

Community **ACT**ivators: Virtual and Outdoor Projects

Micro-grant program for cis and trans GBQ guys

Applications must be submitted by Sunday, August 29, 2021

Overview

Community ACTivators is a micro-grant program for cis and trans gay, bi, queer guys* in Toronto. Successful applications receive up to \$1000 to develop and facilitate a novel community program aimed to foster the physical, emotional and social well-being of cis and trans gay, bi, queer community members in Toronto. This program provides opportunities for community leaders to share skills, create social and cultural opportunities and promote health for like-minded guys.

This program aims to accomplish the following:

- Engage with community members (especially those who have been historically under-represented including Black, Indigenous and people of colour, trans folks, people who use substances) in a fun and meaningful way;
- Improve health outcomes for cis and trans gay, bi, queer guys in Toronto, and to
- Increase the knowledge and skills of community members.

Funding and resources are made possible through a financial contribution from the Public Health Agency of Canada.

Community **ACT**ivators projects should strive to accomplish the following:

- Engage guys in fun and meaningful ways to create social and cultural connections. Considering the volume of virtual programs and events, these projects should be unique and enticing – enough to make people interested and willing to attend the program on an ongoing basis.
- Support community members' physical, sexual, and/or mental health and well-being. This can be done in a number of ways, including:
 - Establishing a drop-in discussion group,
 - Facilitating online recreational activities,

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- Creating and leading instructional or educational workshops.

Please note:

- ✓ Projects must be delivered or implemented using virtual platforms due to COVID-19 restrictions on in-person gatherings.
- ✓ Projects should engage with potential participants over 4-8 events.

Examples of projects that are less suited for a Community **ACT**ivators micro-grant:

- Projects focused on therapeutic interventions,
- Projects requiring paid facilitators or contributors,
- Projects requiring the purchase of computer, A/V, or other equipment.

Who can apply for a Community **ACT**ivator micro-grant?

- Cis and trans gay, bi, queer guys including Two-Spirit and non-binary folks who work, socialize or live in Toronto;
- Individuals or small groups who are motivated to help improve the health and well-being of guys in Toronto.

What is the maximum contribution for a project?

The maximum contribution for a project is \$1000. The amount allocated to a project is dependent on the goals, projected outcomes, and financial requirements of each project.

How many projects will be funded?

Up to three projects will be selected in September 2021.

What are eligible expenses?

Costs associated directly with the implementation of the approved project (including but not limited to):

- Materials required for programming that will be used by project leads, participants, or other facilitators/contributors.
- Costs associated in helping and encouraging participants access activities.
- One-time artists' fees for graphic design, entertainment, etc.
- Advertising / promotional materials.

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What are ineligible projects/expenses?

- Fundraising activities or events
- Gifts, alcohol or flowers for individuals or groups
- Financial assistance to individuals
- Wages and/or honorariums for additional facilitators or contributors
- Expenses made prior to the approval of the project

Please note:

- ✓ Applicants can submit multiple applications for different projects, but applicants will not receive funding for more than one project.
- ✓ Micro-grant recipients are not considered as ACT employees or contractors. Though ACT will support you in developing and delivering these projects, recipients' work is independent from ACT.

Will project leads be paid?

Project leads will be given a \$200 honorarium for their time and efforts. This honorarium is included in the total amount allocated to the project.

Please note:

- ✓ ACT encourages community leaders to apply for diverse sources of funding to sustain their projects.
- ✓ Community leaders with existing or upcoming funding will not be removed from the selection process.
- ✓ Programs can take place in whichever language the Project Lead considers best.
- ✓ ACT's documentation and support will only be available in English.

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How will projects be selected?

- Project leads submit their project proposals using the Community ACTivators Application Form (available on the website). If the project meets the program criteria, the application will be passed to the selection committee composed of community members and ACT staff. Application forms must be submitted by **Sunday, August 29th**.
- Project Leads can request project development assistance from the program coordinator, Mike Smith. Please contact them to ask questions or arrange an appointment.
- Applicants will present and discuss their proposals to the Selection Committee via Zoom.

What will be required from the participant once the project is accepted?

- Project Leads are expected to deliver and reach the project goals as outlined in the application.
- All projects are expected to adhere to ACT's Programs and Services Policies and Procedures.

I don't know how to use Zoom. Will I receive any training?

- Project Leads will receive some training to deliver their projects via Zoom upon request.

Questions? Concerns? Just ask!

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