
Queer and Trans Relief Fund

Description

The Anti-Violence Program at OutFront Minnesota is **currently accepting** applications from **2SLGBTQIA+ individuals living in Minnesota** for immediate financial relief. The harm and instability caused by increased immigration enforcement, ICE activity, and the federal occupation are deeply impacting our communities. While these actions create fear, disruption, and economic hardship for many, we recognize that people surviving within inequitable, racist, anti-immigrant, and oppressive systems are disproportionately harmed.

2SLGBTQIA+ communities, particularly queer and trans immigrants, undocumented people, BIPOC communities, and those living at the intersections of multiple marginalized identities, face heightened barriers to safety, stability, and economic security. Threats to employment, housing, healthcare access, mobility, and community connection can have immediate and devastating consequences.

The **Queer and Trans Relief Fund** exists to provide direct, flexible financial support to 2SLGBTQIA+ people impacted by these conditions, because community care means showing up materially for one another in moments of crisis.

This financial relief fund is now open. If you identify **as 2SLGBTQIA+** and have been **impacted by ICE/the Federal Occupation**, please apply (*see eligibility criteria below*). These applications will be carefully reviewed by the Anti-Violence Program team at OutFront Minnesota. Priority will be given to community members who hold intersecting 2SLGBTQIA+ and BIPOC identities.

Can I get assistance on this application if I don't speak English?

We recognize that language can often be a barrier to applying for funds. If you need support to fill out this application in ANY language you can contact our team at avp@outfront.org and an advocate will work with you to complete and submit it.

¿Puedo obtener ayuda con esta solicitud si no hablo inglés?

Reconocemos que con frecuencia el idioma puede ser un obstáculo para solicitar fondos. Si necesita ayuda para llenar esta solicitud en CUALQUIER idioma, se puede comunicar con nuestro equipo en avp@outfront.org y un representante trabajará con usted para completarla y presentarla.

Mala iga caawin karaa buuxinta codsigan haddii aanan ku hadlin afka Ingiriisiga?

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Kuv puas tuaj yeem tau txais kev pab rau daim ntawv thov no yog hais tias kuv tsis hais lus Askiv?

Peb paub hais tias feem ntau tsis paub lus yog ib qho kev cuam tshuam thov nyiaj pab. Yog hais tias koj xav tau kev pab sau daim ntawv thov no ua LWM YAM lus, koj tuaj yeem tiv tauj peb pab neeg ntawm avp@outfront.org thiab ib tug neeg sawvcev pab mam li pab koj ua kom tiav thiab xav mus.

Award Amount

At this time, the **Queer and Trans Relief Fund** is awarding one time microgrants for \$500.00.

Application Due Date

Applications are due no later than **11:59 p.m. on June 12th, 2026**. Applications submitted after **June 12th, 2026** will not be considered.

Financial Relief Disbursement Date

Award recipients will be selected and notified by **June 19th, 2026** and can expect to receive funds no later than **July 20th, 2026**. We appreciate your patience during the selection and disbursement process.

Eligibility Criteria

- ✓ 18 years of age, or older
- ✓ Identify as 2SLGBTQIA+
- ✓ Live in Minnesota
- ✓ Experiencing hardship due to ICE/the Federal Occupation

An Important Note to Applicants

Often, emergency financial assistance opportunities require specific criteria, documentation and status that disqualify individuals in need. At OutFront Minnesota, we seek to break down those barriers. We believe it is neither helpful, nor empathetic to put up roadblocks around financial assistance. We want all applicants to know that your ability to apply for and receive funds are **NOT dependent on ANY** of the following indicators:

- ✓ Citizenship status
- ✓ Criminal background
- ✓ Current or Former Incarceration
- ✓ Education level
- ✓ Spoken Language
- ✓ Utilization of funds

AND applications will be reviewed on an objective basis and will not discriminate against any applicant for their:

- ✓ Race, color, ethnicity, ancestry, national origin, religion, ability, sex, gender identity, gender expression, age, genetic information, marital status, sexual orientation, AIDs/HIV status, medical conditions, public assistance status, political affiliations, military or veteran status, status as a victim/survivor of violence

Application

Here is the link to apply: <https://fs27.formsite.com/CgEg2w/zxtlzfimra/index>

What You Will Need to Apply

1. To meet the eligibility criteria
2. To complete the application
3. Provide a brief state of need

Queer and Trans Relief Fund Award FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions):

How do I apply?

Here is the link to apply:

<https://fs27.formsite.com/CgEg2w/zxtlzfimra/index>

What if I do not fill out the entire application?

Incomplete or inaccurate applications will be declined. If you have technical errors with your application submission, you can either attempt to submit again or, contact the Anti-Violence Program at avp@outfront.org. **Please allow 3 business days for a response.*

What if I do not have access to a computer?

There are a few options available to individuals without access to a computer (or without an email address).

1. You can utilize a public space where computers exist, such as a local library, community center, workforce center, or other service organizations. You may also be able to use a smartphone or tablet if available.
2. We can mail a paper copy to you, with a return address and a stamp for an easy send back.
3. If accessing technology is a barrier, connect with an advocate or trusted support person who may be able to assist.

I am undocumented, can I apply?

Yes!

If I am undocumented, do I need to say so?

No!

What if I don't have a bank account?

That's okay, you do not need a bank account to receive support from this fund. As a registered nonprofit, we are required to distribute funds through formal payment methods, which means awards can be issued either by direct deposit or by paper check.

If you **do not** have a bank account, you may choose to **receive a paper check**. There are several ways to cash a check without a bank account, and we can help talk through those options if needed.

What will I need to provide?

Please see the **"What Will I Need to Apply"** section listed above.

Is there a deadline?

Yes. Applications must be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on **June 12th, 2026**.

What can I expect after submitting an application?

Once you successfully submit your application, you will receive a confirmation email within 24 hours. Otherwise, we will reach out if we have any further questions.

Can I apply on behalf of someone else?

Applications can be difficult to navigate. If you have a friend or family member that needs help to apply, you are more than welcome to assist them. However, it is that person for whom you applied, should they be awarded, that will receive funds.

If you are also in need, you must fill out an application for yourself separately.

Can I apply more than once?

No. Awards will only be given out one time. However, if future funding allows another round of open applications, and you did not receive an award during this application period, we will look at your original application for consideration at that time.

When will I find out whether or not I received the funding?

You will be notified that you have been awarded funding by **June 19th, 2026**. If you do not receive a notification by June 19th, 2026, that means you have not been awarded funding at this time. There will be an option within your application to choose to automatically be considered for future rounds, should future funds become available.

What type of assistance does the fund provide?

While some types of emergency funding put rigid stipulations on what the funds can be allocated for, we understand life is not this simple. Putting up these types of restrictions can limit a person's ability to support themselves in a way that makes sense for them. You are the expert in your own life. It is not our place to have control over how you utilize these funds. It's entirely up to you!

How will OutFront Minnesota make award recipient decisions?

While each situation is unique and valid, there are certain factors that will be strongly taken into consideration while selecting award recipients. Those factors include, but are not limited to:

- Loss of income or employment due to ICE activity, detention, raids, or related impacts
- Financial hardship related to fear of engaging in work, school, or public life because of increased enforcement or occupation

- Housing instability, including needing to relocate or concerns about safety in your current housing
- Costs related to legal support, immigration-related needs, transportation, childcare, or emergency planning
- Medical expenses, mental health needs, or other unpaid bills related to this hardship
- How these circumstances have impacted your safety, wellbeing, or financial stability
- Supporting a loved one, family member, or community member impacted by ICE or federal enforcement

What if I am not 2SLGBTQIA+?

We care deeply about our allies. If you do not identify as 2SLGBTQIA+, but are in need of emergency financial assistance, you can find additional mutual aid funds at: <https://www.mutualaidhub.org/>.

Additionally, there is a great list of mutual aid resources specifically for folks who had an impact on housing due to ICE/the federal occupation. Find those resources here: <https://www.standwithminnesota.com/>

You can also check out:

<https://linktr.ee/mplsmutualaid>

<https://aapiunited.net>

<https://opencollective.com/communitykitchenmpls>

What if I don't live in Minnesota?

This funding is specific to Minnesota residents. If you live in another state, you can visit: <https://www.mutualaidhub.org/> to find mutual aid funds and resources available in your area.

What if I am under the age of 18?

This fund is for individuals 18 years of age or older. That said, we recognize that ICE/and the Federal Occupation is having a significant impact on youth. Here are some resources available to LGBTQ+ youth in Minnesota:

1. TIGERRS - Crisis Resources <https://tigerrrs.org/crisis-resources/>
2. Living in the United States as an Immigrant Youth Guide https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/documents/youth_handbook-2015-06-05-en.pdf
3. My Undocumented Life, Up-To-Date Information & Resources For Undocumented Students, Families, And Allies <https://mydocumentedlife.org/>

Can I call to check on the status of my individual application?

No. Due to capacity, and a high number of submissions, we are unable to provide feedback on individual applications. If you submit an application, and are chosen to receive an award that will be communicated to you no later than **June 19th, 2026**. If you have not been contacted by that date, that means you were not selected as an award recipient.

What if I do not get an award?

Your hardships are valid, financial strain is overwhelming and we believe you are in need! Our decisions are based on funding availability and not the validity of your story. We are hopeful to receive more funding, so that individuals who do not receive awards this round will be eligible again. If you were not awarded funds, but selected to be automatically considered for potential future opportunities, we will contact you.


If I have additional questions, who can I contact?

Questions about the Queer and Trans Relief Fund can be directed to the Anti-Violence Program at avp@outfront.org. **Please allow 3 business days for a response.*

Donations:

If you would like to donate to other places leading the way on mutual aid for communities affected by ICE/the Federal occupation, we highly recommend you check out these resources:

1. Smitten Kitten: <https://smittenkittenonline.com/>
2. Immigrant Defense Network: <https://immigrantdefensenetwork.org/donate/>
3. Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota: <https://www.ilcm.org/donate>
4. COPAL (Comunidades Organizando el Poder y la Acción Latina): <https://copalmn.org/donate/>
5. UNIDOS / Monarca: <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/unidos-mn-education-fund>
6. Stand With Minnesota Donation Directory: <https://www.standwithminnesota.com/>

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7. Immigrant Rapid Response Fund (Women's Foundation of Minnesota):
<https://www.wfmn.org/funds/immigrant-rapid-response/>
 8. MN8 "We fight to end detention and deportation in Southeast Asian communities"
<https://minnesota8.org/>

Donate to the Queer and Trans Relief Fund:

If you would like to donate to this Queer and Trans Relief Fund you can do that here:

https://secure.ngpvan.com/3_T61-DMnU6Edhs2QpSdFw2

100% of your donation will go to 2SLGBTQIA+ community members impacted by ICE/the Federal Occupation.

Thank You!