



Floatarama LGBTQ Youth Fund Request for Proposal

Following the successful 2024 Flotilla annual fundraising cycle, Floatarama is pleased to announce their initiative to invest in community projects that serve LGBTQ youth in South Florida.

Floatarama's Board of Directors recognizes that now, more than ever, LGBTQ youth in South Florida are particularly vulnerable. While attacks on LGBTQ youth are happening across the State in public school settings, community-based organizations that can rise to the occasion of addressing their needs, especially on issues like homelessness, health education, and mental health, will be more important than ever in providing a network of support.

Fulfilling the mission for which it was developed, Floatarama is seeking to fund bold and innovative projects to address the unique and pressing needs of LGBTQ youth in South Florida. Projects will identify and address existing issues with urgency and prioritize the well-being of youth. Preference will be given to projects that approach these issues with creativity and sensitivity. Understanding the challenges of working with youth in the current climate, while incorporating solutions to overcome them, will be hallmarks of any successfully funded project.

Applications received will be reviewed by the Grant Approval Panel organized by Floatarama. Follow-up interviews may be requested to gain further insight on the parameters of the proposed projects.

As Floatarama's philanthropic partner, The Our Fund Foundation is managing the "Floatarama LGBTQ Youth Fund" and disbursing funds to awarded projects.

Floatarama is looking for partnerships focused on working together to maximize the impact in the community with our participating organizations.

Please review the application prompts below.

Proposals are due **August 15, 2024 (11:59 PM)**.

Organizations receiving awards must have a representative attend the Floatarama Check Awards event, at Hunters Night Club Wilton Manors on October 10, 2024.



Project Name:

1. Amount Requested: (\$20,000 limit)

Larger grants may be rewarded if the organization makes a strong RFP with specific metrics regarding utilization of funding and anticipated community impact. If asking for more than \$20,000.00 a prior meeting with the Chair of the Grant Approval Panel is recommended

2. Project Proposal (1,000 character limit):

Please describe the proposed project you are seeking to be funded.

3. Project Goals (1,000 character limit):

Please describe the main overall issues to be addressed, and project goals to be achieved.

4. Project Outcome/Evaluation (1,000 character limit):

Please outline specific desired outcomes of this project, and the metrics you will use to evaluate those outcomes.

5. Please attach the organizations **current 990's** up through close of last fiscal year of any returns not listed on IRS web site.

6. Attach budget for proposed project, showing expenses, other funding, and contributions.

Organizations granted funding will report their progress to the Floatarama BOD March 15, June 15 and September 15 2025.

If you have any questions regarding the RFP, please contact the Chair of the Floatarama Grant Approval Panel Dr. Joe Donnelly @ Donnelly.jm50@gmail.com.

About Floatarama:

Floatarama, Inc. is a South Florida 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to raising awareness and funds to support at-risk LGBTQ+ youth. Funds raised by Floatarama go to the Floatarama LGBTQ Youth Fund, managed by The Our Fund Foundation.

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