

InterPride Solidarity Grants Program – Key changes to 2020 eligibility and timelines

Since the InterPride Solidarity Fund was launched in 2013, grants have been awarded to assist LGBTQI events and initiatives across some of the most disadvantaged, developing and hostile territories across the world. Over that period too, we have witnessed an expansion in the types of events and initiatives that the Fund has supported from numerous IDAHOBIT events in every continent, a mass LGBTI wedding in The Philippines, inaugural public Pride gatherings in Fiji, Uganda, The Bahamas, Brazil, Armenia and many other LGBTI events worldwide.

In 2020, the uncertainty related to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic presents a unique challenge to many organisations planning events for the Pride calendar. We have witnessed event cancellations and postponements and this in turn will present significant challenges for ongoing engagement as well as the very real threat to sustainability for future years.

For this reason, InterPride has decided to extend its deadline for applications to the Solidarity Fund until 12pm (GMT) on Sunday 24th May. This will allow organisations more time to decide upon their preferred course of action for 2020 events in line with specific requirements placed on them within their own jurisdictions.

In addition, we are delighted to see so much creativity in how many organisations have reimaged their events, and in particular, those that have been redefined to engage people through digital channels and online activities. As a result, InterPride has decided that eligibility to apply for the Solidarity Fund grants scheme for 2020 will be extended to cover costs related to building digital and marketing capacity and capability in order to deliver events that support the community and build engagement for future years. Examples of related costs could include

- Digital equipment and software packages
- Digital expertise and training
- Marketing, design and promotion costs
- Specialist digital event creation/management
- Other related one-off costs related to building engagement and participation for your event(s) in 2020 and beyond

In 2020, InterPride aims to provide grants of **between \$250 USD to \$2,000 USD each**.

We regret that we are unable to provide funding for costs that relate to cancelled events, such as venue and equipment hire and performance fees, arising as a direct result of COVID – 19.

If you have already submitted an application, and would like to revise the anticipated purpose and budget for your events that may have changed, we will be in touch with you through the contact email you provided, to seek any updates or changes

Our aim is to evaluate all applications and notify all successful applicants by Friday 12th June. Payments will start to be transferred in the week commencing Monday 15th June and the timing of payments will be prioritised based on the proposed date of the event.

If you are proposing that your event will take place before these dates please contact us urgently via Solidarity@interpride.org and we will endeavour to accelerate our evaluation process and make payments to any eligible events in advance of the timeframe outlined above.

Did you know ...

... Prides around the world have come together to organize 'Global Pride' amid COVID-19 cancellations

Pride organizations around the world have come together to organize a 'Global Pride' event on Saturday, 27 June, 2020, in response to the hundreds of Pride celebrations that have been cancelled or postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Global Pride will use online platforms to deliver a Pride in which everyone can participate, wherever they are in the world. It will include musical performances, speeches, and key messages from human rights activists. The event will be live-streamed, and people will be invited to join in the event from home.

For more information on how to participate and connect, go to our homepage for the latest updates



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