



Milwaukee LGBT History Project, Inc.

Cream City Foundation

The Cream City Foundation (originally the Cream City Association Foundation), was founded as the charitable arm of the Cream City Business Association in 1982 and quickly adopted its own set of bylaws and registered with the State and Federal IRS as a separate charitable foundation.

Originally started with \$500 in seed money, Cream City Foundation has grown to provide more than \$700,000 in grant dollars to many organizations and projects that are working to improve the quality of life for LGBT people.

Cream City Foundation has provided seed money to begin, and on-going financial support to some of Milwaukee's most important and established LGBT serving organizations: • PrideFest • AIDS Resource Center of Milwaukee • LGBT Community Center • Milwaukee LGBT Video & Film Festival • Q Blok

Today, Cream City Foundation harnesses the pride, passion, resources, and commitment of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people, their allies and supporters to positively impact the lives of our people through informed capacity building, technical assistance, and LGBT human rights grant making to organizations in service to gay people in Greater Milwaukee and South East Wisconsin.

Our vision is to be thoughtful, dependable, philanthropic leaders actively engaged in providing needed financial support and leadership consistent with our mission.

We are at a time in history when the climate of hate is pervasive. Nearly 30 percent of homeless youth in Milwaukee identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. As we age, culturally competent services for our seniors is at its infancy. And while the fight goes on for marriage equality, and as we look to the future with hope, there is much work to do, to make sure those among us who are most vulnerable have access to the services they need today. *We MUST come together to take care of our own.*

Cream City Foundation continually reflects on its history, taking particular note of lessons learned, and celebrates its successes while always planning for the community's future. The foundation's successful history is attributed to the community of donors and volunteers who have put their trust in The Foundation's mission and leadership for more than three decades.

Together, and only together, we will not merely succeed, we will flourish.