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Call for applications for Peer-led support groups for LGBTIQ+ refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia

Pride Foundation Australia (<https://pridefoundation.org.au/>) is seeking applications from existing or new peer-led support groups for LGBTIQ+ refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia. We particularly encourage groups in smaller cities and regional areas to apply.

Up to \$5,000 (no GST) is available for each group to be used over a 12-month period.

What will the funding be for

The funding may be for regular group meetings (face-to-face and/or virtual), or for occasional gatherings, as needed locally.

Applications must be led by LGBTIQ+ refugees and/or people seeking asylum and supported by an organisation that is willing and able to host the support group. Such organisations may be LGBTIQ+ community organisations, or refugee and asylum seeker organisations, or other community-based groups. PFA can provide assistance to find an appropriate organisation if needed.

The proposed hosting organisation should agree to provide in-kind support for the group in the form of:

- A meeting room
- Infrastructure such as access to a computer/ on-line meeting platform for communications (e.g. Zoom) including the covering the cost
- A staff liaison person to assist in organisation
- Facilitating training, capacity building and support for the group facilitators
- Facilitating access to case management and counselling support for group members as needed
- Consideration of ongoing support after initial funding has been used

Example Budget

For new groups a budget would approximate:

Item	Amount
Honoraria for co-design of the peer-support group structure and activities \$200 per person x 5 people	\$1,000
Group facilitator (a peer)	\$1,200
Catering	\$ 400
Transport for members	\$ 400
Host organisation staff member for group support and referrals e.g. case manager/social worker @\$40/hour x 1 hour/week x 50wk	\$2,000
Total	\$5,000 (GST not applicable)

There is also capacity to provide smaller amounts for single events depending on the justification in the application.

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Selection

This will occur in collaboration with our advisory group on LGBTIQ+ refugees and people seeking asylum.

How the project will be administered

The lead organisation must have Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) 1 status. PFA will establish a funding agreement with the lead organisation for each selected group and will seek a project acquittal at the end of the funding period.

Evaluation

Key indicators for success, to be included in the project acquittal (a brief document of up to 2 pages):

- Number of people engaged with each refugee-led peer support group
- Level of organisational support for each group – in kind support, financial contributions
- Learnings from the project, including what worked and what was challenging
- Development of the refugee-led support group model, and tips for success from peer facilitators

Sustainability

Seed funding is, by its nature, short term. However, one of the purposes of this proposal is to create systemic change, particularly encouraging refugee and LGBTI organisations to develop capacity for ongoing support for LGBTIQ refugees and people seeking asylum.

PFA will also continue to seek sources of additional funding to maintain the program beyond the initial period.

Application

Applications must address:

- the purpose and activities of the proposed peer-support group
- the personnel involved – leadership and expected numbers attending
- the lead organisation name, ABN and confirmed DGR status, contact person
- timelines
- the budget, including any in-kind support

Submit to Ruth McNair by Sunday 31 January 2021

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