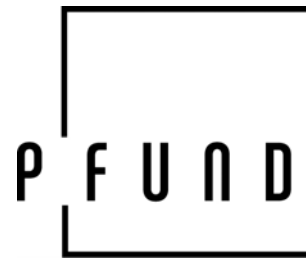


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PFUND AWARDS \$62,500 IN LGBT GRANTS

Despite tough economic times, leading Upper Midwest LGBT foundation increases average grant size by 12 percent

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 3, 2009 – PFund, the only Minnesota foundation dedicated exclusively to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) equality, today announced it has awarded \$62,500 in grants for the 2010 grant cycle, increasing the average grant awarded by 12 percent.

Grants were awarded to 13 non-profit agencies serving LGBT and allied populations across Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. A list of all grant recipients is below.

“PFund is making a difference at the bread and butter level of LGBT organizing in the Upper Midwest,” said Shane Swanson, PFund board president. “Our support helps organizations maintain capital and infrastructure, preserve programming, offset logistical costs, and expand beyond their original geographic area.”

Grants to organizations are funded by individual contributions and PFund’s endowed funds, such as the Communities of Color Endowment, LGBT Senior Initiatives Fund, Chenoweth Human Rights Fund, Endean Fund for Public Policy and Activism.

“Our grantee partners tell us our support helps new organizations grow, builds legitimacy with funders and cultivates expertise around grantmaking,” said Greg Grinley, PFund executive director. “It is especially gratifying in these tough economic times to increase our average grant

size to these smaller agencies that are hard pressed to raise funds with limited or volunteer-only staff.”

As a foundation doing community-based philanthropy, PFund grants are determined by a committee made up of the broad range of the LGBT and allied communities it supports. This year’s diverse 14-member committee consisted of both PFund trustees and community members.

“We work to ensure that we have many voices at the table from various gender, race, sexual orientation and cultural communities,” said Bill Burlison, PFund vice president of programs.

About PFund

Established in 1987 as Philanthrofund Foundation in Minneapolis when four friends pooled \$2,000, PFund is now supported by thousands of individuals in dozens of states who have created a vibrant and vital community foundation that is a catalyst for equality. PFund is one of only a handful of foundations in the nation created specifically by and for LGBT communities. PFund Foundation is a community foundation that advances equality for LGBT communities in the Upper Midwest by assisting organizations in being successful, funding systems change work, developing leaders, inspiring giving, and convening & reporting on issues of importance for our communities. Today PFund manages \$1 million in assets, enjoying the support of committed donors and dedicated volunteers from LGBT and allied communities.

<http://www.PFundOnline.org>.

2010 Grants by Pillar of Social Change for LGBT people:

Advancing Equal Rights through advocacy and civic engagement

Equality South Dakota
Sioux Falls, S. D., \$5,000

OutFront Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn., \$5,000

Creating power through community as a result of organizing, events and the arts

20% Theatre Company
Minneapolis, Minn., \$5,000

Dragon Jane Theater Company

Bismarck, N. D., \$5,000

Hospitality Initiative of Servant Hearts
Bemidji, Minn., \$3,000

Lutheran Social Services, Together for Youth
Duluth, Minn., \$5,000

Rainbow Rumpus
Minneapolis, Minn., \$5,000

Shades of Yellow
St. Paul, Minn., \$7,500

South Central Minnesota Pride
Mankato, Minn., \$2,000

Ensuring access, safety and security in such places as schools, health providers, and housing

Avenues for Homeless Youth
Minneapolis, Minn., \$5,000

North Dakota State University
Fargo, N. D., \$5,000

Rainbow Health Initiative
Minneapolis, Minn., \$5,000

Trans Youth Support Network
Minneapolis, Minn., \$5,000

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