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FLGBTQI + ADAM Queer Youth Initiative Request for Matching Grant Proposals

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Dear Colleagues,

Funders for LGBTQ Issues is pleased to announce the 3rd round of funding for the FLGBTQI + ADAM Queer Youth Initiative, a matching grants program to support foundations that serve or address the needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ) youth and involve youth in grantmaking decisions. We write to invite your foundation to apply for a grant.

This request for proposals is an *invitation-only* process. Invited to apply are all of the public LGBTQ foundations and community foundations with active LGBTQ field of interest funds. We anticipate awarding four (4) grants of \$22,500 to be paid out by the recipient foundations over three years. Each grant will be paid as follows: \$10,000 in 2014 (with a \$5,000 match requirement); \$7,500 in 2015 (with a \$7,500 match requirement); and, \$5,000 in 2016 (with a \$10,000 match requirement). An annual report detailing your grantmaking and fundraising efforts will be required prior to receiving second and third year grants.

Preference will be given to applications that prioritize grantmaking to LGBTQ youth-serving organizations and projects that:

- have youth involvement in the organizing and governance of the organization;
- serve LGBTQ youth of color, young women, transgender and gender non-conforming youth, low-income youth, and projects serving rural areas;
- work for systemic social change and demonstrate an understanding of the interconnections of issues and identities (gender, sexual orientation, race, etc.).

Three stipulations for receiving a grant from the FLGBTQI + ADAM Queer Youth Fund are: 1) that the grants made through this initiative to your grantees range from \$500 - \$4,000; 2) that your grantmaking through this initiative be no less than \$15,000 a year for each of the three years, and; 3) that there be youth representation (under age 25) on your grants decision-making body. Grants may be for general support, project-specific support or seed funding for start-up projects. It should also be noted that some preference will be given to foundations **not** funded in the first two rounds of this initiative.

Attached is a proposal form. **Proposals are due by April 14, 2014.** Decisions will be made by May 16, 2014.

We are very excited to be able to offer you this opportunity—made possible with the support of *ADAM*, a funding collaborative of Ralph Alpert, Michael Dively and Weston Milliken—and to support your LGBTQ grantmaking efforts. It is our hope that this initiative will lead your foundation to an institutionalized commitment to funding LGBTQ youth over the long-term. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ben Francisco Maulbeck", is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

Ben Francisco Maulbeck
President