

***About the Fund***

The HOPE Fund is a permanent community endowment, established at the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan in 1994. The HOPE Fund provides grants and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations serving the local lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities. The fund continues to grow as a result of the generous contributions of many individuals and businesses throughout southeast Michigan.

***Grantmaking from the Fund***

The HOPE Fund awards grants ranging from \$1,000 - \$25,000 that strengthen the infrastructure of existing community-based organizations to better serve LGBT people, increase access by LGBT people to important community services, and/or increase awareness of the needs and gaps in services for LGBT people.

The grantmaking priorities for The HOPE Fund are consistent with the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan's *Grantmaking Guidelines*, which should be consulted for information on the appropriate content and supporting material for a grant application. These guidelines are located at [www.cfsem.org/grants/how\\_to\\_apply](http://www.cfsem.org/grants/how_to_apply).

***Who May Apply***

The Foundation will make grants to 501(c)(3) organizations, government entities, school districts and universities. We do not make grants to individuals, sectarian religious programs or to cover deficits or other previously incurred obligations. Furthermore, priority will be given to requests for support of non-HIV/AIDS-related programs.

***How to Apply***

Potential applicants are encouraged to contact the Community Foundation to discuss a proposed project before submitting a proposal. Please call 1-888-WE-ENDOW or 313-961-6675 and ask to speak with a program officer for The HOPE Fund. Foundation staff is available to discuss your ideas and answer any questions you have about the grantmaking process. Whether or not you decide to proceed with an application, we welcome the opportunity to learn from you about the issues and opportunities in the local LGBT community.

The HOPE Fund has two grant cycles each year. If you submit your proposal prior to February 15 or August 15, you will typically receive a response within 3-4 months. The HOPE Fund is guided by a Grants Committee which reviews grant requests and makes grant recommendations to the board.

*Please address proposals and requests for additional information to:*

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