

LGBTQ Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham 2021 Grantees:

- **AIDS Alabama: Alabama Latino AIDS Coalition (ALAC), \$5,000** – To host an LGBTQ Latinx conference and promote mental wellness through meditation, yoga, and other cultural activities in a safe place specially selected by ALAC.
- **AlaQuest Collaborative for Education, \$5,000** – To educate and empower LGBTQ+ persons to serve as leaders in positive social change. Scholarships will be provided to LGBTQ Anytown Alabama delegates, staff interns and PEACE participants, lifting visibility of LGBTQ+ people, encouraging self-confidence, and supporting an inclusive society.
- **Birmingham Aids Outreach (BAO) – Magic City Acceptance Center (MCAC), \$1,800** – To rebuild confidence, strength, and community for LGBTQ youth in Alabama who have gone more than a year in isolation and desperately need to heal. LGBTQ R&R will provide a 3-day camp focused on renewal and resilience for 30 LGBTQ youth, ages 13-24 in Alabama.
Birmingham Aids Outreach (BAO) – Magic City Training Initiative, \$4,000 – To provide comprehensive LGBTQ Cultural Humility Training, consultation, support and policy review to 500+ youth-serving professionals including DHR case managers, social workers, foster parents, and educators.
- **Birmingham Black Repertory Theatre Company (BBRTC), \$5,000** – To present Donja R. Love’s “One In Two,” a soft and brilliant portrayal of three young Black queer men navigating their experiences with HIV. Utilizing community partnerships, BBRTC will engage a virtual, global conversation on HIV awareness through a uniquely southern Black queer lens.
- **Birmingham Zoo, \$1,000** – To create programming that shares examples of non-heteronormative relationships and identities in nature. These diverse stories will provide learning opportunities for all people to better understand LGBTQ persons. Programs will allow LGBTQ youth and adults an opportunity to learn of the natural world allowing them to form personal connections and empowering them to join in the Zoo's mission to conserve the natural world.
- **Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama, \$5,000** – To distribute Emergency Assistance Funds to low-income LGBTQ Hispanic persons in crisis due to the COVID-19 pandemic. ¡HICA! will identify and seek referrals from community partners serving LGBTQ Hispanic and Latinx individuals who are in need of assistance to pay bills, buy food, pay rent or receive mental health services.
- **Magic City Acceptance Academy, \$2,500** – To create a section at the Magic City Acceptance Academy’s library devoted to texts, fiction, nonfiction, informational and historical works that are dedicated to topics of social and restorative justice and issues of importance to the LGBTQ community of students in the school.
- **Modern House, \$5,000** – To provide intentional job training, life skills training, and other needed supports to homeless LGBTQ youth and LGBTQ communities of color to assist them in obtaining and sustaining a self-fulfilling lifestyle.

- **Specialized Alternatives for Families and Youth of Alabama (SAFY), \$5,000** – To establish an inclusive network of caregivers and clinicians to meet the placement needs of LGBTQ youth in our community. All youth deserve to be recognized for who they are and need to be provided with a safe and loving home. SAFY of AL is working to construct a framework of support to ensure they provide services needed in the short-term along with the long-term success for LGBTQ youth in their care.
- **UAB Division of Gerontology, Geriatrics, & Palliative Care, \$3,500** – To develop a research study to understand the cultural values and preferences for care among older Gay and Bisexual men with serious illness. This study (part of a larger LGBT-focused study) aims to, in partnership with the community, develop a Guide for clinicians on what constitutes respectful care to older LGBT with serious illness, and train clinicians with this Guide.