LGBTQ Health and Wellness Initiative
Request for Applications
Grant Round 55 – Spring 2016

The Washington AIDS Partnership (WAP) invites 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations to apply for funding as part of WAP’s Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning (LGBTQ) Health and Wellness Initiative. **Applications are due by 5pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) on Monday, February 8, 2016 for funding in June 2016.**

**LGBTQ Health and Wellness Initiative**
This initiative focuses on the health and wellness of LGBTQ communities. The intent of this funding is to support “game-changers,” ideas that will result in positive, meaningful, and long-term change for or improvements in the quality of lives and/or health of LGBTQ populations. Applicants are encouraged to think big and focus on impact. Funding will not support existing services or replace lost funding from other sources.

The initiative’s focus is deliberately broad, to encompass the variety of issues that negatively affect LGBTQ populations such as substance use and recovery, violence and stigma, health, and wellness. Applications need to make the case for why a specific issue needs to be addressed and why the proposed idea, strategies, and plan will serve as a catalyst for change or improvements in the quality of lives and/or health of LGBTQ populations.

**Target Population and Eligibility**
Eligible organizations are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving the target population, individuals who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning in the Greater Washington region. Applicants do not need to target all LGBTQ populations. WAP welcomes requests which target specific groups. The geographic scope includes the District of Columbia, Arlington, Loudon, Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford counties in Virginia; the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park in Virginia; and Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George’s counties in Maryland.

For organizations that have previously received funding from this initiative, you are eligible to apply, but only for new projects.

**Funding Availability**
With generous support from the Smith-Evans Foundation, WAP will award approximately $120,000 in June 2016. Grants will be for a one-year period only. Only one application per organization is allowed.

**Questions**
If your organization has questions about this funding initiative or what to apply for, you are encouraged to contact WAP staff:
Application Deadline & Format
Deadline: Monday, February 8, 2016, 5pm EST. Applications must be submitted online through WAP’s online application system. Paper, fax, and email applications will not be accepted. To access the online application:

- Click on this application link: https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1366/Default.asp?SA=SNA&FID=35039&SESID=64660&RL=
- You will be asked to sign into an existing WAP online account. Please use the same log-in information that you used to access your application from the last round. This will allow you to keep all of your applications and reporting requirements for WAP under one account.
- If this is your first time using the system, click on the “New Applicant?” hyperlinked text, located below the email box. Make sure to use an appropriate email address as you will use it to access your current application and submit it, and access reporting forms if your application is funded. Ideally, there should be one staff contact within your organization responsible for submitting applications.
- Please make sure to coordinate your application within your organization so you don’t have two staff members submitting applications for the same project.
- Logging out/accessing the application you started: Make sure to click the “save and finish later” button, located at the bottom of the application – this will save your entries and take you to your account page where your applications and reports are stored. Click “exit” at the top of this page to log out. To re-access the application after you have logged out, use this link which takes you to the general log-in page: https://www.grantrequest.com/SID_1366/Default.asp?CT=CT&SA=AM. Do not use the application link in the first bullet as the system will think that you want to start a second application!

WAP’s application includes organizational and request-specific questions. LGBTQ Health & Wellness applicants should complete general organizational and request questions on the first three pages of the application AND the LGBTQ Health & Wellness Page questions. Several attachments are required, including a project budget, and are detailed in the application.

Questions About the Application
WAP’s application FAQ is available at http://www.washingtonaidspartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/WAP-Online-Application-FAQs-updated-1-16.pdf. If the FAQ does not address your question or issue, please contact Program Associate Claire Kozik (Kozik@washingtongrantmakers.org).

Nondiscrimination Requirement
WAP funds only those organizations which do not discriminate, in any practices, with regards to race, color, religion, sex, gender, national origin, marital status, personal appearance, family responsibilities, veteran status, matriculation, physical ability, age, ethnicity, and sexual orientation.
WAP Grantmaking Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the deadlines for Round 55?
   - Monday, February 8, 2016, 5:00 pm EST: Grant applications are due.
   - Mid-June 2016: Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their request.

2. What is the target population and geographic focus for this RFA?
   Eligible organizations are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations serving the target population, individuals who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, or Questioning in the Greater Washington region. Applicants do not need to target all LGBTQ populations. WAP welcomes requests which target specific groups. The geographic scope includes the District of Columbia, Arlington, Loudon, Fairfax, Prince William and Stafford counties in Virginia; the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas and Manassas Park in Virginia; and Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties in Maryland.

3. Is my organization eligible to apply?
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4. What will not be funded?
   Grants will not be made to individuals, for medical research, for sectarian purposes, for reimbursement of medical care, to support existing services, or replace lost funding from other sources. Grant funds cannot be used for the following purposes: to reduce operating deficits, to fund direct health care treatment, to reimburse health services, or to fund endowments.

5. What about the request amount and grant duration?
   With generous support from the Smith-Evans Foundation, WAP will award approximately $120,000 in June 2016. Grants will be for a one-year period only. Request amounts should be no more than $120,000. Only one application per organization is allowed. The grant period will be July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.

6. How will the application be reviewed?
   WAP’s Steering Committee evaluates applications and presents a grants docket for approval to the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers' Board of Directors.

7. What can I expect after submitting an application?
   Steering Committee members will review submissions. WAP staff may schedule a meeting, phone interview, or site visit to gather more information from selected applicants. All applicants will be notified in writing of decisions made in mid-June 2016.

8. If my project or organization receives WAP funding, what type of reporting will I be required to complete?
   All grantees are required to submit an online interim and final grant report. Organizations will report on activities completed, outcomes and goals met, successes and challenges, and other appropriate measures.
About the Washington AIDS Partnership

The Washington AIDS Partnership (WAP) brings together ideas, people, and resources to effectively address HIV/AIDS in the Greater Washington, D.C. region. As an initiative of the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers, WAP invests more than $1 million annually in local organizations to improve HIV/AIDS services. WAP also provides technical assistance to local nonprofits to increase capacity and expertise, facilitates public policy initiatives to improve the regional HIV/AIDS service system, and each year, recruits and mentors a team of young people who provide direct volunteer service in the community.

In 1987, a Ford Foundation study determined that the most effective private-sector response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic would come from the local level. This led to the creation of AIDS United to encourage local philanthropy to become involved in combating HIV/AIDS. Because the Greater Washington region was deeply affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic, the Ford Foundation invited the D.C. community to become one of AIDS United’s eight original partner sites.

In 1988, the Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation and 20 local funders joined to found WAP which began funding a wide range of HIV/AIDS prevention and care services. After five years of nurturing at the Meyer Foundation, WAP became an initiative of the Washington Regional Association of Grantmakers in 1993. Since 1989, WAP has granted over $25 million, including almost $5 million dollars raised from national sources to match local contributions. Over 150 organizations and thousands of people have benefited from grants awarded by WAP and its programs. WAP is guided in its work by a Steering Committee of funders, HIV experts, people living with HIV/AIDS, and community leaders.