COVID19 Response Emergency Fund for 2SLGBTQ+ People

April 1st 2020

Purpose of the Fund
The UR Pride Centre has created a COVID19 Response Emergency Fund for 2SLGBTQ+ People to support 2SLGBTQ+ people during the COVID19 pandemic and crisis.

This fund is specifically meant to prioritize 2SLGBTQ+ people who have few or no access to other funds, including Employment Insurance (EI) or the newly introduced Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB).

Name of the Fund
The current name of the fund is the COVID19 Response Emergency Fund for 2SLGBTQ+ People (hereinafter referred to as “the Fund”). UR Pride may choose to rename this fund.

Fund Amount and Timing
UR Pride will be contributing matching funds up to $1,000 to the Fund. Depending on the size of the Fund, UR Pride reserves the right to set a maximum amount of funds individuals can apply for.

UR Pride will be soliciting donations for the Fund via www.urpride.ca/covid and www.urpride.ca/donate. All monies raised for the Fund will be used for recipients of the Fund.

Any unused monies after December 2020 will be re-allocated to the UR Pride Emergency Fund.

The Fund will distribute monies, on a rolling basis.

Fund Criteria
Commencing immediately, UR Pride will begin accepting applications for the Fund to individuals matching this criteria:

● Currently living in Southern Saskatchewan;

Admin & Campus Location:
Rm. 225 • Riddell Centre
University of Regina
Regina, SK

Mailing Address:
c/o URSU
3737 Wascana Parkway
Regina, SK S4S 0A2

SPACE Community Hub:
2139 Albert Street
Regina, SK S4P 2V1
www.space.lgbt
• Identifies as a member of the 2SLGBTQ+ community;
• Demonstrates financial need;
• Demonstrates inability to access other emergency funds;
• Not currently employed by UR Pride Centre;
• Not currently sitting on the Board of Directors or any UR Pride Centre Committee.

There is no criteria for how monies may be used by recipients, however UR Pride reserves the right to prioritize recipients with high or emergent needs.

**Application Process**

Any person who wishes to apply for the Fund, may apply for funding by completing the online application form, which includes the following points:

1. Name
2. Contact information
3. Current Address (including proof of residency)
4. Self-declaration of identity
5. Information about the purpose for their request
6. Information about their current financial need
7. Self-declaration about how they cannot access other funds

**Selection Process**

For the sake of time, a committee of UR Pride staff, chaired by the Executive Director (or designate) will review applications on a weekly basis.

The committee will make decisions based on:

• The total request compared to the remaining total in the Fund;
• Whether or not the applicant meets the criteria for the Fund;
• Impact on all applicants if they do not receive funds (i.e. will a person be in danger if they do not receive funds?)
• Financial need of all applicants;
• Inability of applicants to access other emergency funding;
• Standing of applicant with UR Pride and the Fund; and
• Any conflicts of interest between the applicants and UR Pride.
If an applicant is successful, they will be asked to provide UR Pride with an impact statement. If an applicant is unsuccessful, they may reapply at any time.

**Standing of Applicants**
An applicant is considered in good standing when;

- They do not have any unresolved grievances filed against them on behalf of a UR Pride member;
- They do not have any outstanding requirements from any previous funding allocation from UR Pride.

**Recognition of Donors**
UR Pride will solicit donations for the Fund through social media. During this time, other community members and organizations may donate to the Fund. Any funds collected are rolled over into future fiscal years.

Donors will be offered the following recognition:

- Donor name listed on UR Pride Centre website; and
- Donor name listed in a letter of approval awarded to recipients.

Donors do not have the right to receive information about the recipients of the Fund.

**Confidentiality**
The Fund is subject to *The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Saskatchewan) (the “Act”). UR Pride respects the privacy of its donors and agrees to protect the Donor’s personal information in accordance with the Act. The information provided by the Donor will be used to keep the Donor informed about UR Pride’s services, special events, fundraising programs, and other activities through periodic contact.

The names of recipients to the Fund will remain entirely confidential, unless the recipient themselves chooses to disclose the allocation of funds.