



LGBTQ FUND 2016 Grants

SHOUT About Youth

Alabama Moving Image Association

In an effort to make educational opportunities involving films and filmmaking more accessible to local LGBTQ youth, The Alabama Moving Image Association will grant select individuals (ages 13-24) in Jefferson and Shelby Counties free weekend passes to The 2016 Sidewalk/SHOUT Film Festival where they will attend three days of film screenings and panel discussions based on film and the film industry, experience the festival culture and network directly professionals from the film industry alongside their peers which they may not otherwise be acquainted with.

Our Voices Matter

The Change Project

The Change Project addresses the disparities and stigmas that face LGBTQ youth in two primary ways: increasing access to community resources, and supporting societal shifts toward greater LGBTQ acceptance. Our Voices Matter is the culmination of all education-based programs from The Change Project. The two primary programs are an online storytelling campaign and the distribution and development of coming out zines that address issues unique to the southern experience.

Magic City Acceptance Camp (MCAC)

Birmingham AIDS Outreach

MCAC will offer a week-long summer day camp open to LGBTQ residents of Birmingham and 5 surrounding counties, ages 13-24. This day camp will offer 5 days of fun and learning, offering campers the opportunity to explore their identity in a safe space while building confidence and community. The MCAC curriculum will be structured around issues such as health and wellness, arts and culture, community, leadership, and advocacy.

Central Alabama L-YEAH!

AIDS Alabama

AIDS Alabama proposes the Central Alabama L-YEAH! (LGBTQ Youth Empowerment, Advocacy, and Housing) project to connect LGBTQ youth to mental health, advocacy, and housing services. With support from the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham's LGBTQ fund, youth who participate in L-YEAH! Will be provided opportunities to (1) participate in a new support group focused on mental health of LGBTQ youth, (2) join the Alabama Alliance for Healthy Youth to advocate for improved youth health policies in Alabama, and (3) receive referrals to the Ascension project (if homeless).