

Funds in Focus

LGBTQ

Equality Fund



We know that members of the LGBTQIA+ community engage in an ongoing struggle for justice and dignity that often walks hand-in-hand with a lack of access to critical funding support. Without funding, our local nonprofits that are working diligently to provide necessary resources and services to our LGBTQIA+ community may struggle or be forced to cease aspects of their work altogether. To help remedy this, KZCF created a solution – the LGBTQ Equality Fund.

Fund Details The **LGBTQ Equality Fund** was established in 2000 to address the ongoing needs of our LGBTQIA+ community and provide critical funding for programs that uplift and empower individuals. Since its creation, the **LGBTQIA+ Equality Fund** has received **hundreds** of gifts and awarded many grants toward making a tangible difference in the lives of LGBTQIA+ community members across Kalamazoo County.

Past Grant Recipients Include:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southwest Michigan Big Pride • Care Collective of Southwest Michigan • Fire Historical and Cultural Arts Collaborative • HOPE thru Navigation Justice Against Bullying @School (J.A.B.S.) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Milwood School Gay–Straight Alliance • OutFront • Planned Parenthood • Queer Theatre • Rootead | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellspring/Cory Terry & Dancers Queer Artist Support • Western Michigan University Office of LGBTQ Student Services • YWCA Kalamazoo Gender Affirming Care |
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Fund Priorities

The **LGBTQ Equality Fund** supports initiatives that:

- **Advocate** for human rights and equality to positively impact Kalamazoo County's LGBTQIA+ community.
- **Promote** social justice and unity.
- **Celebrate** the social and cultural contributions of the LGBTQIA+ community.
- **Strengthen** organizations that support the physical, health, social or emotional well-being of LGBTQIA+ individuals.



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Granting Process

Agencies aligned with the priorities of the LGBTQ Equality Fund may submit requests through KZCF's Multiyear or Annual Responsive Grant Application. The LGBTQ Equality Fund's grantmaking committee will review requests aligned with the fund and make recommendations. Awards will be announced when Multiyear and Annual Responsive Grant recipients are announced.

How You Can Show Your Support

**Ready to make a gift to help support our local LGBTQIA+ community?
Here's how you can do it!**

1 Scan the QR Code

It'll take you to our KZCF Giving Page, where you can choose your giving style (one-time or recurring) and the amount you'd like to give.

2 Select the Fund

Choose the LGBTQ Equality Fund in the Fund Designation dropdown.

3 Join the Network

Become a supporter of this fund, knowing that your generosity is transforming lives right here in Kalamazoo and you're staying connected to our local LGBTQIA+ network.



Join us today and be part of something bigger. Together, we can build a stronger, more vibrant Kalamazoo *for all.*

Supporting our **LGBTQ Equality Fund** means joining a movement of dedicated individuals who are working together to build a society where LGBTQIA+ community members are treated with the same rights and opportunities as everyone else, contributing to a more inclusive and just world.



To make a gift, scan the QR code or contact **Renée Fahs** at rfahs@kzcf.org for more details.



Got Fund Questions?

To learn more about this fund, contact **David Feaster** at dfeaster@kzcf.org.



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