



## ABOUT THIS FUND

The global COVID-19 emergency presents tremendous challenges to LGBTIQ people, especially in places with deep poverty and weak health systems or government infrastructure. When a crisis hits “everyone,” the most marginalized become even more vulnerable. LGBTIQ people in many parts of the world cannot count on governments or relief organizations for help. As OutRight's research report, “Vulnerability Amplified,” has revealed, in too many places, LGBTIQ people have less access to healthcare in the COVID crisis, were hit hard by unemployment and food scarcity or saw their already thin margins disappear. That’s why OutRight Action International launched the COVID-19 Global LGBTIQ Emergency Fund to provide direct support where it is most needed and in solidarity with LGBTIQ organizations and people on the frontlines. By the end of 2020 the fund had disbursed 1 Million USD to 125 organizations based on the call for proposals launched in April 2020. Almost a year into the pandemic, we know that needs may have changed. We are proud to open a call for proposals.

Through this application, OutRight can provide grants that can be used for urgent needs that have arisen as a result of the COVID-19 health crisis, but with a focus on these areas:

- Food scarcity, medium- and long-term livelihood generation, and poverty reduction.
- Movement resilience: core support for LGBTIQ organizations that are threatened in their existence due to immediate loss of funding.
- Combatting violence: the pandemic spurred a rise in cases of gender-based violence, domestic violence, and family violence as recent data is showing. Mental health support could be considered as well.
- Human Rights violations documentation: from reports we know that governments have used the COVID-pandemic to violate the human rights of LGBTIQ people. Projects to document these human rights violations will be considered for funding.

Your application can focus on one of these areas or be a mix depending on your context and circumstances. The funds may be used for immediate support to community members to buy food or medicines, for your organization to pay rent and utilities, or to do a rights violations research project. That is up to you, as you know what the immediate needs are. Just provide us with a motivation in the application form. The grants that we provide are **from \$5,000 up to \$20,000**. You can start the application process by first looking at your eligibility.

## DETERMINE YOUR ELIGIBILITY

Before starting an application, please make sure you are eligible to submit an application. Our eligibility criteria are:

1. Your organization must work directly with and for LGBTIQ people
2. Your organization must be based outside the USA, Canada, the European Economic Area, Switzerland, Australia, or New Zealand

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## **THE APPLICATION PROCESS**

Once you've confirmed your eligibility through these first two questions, please feel free to submit your application. Our Emergency Grants are open for registered and non-registered organizations. Unfortunately, we will not be able to provide grants to individuals.

If you are awarded a grant, you will be responsible for following our terms and conditions, which you can find here ([link to TaC](#)). We expect the funds to be used within 3-4 months after receiving the grant. We would expect you to send us a report, both narrative and financial, within 4 weeks after completing the last grant activity.

Providing accurate and thorough information will help us respond to your funding request more quickly. Please make sure you have checked all email addresses and contact details thoroughly so that we can get in touch with you as soon as possible.

Please note we can only provide grants **with value from \$5,000 up to \$20,000. Most grants are expected to be at or below \$10,000.**

### **1. DISCLAIMER**

Data collected from the following application may be used for general analytical and research purposes. Outside the granting and execution of grants, your specific responses will not be connected to you in any way whatsoever as part of any research. Your responses will not be given to any third party whatsoever. Proceeding with the application implies that you understand and agree to provisions in this disclaimer.

### **2. EXTRA rule notice**

The COVID-19 Emergency Response Fund is available in Arabic, Bahasa, English, French, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. Please scroll down to find the form in your language. Do not submit more than one form.

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