



Change in Granting for Fall 2009 Northwest Grants

In response to the effects of the current economy, we are temporarily changing our grants awards process and priorities for our Northwest Grants cycle. Instead of a general call for proposals, organizations will be invited to apply to this cycle based on 5 criteria: (1) LGBTQ focused organizations; (2) demonstrated history of service to and effective impact on the community; (3) organizational and financial stability; (4) prior funding relationship with Pride Foundation; and (5) the likeliness that a grant will have a potentially significant impact on the core operations of the organization. Invited organizations will be contacted by July 15.

We believe this is the best way to steward our donor's dollars and also support bedrock services in the Northwest LGBTQ community. Additionally, we want to help save the time and energy of organizations, not eligible under the above criteria, planning to apply for funding. We know this may be disappointing news for many organizations which provide valuable services and support to the community. This change is temporary and only applies to our Northwest Granting Cycle. We'll evaluate the situation in the fall and will update you by December 1 regarding future applications.

Fall 2009 Northwest Grants FAQ

How will I know if my organization has been selected to apply?

Organizations will be notified via email by July 15th to let them know if they have been selected to apply for the Fall 2009 Northwest Grants Cycle.

What if my organization is not invited to apply?

We are truly sorry we do not have the capacity to fund every nonprofit that is strengthening the LGBTQ community. We suggest that you take a look at our [additional funding resources](#) to see other funders who may support your work. If you want to talk about any of these resources, feel free to call a staff member:

206.323.3318 or 800.735.7287 (toll free). We will continue to communicate with you and the broader community as our funding changes.

My organization also applies to a Pride Foundation Regional Community. Does this change affect that funding?

No. If your organization currently applies to Pride Foundation Clark County, Northwest Washington, or Pierce County you are welcome to apply to them again when their cycle opens, whether you were invited to the Fall 2009 Northwest Grants Cycle or not. You can always see [which grant cycles are open by consulting our website](#).

If my organization is invited to apply for funding does that mean we are guaranteed funding by Pride Foundation?

No. The grants process will still be competitive, even if you are invited to apply.

If you have other grants questions?

Please contact the Grants Program Director, Jeff Hedgepeth, jeff@pridefoundation.org.