



Information for donors

Gay and Lesbian Foundation of Australia

Your donation will benefit lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex people, and allied communities, in Australia

Responsible

GALFA's directors have broad community and governance experience. Several are members of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. Profiles of our directors are available on our website, at www.galfa.org.au/about/directors.

GALFA meets the legislative and regulatory requirements of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission, the Australian Taxation Office and the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission. GALFA publishes its annual audit reports on its website, at www.galfa.org.au.

GALFA's overheads are minimal. The scale of our operations does not require paid staff: we are run entirely by volunteers. We draw on pro-bono legal, financial, accounting, marketing and other professional services as required.

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supporting GLBTIQ communities across Australia

The Gay and Lesbian Foundation of Australia (GALFA) raises and distributes funds for activities that benefit lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (GLBTIQ) people, and allied communities, in Australia. GALFA is Australia's peak GLBTIQ philanthropic organisation.

Issues of GLBTIQ discrimination, disadvantage and need are little-addressed by other philanthropic organisations. With individual contributions and co-funding from like-minded organisations, GALFA supports underfunded and important GLBTIQ projects that make a difference in our community.

Purposeful

Focus is the key to achieving impact. We set priorities every three years after conducting an analysis of GLBTIQ needs, and of gaps in existing services.

GALFA has two Australia-wide priorities for 2014-17.

Healthy ageing of GLBTIQ people: GALFA will support projects that:

- increase the number of aged care services that commit to being inclusive of GLBTIQ people, and work with them to be more inclusive
- identify and overcome barriers to GLBTIQ people accessing inclusive aged care services
- develop and pilot strategies for ageing well that are applicable to diverse GLBTIQ people and communities
- reduce ageism by GLBTIQ people, and promote positive images of older GLBTIQ people.

Homelessness of GLBTIQ people: GALFA will support projects that:

- reduce the homelessness of GLBTIQ people of all ages
- better define the underlying causes of GLBTIQ homelessness and identify barriers to the provision of appropriate services for GLBTIQ people of all ages
- promote the availability of homelessness services for at-risk GLBTIQ people and those who support them, including developing and piloting initiatives that advocate for, or increase the number of, homelessness services that are inclusive of GLBTIQ people.

GALFA also recognises the advocacy and support needs of GLBTIQ refugees, people in rural and remote areas, families, prisoners, people with a disability, youth, people dependent on alcohol and other drugs, and people needing mental health and suicide prevention services. While GALFA has other priorities for 2014-17, we will continue to seek community and donor feedback about these needs, and consider feedback when setting priorities for the next triennium.

GALFA applies the donations it receives to projects that address its two priorities. If you wish to make a donation to address another issue, we would be most pleased to work with you to find ways to support a project in your area of interest.

Accountable

GALFA understands that every donor expects the maximum return on their donation, for the maximum benefit of our community. We have rigorous processes to identify, assess and support proposals that will make a difference, so their proponents are fully accountable to the donors who support them.

Through our Board of Directors, we maintain wide-ranging contacts with public and private organisations and individuals across Australia in the health, education, legal and social welfare sectors. This keeps us up-to-date on best practice in addressing the needs of GLBTIQ people. It also helps us determine the types of projects—and the standard of outcomes and methodologies we should expect of them—to provide you with the best return on your donation.

Each year, we call for expressions of interest nationally—through our website, press releases, the GLBTIQ media and relevant organisations—for projects in the priority areas. We also commission projects consistent with our priorities. GALFA does not fund projects that provide direct personal support or benefit, or which do not benefit GLBTIQ Australians.

Our Board of Directors assesses all applications for their

- applicability to the priorities and clarity;
- relevance and importance of their outcomes;
- likelihood of achieving outcomes;
- adequacy of the budget; and
- qualifications and track record of the applicants and their organisation.

Where applications meet these criteria, a full proposal is invited. These are assessed by a panel that includes an independent external specialist, to ensure we fund the best proposals.

Successful applicants enter an agreement with GALFA to deliver their project. We maintain regular contact with project leaders, and require reporting against project milestones. We require a final project and financial disbursement report when a project ends. Some projects we fund are very innovative, and we may vary or terminate an agreement if a project appears unlikely to achieve its outcomes.

We report through our *Donor News* on the progress and outcomes of projects. We also host occasional invitation-only presentations.



Previously funded projects

GALFA pool funds from many donors so that the projects they donate to are of sufficient scale to have impact and make a real difference to people's lives. We also work with applicants to identify other possible sources of support or co-funding, including from other philanthropic organisations. This leverages your donation, giving it greater impact.

Since GALFA was established in November 2005, we have funded the following projects.

PFLAG (national)

GALFA funded PFLAG to help develop new regional and rural PFLAG groups around Australia. (www.pflagaustralia.org.au)

Gay and Lesbian Switchboard (Victoria)

GALFA funded a collaboration between the five volunteer-based LGBTI telephone counselling services across Australia, to strengthen their national presence and update the existing national website. This led to federal funding for the new national QLife service. (www qlife.org.au)

Generation Queer Young Woman's Project – Regional Youth Support Service (NSW)

GALFA funding enabled this same-sex-attracted youth service to employ a female worker to develop in its young female-identifying clients the skills and support they need to make safe and healthy life decisions relating to their sexuality and gender identity.

Val's Café website (La Trobe University, Victoria)

GALFA funded the development of the Val's Café website. The website helps improve care and service provision for senior LGBTI people throughout Australia. It offers

information and training resources to older LGBTI people, service providers and others. It also enables users to access the latest research, and national and state government policy. (www.valsafe.org.au)

Lesbian Parenting Australia (national)

GALFA, in collaboration with the Australian Lesbian Medical Association, is funding the first national online resource for LGBTIQ women wanting to start a family. It will provide information, community links and other resources to help prospective parents understand fertility, donor, legal and parenting issues and options.

Turn Up Your Voice

LGBTI consumer and carer engagement in aged care, is the latest and 2014 project to be funded by GALFA in collaboration with the Sidney Myer Fund. Older LGBTI people and their carers often struggle to have meaningful input and be actively engaged in aged care service development, delivery and evaluation. As a consequence LGBTI have largely been invisible within aged care services to date. This project aims to achieve full engagement of LGBTI aged care consumers and their carer's in the South Australian based organisation 'Helping Hand Aged Care' and will also provide an example for other Australian aged care organisations about they could achieve LGBTI engagement as well.

For more information about past and current projects, please see www.galfa.org.au.