

**BHT FOUNDATION  
GRANT CYCLE FY2021**

# **GRANTS 101**

# Eligibility Requirements



## STATUS

Organizations must be a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization or be fiscally sponsored by one.

## LOCATION

District of Columbia / Maryland counties of Carroll, Charles, Baltimore, Harford, Anne Arundel, Howard, Frederick, Calvert, Prince George's, or Montgomery / Virginia counties of Alexandria, Arlington, Fairfax, Loudon, or Prince William

## BUDGET

Have revenue of less than \$500,000. Our goal is to impact smaller organizations that are essential and and make an impact in our community.

# TIMELINE



**July 7, 2021**

Grant Application Period Opens

**August 6, 2021**

Grant Application Period Closes

**September 10, 2021**

Grantees are notified of awards

# Our Three Grant Programs

**Robert H.  
Medford  
Fund**

**Richard K.  
Van Der Karr  
Fund**

**Billy McCoy  
Thompson,  
Jr. Memorial  
Fund**

Applicants can only apply for one fund. Applicants can apply for a grant of up to \$5,000 for either the Medford Fund or the Van Der Karr Fund or apply for a grant for up to \$1,500 from the Thompson, Jr. Memorial Fund.



# MEDFORD FUND

**Grants from this fund are for the implementation of non-HIV/AIDS related programs that add to the LGBTQIA/SGL Community support infrastructure and enrich the quality of life for the members of the community.**

**Past examples of funding include:**

- Mid-Atlantic Deaf and Interpreter Fund Workshops to educate hearing people about hiring and working with interpreters, so as to understanding their unique needs and to foster inclusiveness in the LGBTQIA/SGL Community.
- Pay days for trans and gender fluid children with the help and support of some Northern Virginia area churches through the Transgender Education Association.
- Expansion of Freestate Justice's direct legal services in the Baltimore City Area by providing capacity to serve more clients and expand their network of volunteer attorney's defending and upholding laws that protect LGBTQ People.
- Photocopying, event space rental, and guest speaker costs for PFLAG of Westminster, MD



# RICHARD K. VAN DER KARR FUND

**This fund is designated for programs related to HIV/AIDS Services, Prevention, and Education.**

**Past examples of funding include:**

- AIDS Action Baltimore's Scott Stamford Memorial Fund which services the emergency needs of HIV+ People including rent, utilities, medical bills, and prescriptions.
- Safe sex kits for Black Gay/SGL Men in College through Black, Gifted, and Whole.
- Advertising for Hope DC's Social for HIV+ Men in the Grant Washington Region, these socials began over 25 years ago and served primarily as outlet for the newly diagnosed.
- Hopespring of Baltimore volunteers accompanying program participants to medical appointments with ride sharing services such as Uber or Lyft.



# **BILLY MCCOY THOMPSON, JR. MEMORIAL FUND**

To be considered under this funding opportunity, the applying organization must focus on fostering self-esteem, and self awareness, cultivating emotional resilience, and enhancing social skills among LGBT Youth. A qualified applicant would focus its youth programming on arts, health, education, employment, or advocacy. Priority will be given to small volunteer driven organizations with a history of successfully providing services to LGBTQ Youth.

This fund was made possible by the generous sisters of Billy. The fund will provide (1) monetary grants of \$1,500 each.



# COMMON MISTAKES

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- Applying for a grant for which you are not eligible.
- Not understanding our priorities and goals.
- Not being responsive to the application guidelines or questions.
- Not understanding your organization's ability to manage the grant.
- Not having the capacity to meet the reporting requirements.

# HOW TO AVOID MISTAKES

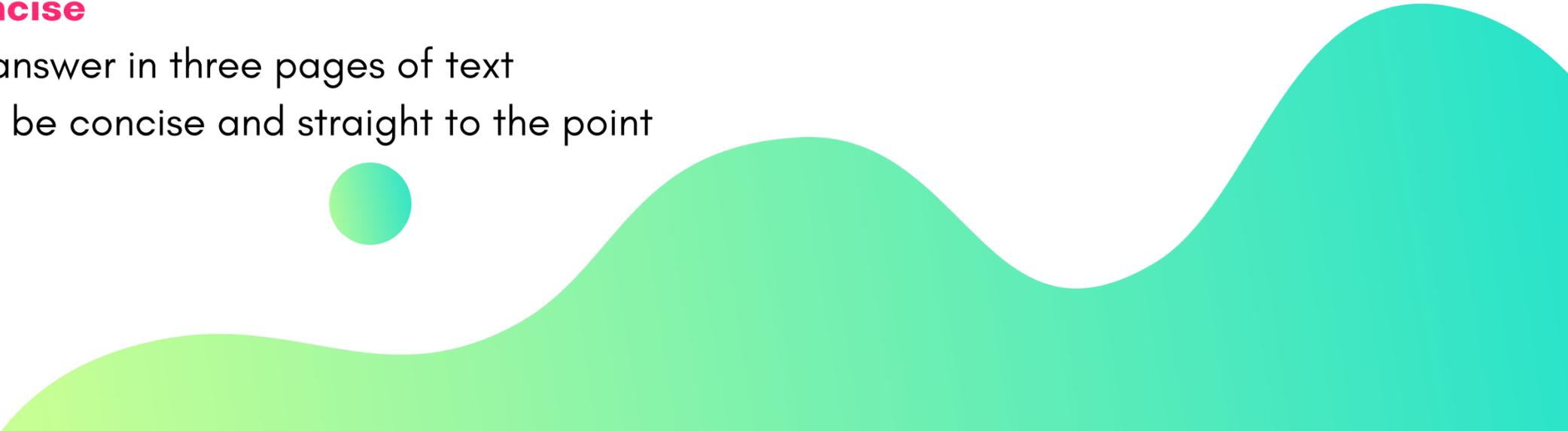
## **Thoroughly read our guidelines**

- Do we fund similar organizations
- Do we fund similar programs
- Would you have to change your program to our guidelines

## **Understand your organization's capacity/capability**

- Do you have the capacity to track grant expenditures and meet our reporting requirements
- Do you have the capacity to collect and track the data needed to meet our reporting requirements
- Do you need funds to support the program or to support your operating expenses

## **Write a narrative that is clear and concise**

- Answer the question. Do not bury your answer in three pages of text
  - When completing our grant application be concise and straight to the point
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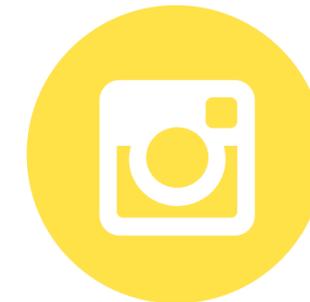
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