



[Pride Foundation Australia \(PFA\)](#) is a national philanthropic foundation specifically focused on funding lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer, intersex, asexual and other (LGBTQIA+) community issues in Australia.

The Foundation advocates for systemic change to advance LGBTQIA+ equity and inclusion and provide direct support to affected communities / individuals. PFA raises awareness of LGBTQIA+ disadvantage and works to increase philanthropic support for the Australian LGBTQIA+ and allied communities through fundraising, grant giving, collaboration and commissioning projects.

The Foundation's specific LGBTQIA+ priority areas to date have been: healthy ageing, homelessness and disability, asylum seekers and refugees living in Australia, and alcohol and drug issues, as well as visual, literacy and performing arts.

2024 Large Grant Round - Supporting LGBTQIA+ people living in regional and rural areas of Australia

The Pride Foundation Australia (PFA) is proud to announce their second grant round for 2024, with a total funding pool of \$10,000 with a focus on supporting sexuality, sex and gender diverse (LGBTQIA+) people living in regional and rural areas of Australia.

Grant applications should be to the value of up to \$10,000 for up to two years (if applicable).

Funding considerations

It is recommended that applicants have read and be able to respond to the health inequalities highlighted in the research titled ['What do we know about the Health and Wellbeing of LGBTQIA+ People in Regional and Rural Victoria?' published by Ian Gould](#) (summary of the health inequalities highlighted have been outlined between page 21 to 22). The report can be also be downloaded using the following URL link: <https://wp.communityfoundation.org.au/vic-rural-lgbtqi-health-wellbeing-ver-pfa-19-april-2024/>.

Projects that collaborate between rural services and LGBTQIA+ agencies or groups are encouraged. Where an LGBTQIA+-led group is partnering with another organisation, PFA encourages equal partnership and co-design.

Projects should aim to support sexuality, sex and gender diverse (LGBTQIA+) people who are living in regional and rural areas in at least one of the following areas:

- Improving LGBTQIA+ inclusive practice in services, particularly relating to mental health, suicide prevention, housing, or family violence
- Improving access to inclusive health, legal, social and other services
- Enhancing support for community connection and reducing social isolation

Types of projects with a duration of up to two years may include any of the following:

- Health, social or legal services enhancements, or
- Community development, or
- Education initiatives, or
- Events including arts and cultural or conferences.

Exclusions

The following activities will **not** be funded:

- Capital and building works, vehicles, furniture or equipment,
- General fundraising,
- Travel, books, religious activities.

Who can apply?

- Organisational status that is recognised through incorporation, who are registered as a business or association with an [ABN](#) (charity registration and DGR status is not required)
- Individuals cannot apply.

Timeframes

- Grant applications are open from 9am AEST on Monday, 13 May 2024 to 5pm AEST on Friday, 5 July 2024.
- Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be notified in early August 2024.
- Grants will be paid from mid-August 2024 onwards.

Application Process

To view/access and submit a grant application, you must be logged into a registered account on the [Australian Communities Foundation Grants Portal](#) and enter the access code **PFARR2024**. The direct URL link to the grant round can be found [here](#).

Please create an account on the Australian Communities Foundation Grants Portal [here](#). If you already have an account, please use your existing username and password. Make sure to note your username and password as you will be able to save and continue the form at a later date.

Please note: All applications must be submitted in full with all supporting documentation by 5pm AEST on the closing date. Any incomplete applications or applications received after 5pm AEST will be treated as ineligible.

Contact details

If you have any questions in relation to the grant guidelines or require technical assistance with the application process, please contact Charlene Yum (Grants Manager, Australian Communities Foundation) at grants@communityfoundation.org.au or 03 9412 0412.

Australian Communities Foundation's office hours are Monday to Friday 9am-5pm.