

Lipsky-Whittaker Fund Grant Application

The Lipsky-Whittaker Fund believes strongly in making strategic investments for the well-being of the greater New Bedford GLBT community and in combating HIV and AIDS through prevention and education. The Fund encourages collaboration among individuals, groups and organizations interested in ending bigotry, violence and discrimination towards GLBT individuals and families, as well as promoting respect and inclusion as foundations of the greater New Bedford community's values and actions.

Projects must be focused within the following geographic area: Acushnet, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Freetown, Marion, Mattapoisett, New Bedford, Rochester, Wareham, Westport.

Semi-annual grants (with application deadlines of March 31 and September 30) will be awarded to:

- help support local GLBT organizations that work with GLBT youth
- seed new and innovative projects to combat homophobia and create an atmosphere of respect and acceptance
- support needed but underfunded services to GLBT individuals and families
- support projects/events that stress education about and prevention of HIV and AIDS

Grants will generally range from \$1000 to \$10,000.

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Name of Applicant / Group / Organization: _____

Address: _____

Contact Person: Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

Amount Requested: \$ _____

Proposal: Please attach a separate sheet that includes the following information:

A short description of proposal, including a budget

How does this proposal reflect the mission of the Lipsky-Whittaker Fund?

Is the organization/group a 501(c)3 (not for profit) or are you collaborating with a 501(c)3?
(please specify and include relevant EIN)

What is the time frame for completion?

What funding sources do you have now or have applied for?

Are you collaborating with other groups/organizations on this proposal?

What sort of impact do you expect to see from your efforts and how will you evaluate it?

Applications and accompanying documentation can be sent to:

The Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts

Attn.: Lipsky-Whittaker Fund

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Celebrating the Lives of **John Lipsky & George Whittaker** and the creation of the **Lipsky-Whittaker Fund**

John Lipsky and George Whittaker lived together in a committed, loving relationship for 52 years. Devoted to each other, they died just eight weeks apart in 2005.

George, who was born and raised in New Bedford, became a costume designer to the stars in Hollywood, and John, who grew up in Rhode Island, was a television executive from the early days of that medium. Both were also decorated veterans of World War II, in the Pacific and European theaters. When they retired in 1980, they returned to Greater New Bedford to spend their summers with family and friends.

Growing up and throughout their lives, they faced a world that was hostile to gay men, lesbians and other sexual minorities. They also witnessed the devastation of the AIDS epidemic, with so many of their close friends and colleagues dying of the disease.

Generous, caring men, their wish was to use their resources to help end the epidemic of AIDS and to change the climate of fear, hostility and rejection that George and John experienced as young gay men, a climate that gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered Youth still face today.

The Lipsky-Whittaker Fund will provide resources to help realize John and George's dream: that GLBT young men and women can grow to adulthood in this community without fear of rejection, violence, discrimination and exposure to HIV/AIDS.

The Lipsky- Whittaker Fund has been created by the John J. Lipsky Charitable Trust. The Fund, administered by the Community Foundation Southeastern Massachusetts, provides annual grants to community groups and organizations in greater New Bedford to support projects focused in two areas: gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered youth and HIV/AIDS prevention, education and treatment.

*For more information or to receive an application, please contact the Gabrielle Simmons at the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts
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