program in its first years.

PURPOSE:

The intent of the Fund is to support organization building and building of gay and lesbian community institutional resources, as well as building capacity in GLBTQ organizing efforts. ACF also will look to support new and emerging efforts, work with GLBTQ youth, and networking and connecting with other GLBTQ work in central Appalachia through the Fund. There are no deadlines to apply. Only 2 or 3 grants will be awarded per year as we continue to add resources to the Fund.

To receive funding, applicants must also meet the basic ACF criteria for social change and must be community led. Additionally, the proposal must show an understanding and some analysis of oppression issues, particularly around race.

FUNDING GUIDELINES

General Eligibility and Criteria For Funding:

- 501(c)(3) tax exempt status, or a 501(c)(3) fiscal sponsor is not required in order to receive ACF funding through this program. However, it would be helpful if you call us to talk about your status.

- The organization or project must be in Appalachian counties of Tennessee, Kentucky, Virginia, or West Virginia. If you are based outside the region, the proposal must include a specific workplan for the Appalachian portion of the work.
- The organization or project must show evidence of working for social change through one or more of the following:
 1. *Organizing and action led by people working to control their own lives.*
 2. *Educating communities about the root causes of oppression and injustice.*
 3. *Eliminating barriers to full participation in society (i.e. racism, sexism, classism, homophobia, ageism, able-ism, and exclusion from decision-making processes).*
 4. *Focusing on efforts to change cultural, social, political, and economic systems and institutions that accommodate and perpetuate social injustice.*
 5. *Creating and modeling democratic cultural, social, political and economic systems.*
 6. *Connecting local issues with national and global concerns.*
 7. *Networking, collaborating, and cooperating with other change agents working toward similar goals.*

Definition of Social Change

ACF defines Social Change as the movement of people toward the establishment of environmental, economic, racial and social justice and the re-distribution of wealth, power and resources through the methods listed above.

ACF welcomes applications from new organizations, those working on emerging issues and those with diverse constituencies whose diversity is reflected in their leadership. ACF believes that representative diversity reflects an organization's commitment to anti-oppression, democratic decision-making and involvement of community individuals most affected by the issues being addressed in the proposal. ACF supports using a wide range of tools to work for social change including community organizing, coalition building, community education, training, cultural work, and advocacy. In the case of requests to fund a resource for organizing such as videos or publications or the like, there must be a close connection to grassroots organizing efforts. We also look at how the community or the people the resource is created for are involved in shaping and directing it.

Grant Amount

The maximum grant award from the GLBTQ program is \$2,000. The grant is to be used within one calendar year of receipt, and a report on how grant funds were used is required at the end of that year.

To Apply

Application may be by letter, no more than four pages, plus cover sheet, budget, list of board or leadership group, and letter regarding 501(c)(3) status. This can be faxed or emailed. The letter should include:

- the amount requested
- the need being addressed
- how this addresses building organizations, capacity and community resources for GLBTQ organizing
- how the organization meets ACF General Fund (social change) guidelines
- the project budget, list of board or leadership group, a letter regarding 501(c)(3) status, and the cover sheet may be attached to the application letter

Deadline

Proposals are accepted anytime. Each request will be considered on an individual basis in a timely manner.

Assistance

For questions about eligibility, applications, or the funding process, please call ACF at 865.523.5783 or write the Fund at 107 West Main Street, Suite 202, Knoxville, TN 37902. You may also reach us by e-mail at info@appalachiancommunityfund.org.

ACF DOES NOT FUND:

- Profit-making organizations.
- Electoral lobbying for initiatives or public office.
- Individual efforts.
- Major capital projects.
- Social services organizations unless they demonstrate some analysis and strategies to challenge the systems that lead to the problem.

Send Proposals To:

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Via FAX:

Attn: Gaye Evans
865.523.1896

Via Email:

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**APPALACHIAN COMMUNITY FUND
GRANT APPLICATION COVER SHEET**

Date of Application: _____

Contact person(s) and title: _____

Organization name and year founded: _____

Address: _____

Phone _____ Email and website _____

Requested amount \$ _____ Total organizational budget \$ _____

Type of request: General support _____ Project support _____ Start-up support _____

If project funding is requested, please give the project title and budget amount:

Have you ever received ACF funding? _____ From which program(s)? Seize the Moment,
 Technical Assistance, Alice Jennings Fund, Appalachia Fund, Media Justice Initiative,
 Hearthstone Fund, GLBTQ Initiative, Annual General Program.

Please give a brief statement of your organization's mission, a summary of the project or grant request and two accomplishments your organization has had in the last three years. Please do not attach extra pages for this section.