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Pride Alliance of Livingston Announces Mini-Grant Funding Opportunity for LGBTQIA+ Advocacy and Education Projects

[Livingston County, 11/15/2023] - Pride Alliance of Livingston (PAL)—a community-based organization promoting an all-inclusive community for our neighbors through LGBTQIA+ education, collaboration, and advocacy for equality—is excited to announce the availability of mini-grants available to community agencies and individuals..

In an ongoing commitment to support initiatives that foster understanding, inclusivity, and awareness, PAL is pleased to offer mini-grants to empower community members and organizations to execute projects that contribute to the betterment of the local LGBTQIA+ community.

These mini-grants aim to:

- 1. **Amplify Voices:** Encourage community agencies and individuals to take an active role in advocating for LGBTQIA+ rights and inclusivity.
- Educate and Raise Awareness: Promote educational initiatives that help reduce discrimination, stigmatization, and misunderstandings surrounding LGBTQIA+ individuals and issues.
- Foster a More Inclusive Community: Create opportunities for dialogue and collaboration, leading to a more inclusive and accepting environment in Livingston County.

Mini-grants are available for a wide range of LGBTQIA+ advocacy and education projects, including but not limited to:

- Awareness campaigns
- Workshops and seminars on LGBTQIA+ issues
- Support groups for individuals and their families
- Artistic and cultural events celebrating LGBTQIA+ contributions
- Initiatives addressing LGBTQIA+ mental health and well-being

Interested parties should send an email inquiry to pridealliancelivingston@gmail.com outlining their proposed project in a few sentences. Well-aligned proposals will be advanced to the application phase. Detailed guidelines and criteria can be found here:

▶ Pride Alliance of Livingston Minigrants.pdf . Applications will be considered on a rolling basis. PAL aims to award up to two \$500 grants per year.

PAL Chairperson, Maureen Elliott, stated, "We are thrilled to have grown to a point where we can provide this funding opportunity to individuals and organizations dedicated to advancing LGBTQIA+ rights and awareness in our community. These mini-grants represent a significant

step towards creating a more inclusive and accepting environment for everyone in Livingston County."

For more information about the mini-grant application process and eligibility, please visit https://www.livingstondiversity.org/pride-alliance-livingston

Pride Alliance of Livingston (PAL) is a subcommittee of the Livingston Diversity Council (LDC), a grass-roots 501(c)3 nonprofit organization of business people, private citizens, educators, government officials, and clergy who live and/or work in Livingston County. LDC embraces and advocates for the virtues of diversity, equity, inclusion, and access within and for our community.

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