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Request for Proposals for Projects Supporting Homeless LGBTQ Youth

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Seattle – Pride Foundation is excited to announce a new four-year initiative that will fund innovative, collaborative approaches that address the unique needs of homeless lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth in Washington State and Portland, Oregon.

Nonprofit organizations are invited to submit a proposal by Monday, April 1, 2013 for multi-year funding. Pride Foundation is especially interested in proposals that focus on the needs of homeless LGBTQ youth in rural and remote communities as well as partnerships between mainstream and LGBTQ organizations to provide specialized services for LGBTQ youth.

Information Sessions for interested nonprofits will be held via teleconference on Wednesday, March 6 from Noon to 1 PM ([RSVP](#)) and Thursday, March 7 from 4 to 5 PM ([RSVP](#)).

“LGBTQ youth are disproportionately represented among homeless youth, and may make up as much as fifty percent of the total homeless youth populations in Portland and Seattle on any given night,” says Kris Hermanns, Executive Director of Pride Foundation. “Homeless LGBTQ youth are more likely to come from low-income backgrounds and are at high risk of serious educational, health, and employment setbacks, as well as justice system engagement. All this can have a significant impact on their economic futures and overall ability to be safe and thrive.”

Interested nonprofits should visit www.pridefoundation.org to learn more and to apply.

Pride Foundation is honored to lead this initiative which is supported by a generous grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s Building Community Philanthropy program. It is a unique opportunity to further address and support the challenges faced by LGBTQ youth.

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