

## **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** CFGB Board

**From:** Meg Ford, Program Officer

**Date:** May 21, 2026

**Re: LGBTQ Pass-Through Fund Grant**

### **Background**

On April 9, 2026, the LGBTQ Fund Advisory Committee met and recommended a grant of \$6,250.00 to be paid to ACE Alabama from the LGBTQ Pass Through Fund.

ACE Alabama hosts Anytown Alabama, an annual week-long leadership summit for students in grades 9-12. This year's summit will take place June 7-13, and is being hosted in partnership with UAB Institute for Human Rights. Delegates will live and learn together for one week on UAB's campus, and attend workshops and small dialogue group sessions related to important issues in our community and world, led by local leaders and experts from UAB. While any student can participate, Anytown is wellknown for being a longstanding, welcoming space for LGBTQIA+ youth, allowing them and all participants to strengthen critical thinking and communications skills to enhance their emotional intelligence and ethical leadership. ACE has been consistently awarded LGBTQ Fund grants that support Anytown through the annual grant cycle.

Last year, the LGBTQ Fund adopted a new schedule for grantmaking and now accept applications for the grant cycle from April 1 - June 30. Simultaneously, ACE Alabama's board opted last year to move the timing of Anytown to June in 2026, no longer allowing them to request LGBTQ Fund grants that can be used for Anytown within the same year. This proactive grant will close a critical funding gap, get ACE Alabama ahead of the new grantmaking schedule, and allow them to apply for this year's LGBTQ Fund grant cycle for Anytown 2027.

### **Recommendation**

We recommend that the CFGB Executive Committee approve a grant totaling \$6,250.00 from the LGBTQ Pass-Through Fund to ACE Alabama as detailed above and recommended by the LGBTQ Fund Advisory Committee.