

LGBTQ Fund of the Community Foundation of Greater Birmingham 2023 Grantees:

- **Addiction Prevention Coalition** – \$5,000 to provide Mental Health First Aid training for students and faculty at the Magic City Acceptance Academy.
- **AIDS Alabama: Alabama Latino AIDS Coalition (ALAC)** – \$6,000 to host the 3rd annual LGBTQ Latinx conference for empowerment, leadership, LGBTQ+ advocacy and wellness for individuals and families.
- **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 delegates and a staff intern, lifting visibility of LGBTQ+ people, encouraging self-confidence, and supporting an inclusive society.
- **Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Birmingham** – \$4,000 to expand Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion training to more than 800 volunteers.
- **Birmingham Aids Outreach (BAO)** – \$5,000 to support an in-person, training series with free CEUs for professionals who have not previously had access to LGBTQ Cultural Humility trainings. All trainings are designed and facilitated by the staff of the Magic City Acceptance Center.
- **Birmingham Black Repertory Theatre Collective (BBRTC)** – \$6,100 to support the cost of bringing the world premiere of playwright Tarell Alvin McCraney’s “The Brother Sister Plays”, a trilogy of plays chronicling Black, queer life in the South, to the Birmingham community.
- **Children’s Aid Society** – \$5,500 NEW to launch LGBTea Tuesdays, a bi-monthly, virtual support group for LGBTQ+ identifying youth, aged 14-21, who are currently or were formerly in Alabama’s foster care system or adoptive homes, facilitated by a professional with lived experience.
- **Great Heights, Inc. dba Creative Wellness Institute** – \$6,000 to provide access to mental health counseling services with licensed practitioners to LGBTQ+ individuals, children, couples and families on a sliding fee scale through the FamilyCare Initiative.
- **Magic City Acceptance Academy** – \$10,000 for the second year of the Bland Civic Engagement Initiative, promoting civic engagement for junior and senior students. The Initiative will work to give young people the skills they need to advocate for change and social justice through 4 defined constructs: Civic Action, Civic Commitment, Civic Skill-building and Social Cohesion.
- **Steel City Men’s Chorus** – \$2,400 to support the purchase of customer relationship management software and training to increase the organization’s fundraising abilities and sustainability efforts.
- **UKirk Birmingham** – \$2,000 NEW to fully fund the college Student Minister position for the 2023-24 school year for this LGBTQ+ affirming and supporting ministry of the Presbyterian Church.