



2017 Programs, Projects and Events Grants

Organization	Grant Description	Grant Amount
Actor's Theatre of Charlotte	<p>The Mermaid Hour - this world premiere by David Vales Greenwood, is a parents' story as they navigate, with humor and heartbreak, their tween daughter's gender transition. ATC plans for talk-backs with the playwright, actors and other local individuals from the transgender community. The themes of tolerance, inclusion and understanding in this play will be presented to a broad and diverse audience of ATC's subscribers and single ticket buyers.</p>	\$4,000
Charlotte Pride	<p>Charlotte Pride Past, Present, Future: An Intergenerational Initiative - the primary objective of the project is to begin bridging an intergenerational gap between LGBTQ K-12 students and local LGBTQ elders (60+). They plan to use local LGBTQ history as a tool to create a stronger community where relationships can be built deliberately. The needs of K-12 LGBTQ students and LGBTQ elders appear to have some striking commonalities: youth are imagined to be both at-risk as well as unable to have access to the larger community, which is now seen as happening to the 60+ generation.</p>	\$4,000
Clayworks	<p>Ceramic Workshops for Time Out Youth - Clayworks will provide a series of workshops, customized based on input from TOY staff, to introduce the participants to the ceramics. The primary objective is to engage the LGBT youth in the creative arts and help them find new ways to express themselves, with a secondary focus on building teamwork and communication skills through working cooperatively to create an artistic piece.</p>	\$2,500
Community Building Initiative	<p>Changing the Chatter: Equity Partnership - In the next phase of the Equity Project, CBI will launch Equity Dialogue Circles as an effective engagement model to be used across the community. At the core of the programming is the understanding that people must be engaged with each other in structured, well-designed and impactful ways - including dialogue - to transform themselves and address inequities in the community. The EDC curriculum includes the stories and voices of the LGBT community.</p>	\$3,500

Equality NC Foundation	Transgender Speaker's Bureau - the objective of the project is to find, train and support transgender speakers who will be able to speak at townhalls, community gatherings and legislative meetings about the importance of transgender protections.	\$2,500
Gay Men's Chorus of Charlotte	The A Capella Experience with Deke Sharon - to build and nurture relationships among Charlotte's disparate choral organizations (community, schools, universities and churches) and to provide unique instruction from the country's leading expert on A Capella singing. The 3 days of workshops are scheduled for Oct 6-8, 2017 and will offer topics not provided elsewhere. Deke Sharon has arranged over 2,000 songs and had three books published as well as being the producer of television shows "The Sing Off" and "Pitch Slapped". He is also the arranger, on-site musical director and vocal producer for Universal's "Pitch Perfect" "Pitch Perfect 2" and "Pitch Perfect 3" (now in production) and vocal orchestrator for Broadway's first a capella musical "In Transit".	\$2,500
McColl Center for Visual Art	FY2018 - Mancini Artist in Residence - Photographer Nelson Morales is from Mexico's southern state of Oaxaca, where indigenous communities accept a third category of gender known as 'muxes'. Morales' photography profiles modern muxes, exploring their unique role within their communities. Nelson Morales would be in residence while an exhibition featuring his photographs would be on view at the Mint Museum and Light Factory.	\$3,000
One Voice Chorus	Recording Session for "The Man Behind the Dream" - One of the largest commissions in their history and co-commissioned with OVC Minneapolis, this music honors the life and work of openly gay civil rights activist Bayard Rustin. A mentor to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., he organized the 1963 March on Washington and due to his sexuality, was pushed to the margins of the movement. OVC Charlotte will perform the regional premiere of this work and through the donations and sales of this recording, they hope to disseminate the message of inclusion, understanding and LGBT people's historical importance and vital impact on this country.	\$3,500

PFLAG Charlotte	Healthcare Outreach Campaign - to raise awareness among and to provide education to local healthcare providers about gender-expansive issues; provide easily accessible local reference materials for transgender, trans-questioning, and gender-expansive youth and their parents and caregivers. Following up on their work with physicians in 2016, the new goal is to present at 7-9 physician/healthcare offices with the help of the Mecklenburg County Medical Society.	\$1,500
Safe Alliance	Effectively Engaging LGBTQ Clients - Domestic violence can look very different in LGBTQ couples, with the additional threat of "outing" and increased likelihood of an inadequate support system. In addition, the sexual assault rate for LGBTQ individuals is much higher than their straight counterparts. This program seeks to develop an outreach campaign, creating and distributing marketing materials and media messages specifically targeting the LGBTQ community.	\$4,000
Time Out Youth	Melanin and MagicQ: Queer Youth of Color - to develop a curriculum for a 10-week structured discussion group series for youth of color. Session topics: Understanding Identity, Social Media Influence, Breaking the Chains of Oppression, The Power of the Dollar, Religion, Love and Relationships, Sex Education, and Celebration of Yourself.	\$2,850
Transcend	Transcloset: Transgender Clothing Exchange - to assist with the TransCloset program, which provides free clothing, makeup, accessories and basic needs items to any transgender or gender non-conforming individuals. Transcend will be taking on TOY's clothing exchange program and with it the need to build or obtain better equipment for the closet.	\$2,000
Grand Total		\$35,850