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2026 “PRIDE GIVES BACK” GRANT INFORMATION

Every year, NYC Pride awards grants to various non-profits and community organizations that serve LGBTQIA+ populations in the local New York metro area through our “**Pride Gives Back**” program. Since 1984, “Pride Gives Back” has awarded more than \$25 million to expand support services, develop new programs, and strengthen advocacy for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Examples of successful “Pride Gives Back” applications include projects that:

- Create, expand, or innovate community-based support services, including legal, healthcare, education, food, and housing;
- Create or expand programs and events;
- Develop or execute public policy and advocacy initiatives;
- Strengthen social justice movements;
- Improve access to local resources, particularly among underserved LGBTQIA+ populations

In 2026, NYC Pride is looking for applicants specifically focused on supporting:

- Trans and gender non-binary/non-conforming individuals;
- Marginalized LGBTQIA+ groups including Latinx, BIPOC, food- and housing-insecure, and immigrant populations;
- Youth populations;
- Elder populations;

Eligibility

To be eligible for a NYC Pride-directed Pride Gives Back grant in 2025-26, your organization must:

- Be able to provide proof of non-profit status under the Internal Revenue Service code
- Create a program or event in 2026, even if the event takes place in 2027 - Benefit the local LGBTQIA+ community
- Have an annual operating budget under \$500,000
- Demonstrate sound and responsible financial policies and management
- Demonstrate the requested funds will support a program or event in the community
- Be located in the New York City Metropolitan area, which is defined as a 45 mile radius from New York City.

If you are a community organization without a 501(c)3 we ask that you provide the following:

- Two (2) years of financial records and proof of fiscal sponsorship
- Documents and/or records of previously produced events, programs or initiatives including, but not limited to flyers, videos, social media assets, press/media coverage.

To ensure that charitable organizations receive the maximum benefit from our support, we give cash contributions.

Benefits

Pride Gives Back works in a cohort model, bringing grantees together throughout the year for professional learning sessions. Cohort meetings are designed to meet grantee needs, providing tips to improve marketing, strategic planning, community outreach, development, operations, and more. 2026 cohort meetings are currently slated for April, September, and December.

Other benefits include:

- Financial support in the form of a grant;
- One complimentary Pride Partnership to help raise awareness of recipients' events*;
- Inclusion in NYC Pride's promotion of the program and grantees throughout the year, including social media, e-mail marketing, earned media, and web content.

** Acceptance of the Pride Gives Back grant results in NYC Pride being a named sponsor of the grantee's event unless agreed upon otherwise.*

Pride Gives Back Application Process

An organization that believes they meet our eligibility requirements can submit an online application through [this Google Form](#). Applications must be completed by **February 1, 2026 by 11:59PM.**

Please note the following information will be required to complete the application:

- A concise description of the organization, including mission, values and objectives
- A concise description of the event or program the organization is looking to create or host
- Dollar amount of request
- Completion of Budget Template
- Proof of non-profit status under the Internal Revenue Service code
- List of officers and directors
- History of organization
- Most recent annual report or 990 (must be dated within 1 year from submission)
- W9 (must be dated within 1 year from submission)

The questions must be completed on the Google Form. All applications are due on **February 1, 2026 by 11:59PM**. NYC Pride will notify applicants of their status by mid-March, with an official media announcement to follow afterwards.

Please note that NYC Pride will divide payments into two with the first release soon after NYC Pride notifies the recipients and the grant is accepted. NYC Pride will release the second payment once the recipient submits a mid-year progress report or upon completion.

For any questions regarding the Pride Gives Back application, please email Dee Chen, Community Relations Director, at d.chen@nycpride.org.

Please note: "Pride Gives Back" is a separate opportunity from our annual Working Grant program, which funds LGBTQIA+ organizations directly supporting our event production during Pride season. If interested in learning more about NYC Pride's Working Grant Program please email communitygroup@nycpride.org.

Timeline

December 15: PGB 2026 Application Release

February 1, 11:59PM: PGB 2026 Application Deadline

March 9: NYC Pride will begin notifying Applicants of application status

Mid March: Special Announcement of Pride Gives Back 2026 Recipients

Mid April: PGB 2026 Cohort Meeting #1

Mid September: PGB 2026 Cohort Meeting #2

End September: PGB Progress Report Due from PGB Recipients & release of final payments

December: PGB 2026 Cohort Meeting #3