



FUNDERS FOR
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ISSUES

Dear Colleague:

We are writing to ask for your assistance with an exciting research project designed to map the giving patterns of foundations outside of North America, with a focus on funding lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organizations and programs in the Global South and East.

This project has been commissioned by Funders for LGBTQ Issues, an advocacy and education organization dedicated to increasing institutional giving to lesbian gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex communities.

As the leading national association of foundations in your country, we were hoping you could assist us by sending the attached letter to your members, via email or listserv, requesting their list of grants awarded to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or msm programs in 2010. A cover note from you encouraging their participation would also be enormously helpful. At the end of this letter, we have included some suggested language that could be used in a cover note.

All foundations that send us their grants lists will receive a full report on the findings. This will allow them to see how the work of their foundation compares with the work of foundations in general, which can help to inform future funding strategies.

Our goal is to receive grants data by Friday, 15 July 2010.

If you have any questions please contact Nancy Cunningham, Project Coordinator, at wgnancy@aol.com.

Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely,

Best regards,
Karen Zelermyer
President / CEO