



THE MUTUAL AID NETWORK OF YPSILANTI

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MANY Grant for Queer Community Action

Application Deadline: November 4 2025

Award Notification: November 6 2025

Total award: 2 awards of \$500 to separate individuals or entities

Description

The MANY believes that the most powerful, sustainable change grows from the grassroots. Queer and trans communities have always been at the forefront of mutual aid, cultural creation, and transformative justice, often with limited resources. This grant is designed to honor and fuel that legacy. It provides direct financial support, capacity-building resources, and community recognition to individuals and small, unincorporated groups who are organizing to build power, foster connection, and create a more vibrant, equitable, and joyful future for LGBTQIA2S+ people in the Ypsilanti area. We seek to fund the dreamers, the caregivers, and the builders. If you are working to meet the needs of your community, your work is valid and vital. We invite you to apply.

Funding categories and examples

We welcome proposals across a wide spectrum of community work, including but not limited to:

- Mutual Aid & Direct Support: Food distribution programs, emergency rent funds, free clothing closets, community fridges.
- Arts & Culture: Creating a zine, producing a play by queer playwrights, hosting a photography exhibit, starting a community choir.
- Health & Wellness: Organizing support groups, facilitating yoga or fitness classes for trans folks, hosting sober social events, creating accessible mental health resources.

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- Education & Skill-Sharing: Hosting workshops (financial literacy, know-your-rights, gardening), creating a community archive, starting a radical reading group.
- Community Building & Social Justice: Organizing neighborhood watches, advocacy campaigns for local policy change, creating safe social spaces for marginalized identities within the queer community (e.g., for queer elders or disabled youth).

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Self-identify as part of the LGBTQIA2S+ community.
- Be 18 years of age or older. Live in and have their project serve the Ypsilanti area.
- Not be a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit. We are specifically seeking to fund efforts that may not have access to traditional philanthropic channels.

What Funds Can Be Used For

Grant funds are flexible but must be directly related to the proposed project. Allowable expenses include:

- Stipends for the organizer(s).
- Space rental.
- Materials and supplies (art supplies, food, printing costs).
- Technology (software subscriptions, website domain).
- Honorariums for guest speakers or workshop facilitators.
- Transportation costs related to the project.
- Childcare or other accessibility costs to enable participation.

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Application questions:

Email your application with the subject line MANY Grant for Queer Community Action Grant to rkalfayan@ypsimumutualaid.org

Name:

How do you identify as part of the LGBTQIA2S+ community?

Project Overview: Title and a one-sentence summary.

Narrative (500-750 words): Tell us about your project.

- What community need does this address?
- What activities will you do?
- What does "success" look like for this project?

Community Impact: How will this project make the local queer community stronger, safer, or more connected?

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