



**The LGBTQ Community Fund Awards a Total of \$87,000 to Five Local Agencies**  
*Grants will support teens, disabled adults, nonprofit leaders, and transgender youth*

JACKSONVILLE, Florida – November 17, 2022 – The LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida approved \$87,000 in grants to five local nonprofits in its ongoing efforts to build an inclusive community where all people can thrive. Grantees will be funded from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.

“We are proud to invest in organizations serving LGBTQ communities as they need support now more than ever,” said Glenn Miller, chair for the Advisory Board for the Fund, which is housed at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida. “We are grateful to the Fund’s donors for their generosity, which is making a growing impact in Northeast Florida.”

The grants represent funding for both new and existing programs for LGBTQ people of all ages.

- **Center for Independent Living (CIL)** Jacksonville will receive \$25,000 to support the PRISM Project, which provides direct support services to individuals who live at the intersection of Disability and LGBTQ. The grant will focus on empowering up to 25 individuals, ages 25-55, to gain and maintain independence through self-directed goal setting and service delivery. It will also work to create a peer-led network to improve self-advocacy skills and increase social support.
- **Fernandina Beach Pride** will receive \$8,000 to support the Pride Youth Program, which is designed to provide a safe, supportive space for LGBTQ youth ages 12 -17 in Nassau County, where there are no dedicated programs or safe spaces to serve LGBTQ youth. The grant will support a series of regular bi-weekly meetings for the grant year, a Pride Prom and two local excursions for the participants.
- **Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network (JASMYN)** will receive \$25,000 to support the Teen Empowerment Program, which serves approximately 350 teens (ages 13-19) through on-campus and off-campus programs. The grant will expand youth development programming, health education programming, expand JASMYN's safe space and teen drop-in center, and support the Family Space to encourage family advocacy and acceptance.
- **The Nonprofit Center of Northeast Florida** will receive \$24,000 to support the LGBTQIA+ Nonprofit Emerging Leaders Program, which empowers LGBTQ individuals who have a desire to better the community as a nonprofit leader. Using a mixture of educational resources, peer learning, and access to existing LGBTQ leadership, this program connects participants to impactful professional development support that is often inaccessible to LGBTQIA+ individuals. This grant will fund a third cohort of the program, which will serve approximately 15 LGBTQ individuals who wish to build a better community as non-profit leaders.
- **Transcending Adolescence** will receive \$5,000 to support Northeast Florida transgender youth to attend a Resilience Retreat. Camp attendees will participate in traditional and non-traditional camp activities daily, working with staff that includes volunteers and mental health professionals who undergo extensive training. Through this program, pre-teens and teens will build their confidence and communication skills while they have fun experiencing activities like archery, kayaking, canoeing, rock climbing, swimming, primitive camping, field trips and summer camp classes.

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### **About The LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida**

The LGBTQ Community Fund for Northeast Florida, housed at The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, has awarded nearly \$1M since it began making grants in 2014—including substantial grants to organizations representing LGBTQ youth, LGBTQ elders and LGBTQ on-campus services—which were areas identified by research as significant opportunities for assistance. The Fund has also invested \$168,000 in local [research](#) and convenings to improve the lives of those in the LGBTQ community. In 2021, The LGBTQ Community Fund underwrote The Many Sides of Pride® Film Festival in conjunction with MOCA Jacksonville. For more information: [www.jaxcf.org/lgbtq](http://www.jaxcf.org/lgbtq)

### **About The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**

The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida ([www.jaxcf.org](http://www.jaxcf.org)), Florida's oldest and largest community foundation, works to stimulate philanthropy to build a better community. The Foundation helps donors invest their philanthropic gifts wisely, helps nonprofits serve the region effectively, and helps people come together to make the community a better place. Created in 1964, the Foundation had \$630 million in assets at 12/31/2021 and has made approximately \$640 million in grants since inception.

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