

Astraea National Lesbian Action Foundation

is working to build a network of lesbian resources across the country!

Astraea exists to meet *your* needs. And our grants are made to fulfill the incredible potential of the *lesbian* community.

Your support will help Astraea build a diverse and empowering network of resources that celebrates and safeguards *our* lives. These are just a few examples of the types of action Astraea funds:

HEALTH

- Lesbian clinics that provide a safe environment for care, including sensitive and sensible attention to our reproductive health.
- Advocacy for lesbian health care and inclusion of lesbians in research, surveys and clinical trials.
- Support for lesbians with cancer, HIV and AIDS.
- Mental health and counseling programs and hotlines.

ORGANIZING

- Networking and coalition projects promoting alliances around diversity and civil rights.

- Empowerment projects for lesbians in isolated, underserved areas.
- On-line resource networks or directories to organize around a particular issue or group.
- Leadership training for lesbian activists and service providers.
- Direct actions that reflect our collective power, numbers and diversity.

VISIBILITY

- Newsletters and publications to nurture our community.
- Cable and community access television programs featuring lesbian issues and ideas.
- Innovative and interactive projects in schools to build bridges between youth and the adult lesbian community.

EXPRESSION

- Video and film festivals to provide rare venues to view and celebrate together these reflections of our lives.
- Support for lesbian artists, producers, playwrights, biographers, historians,

cultural organizations and exhibitions.

- The Lesbian Writers Fund events and grants to promote our writers publicly.

JUSTICE

- Legal projects to help lesbians defend our rights.
- Emergency support for groups to fight anti-gay ballot initiatives.
- Public education programs to organize support for adding sexual orientation to existing anti-discrimination laws.
- Services to promote lesbian economic empowerment.

Twice a year, Astraea's Community Funding Panel reviews hundreds of applications that propose projects like these. This diverse group of lesbians from around the country selects projects that address the most urgent needs, can yield the most long-term payoff, and are most worthy of Astraea funding. Our process assures that Astraea grants reflect the full range of lesbian interests, needs, visions and opportunities.

Your contribution today will do the same.

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