



Nonprofit Funding Opportunity – Charles & Jack Fund for LGBTQ+ Advancement Information + Application Process

Summary

The **Community Foundation of Louisville (“Foundation”)** is excited to announce the third round of funding from the **Charles & Jack Fund for LGBTQ+ Advancement**, an open grant opportunity that supports organizations, projects, and programs committed to fostering supportive, inclusive, and affirming environments for LGBTQ+ youth – defined as those under the age of 24. Up to six (6) grants will be made for up to \$20,000, which can be used for any purpose, including general operating expenses. Eligible candidates are organizations, projects, and programs that are:

- 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, or fiscally sponsored projects of 501(c)(3) entities, and
- Located in Metro Louisville or in the state of Kentucky.

[Apply using this link](#)

The application period closes August 28, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET

Amber Burns-Jones, Executive Director of Grantmaking, is available to help through any step of the process. Feel free to email at AmberJ@cflouisville.org or call 502.855.6957.

Introduction

Queer youth in Kentucky are supported by a growing network of organizations and advocates that are deeply committed to their well-being, development, and joy. In the face of increasingly complex challenges affecting their ability to prosper and flourish, queer youth and those who support them continue to show resilience and strength. To continue this important work, meaningful and sustained support is necessary and vital.

The **Foundation** is proud to meet this challenge through a permanent endowment fund created by the late Charles Gruenberger and Jack Kersey - two trailblazers who relentlessly advocated for LGBTQ+ rights and HIV/AIDS education in Louisville. Thanks to an incredibly generous gift, the **Charles & Jack Fund for LGBTQ+ Advancement** was created to meet the needs of our queer community and advance the work of organizations supporting this population.

What is the Fund's focus?

This grant opportunity is focused on supporting organizations, programs, and projects that address the unique needs of LGBTQ+ youth aged 24 and under.

How can organizations be considered for funding?

Please fill out [this web-based application form](#), via written responses or in a voice memo that you record on your phone/computer and upload to the application. There is not a preference for one method over the other.

Who makes the grant selections?

Applications are reviewed by an advisory committee consisting of community leaders, nonprofit executives, and those with lived and learned experiences.

Timeline

See below for a tentative timeline for key decisions. This timeline is subject to change based on factors that may be outside of the **Foundation's** control:

Application Period Opens	Monday, July 13, 2026
Info Session for Interested Applicants	Tuesday, July 28, 2026
Application Period Closes	Friday, August 28, 2026
Determination of Grantees	Mid-October 2026
Public Announcement	Early November 2026

Note: Unsuccessful applicants will also be notified, with application feedback provided upon request.

Note: Following notification of being awarded, awardees will receive a Grant Agreement for review. Once signed, Funds will be disbursed via check.

About the Foundation

Founded in 1984, the Community Foundation of Louisville mobilizes people, networks, and capital to spark meaningful change in and beyond Louisville. With over \$900 million in assets, over 2,200 charitable funds, and collaborations with hundreds of local partners, we connect philanthropic investments with relevant causes. The Foundation has addressed and continues to address a wide range of community needs. The key priorities of the Foundation's mission are to remove barriers to accessing capital and resources and to open opportunities for all.

Learn more at cflouisville.org.