

InterPride



SOLIDARITY FUND



**REPORT ON 2022 SOLIDARITY
FUND GRANT PROGRAM**

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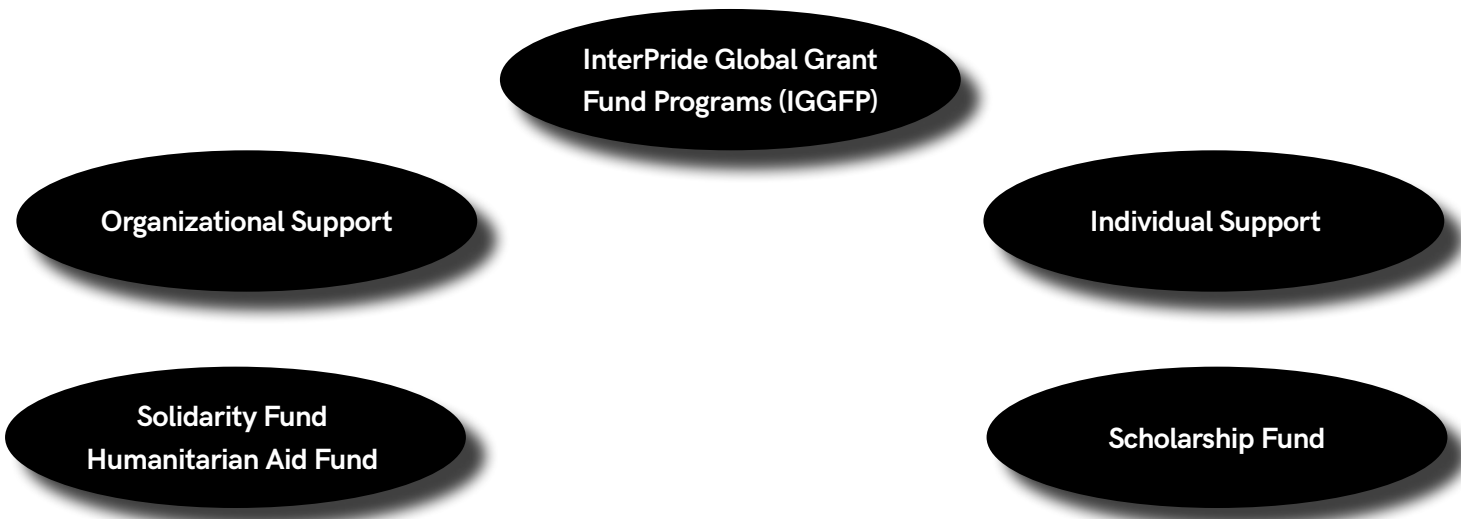
Global Grants

FUNDING PROGRAMS

Solidarity | Humanitarian Aid | Scholarship

ABOUT INTERPRIDE'S FUNDING PROGRAMS

There are a total of three (3) grant financing programs available through InterPride. These programs are divided into two distinct categories, namely, organizational support funds and individual support funds. Both the Solidarity Fund and the Humanitarian Fund are available to organizations. The Scholarship Fund is open to applications from individuals. Every dollar is doled out in response to genuine requirements.



ABOUT INTERPRIDE'S SOLIDARITY FUND

InterPride is committed to supporting the development and growth of Pride events around the world. One of the main ways we do this is through our Solidarity Fund.

Today, many LGBTQIA+ persons and communities face discrimination and injustice in every corner of the globe. Obtaining financial backing for even very minor public activities and events is notoriously difficult in many parts of the world.

The Solidarity Fund is a program of InterPride that aims to fill this void. The Grant Committee's goal is to give the money that has been donated voluntarily by InterPride members, sponsors, and partners to groups who are working to improve the lives of LGBTQIA+ people and increase tolerance and acceptance of them. The committee accomplishes this by providing financial support to local Pride or Pride like events worldwide, with particular attention paid to regions where openly gay or lesbian gatherings are met with hostility.

Since its inception in 2013, the fund has distributed funds to support the organization of an LGBTQIA+ film festival in Macedonia,

a large-scale LGBTQIA+ wedding in the Philippines, and Pride celebrations in Uganda and the Bahamas.

We increased the Solidarity Fund's size in 2015. We advertised the opening internationally and invited applications from all interested parties. To help direct our expansion, examine our methods, and provide sound decision making, we assembled a committee of volunteers to review applications from unique backgrounds.

Many international Pride organizer's with experience supporting LGBTQIA+ communities and organizations are represented on the Grants Committee.

Our innovative procedure, financing outcomes, and suggestions for further fund development are all summarized in this report. The outstanding contributions of volunteers and donors to the Solidarity Fund are also recognized in the report.



Association Club des 7Jours, Lomé -Togo, 2022

CHAIR GRANTS COMMITTEE ALAN REIFF

There are many LGBTQIA+ grant programs out there. InterPride's program, consisting of Solidarity and Humanitarian Aid Fund Grants*, is probably the newest kid on the block.

Solidarity grants run from USD \$500 to USD \$2000: small change compared to big folks. However, we receive hundreds of applications from all over the world. This is evidence of the great need, which is why InterPride does it!

The Solidarity Grant is for non-operational needs: special events, educational programming, conferences, awards ceremonies, pride events, etc., and focuses on awards going to the Global South and East and underserved indigenous groups.

Once an application comes in, the committee vets it based on a rubric and via an internet search for evidence of a real "footprint." The next step is to evaluate the amount

asked for and verify the amount InterPride has in the fund. This grant program is 100% funded by donations and sponsorships and administered by unpaid volunteers: 100% of funding goes back to the community.

Once a grant is approved, the recipient organization is advised. The funds are sent, and we get an impact statement with visuals from the event. The grants process is on an annual rolling system: as long as funds are in the program, it remains open. Many awardee organizations then apply to become InterPride members and apply for scholarships to attend annual General meetings. At these annual meetings, member organizations make donations to fund the program, and the cycle continues.

**Humanitarian Grants are made based on an emergency need request and funds available. The process is similar but is expedited due to the situation. The grants are in smaller amounts due to limited funding.*



Equal Ground, Sir Lanka, 2022

SOLIDARITY FUND OVERVIEW

InterPride is committed to supporting the evolving needs of our LGBTQIA+ community. The Solidarity Fund provides grants to LGBTQIA+ Pride or Pride-like organizations around the world for community-based Pride events, with a focus on Global South and Eastern Europe, where public LGBTQIA+ activities often face opposition or hostility. Grants are not awarded to individuals.

Grant Amount

Under the Solidarity Fund, InterPride awards grants up to a maximum award of USD \$2,000. Note that the maximum grant is rarely awarded to enable the total amount of funding available to be distributed as widely as possible.

Grant Categories

InterPride awards Solidarity Fund grants for purposes such as:

- educational programming
- events for social or human rights purposes
- film festivals
- arts, cultural or history projects
- community development projects
- conferences and meetings

Eligible uses associated with these purposes include:

- registration fees and permits
- venue hire
- speaker fees
- fees for performers and entertainers
- printing
- transportation
- catering
- branding and promotion
- film screening fees
- audio visual hire

Solidarity Funds are not available for annual operating costs such as salaries, office rent, office equipment, and furniture.

All grant funding is awarded in United States Dollar (USD).



Savie asbl NGO LGBTQI, Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2022

Target Populations

InterPride awards grant funding to LGBTQIA+ Pride and Pride-like organizations in developing and/or hostile locations with a focus on global south and east and underserved indigenous groups in the following (but not necessarily limited to) LGBTQIA+ communities:

- Ethnic minorities
- Indigenous or 2Spirit
- People with disabilities
- Black and people of color
- Refugees and asylum seekers
- Trans, non-binary and gender diverse
- Female identified
- Sex workers
- Other demographic groups subject to oppression and/or discrimination based on their sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or sex characteristics

Eligibility Criteria

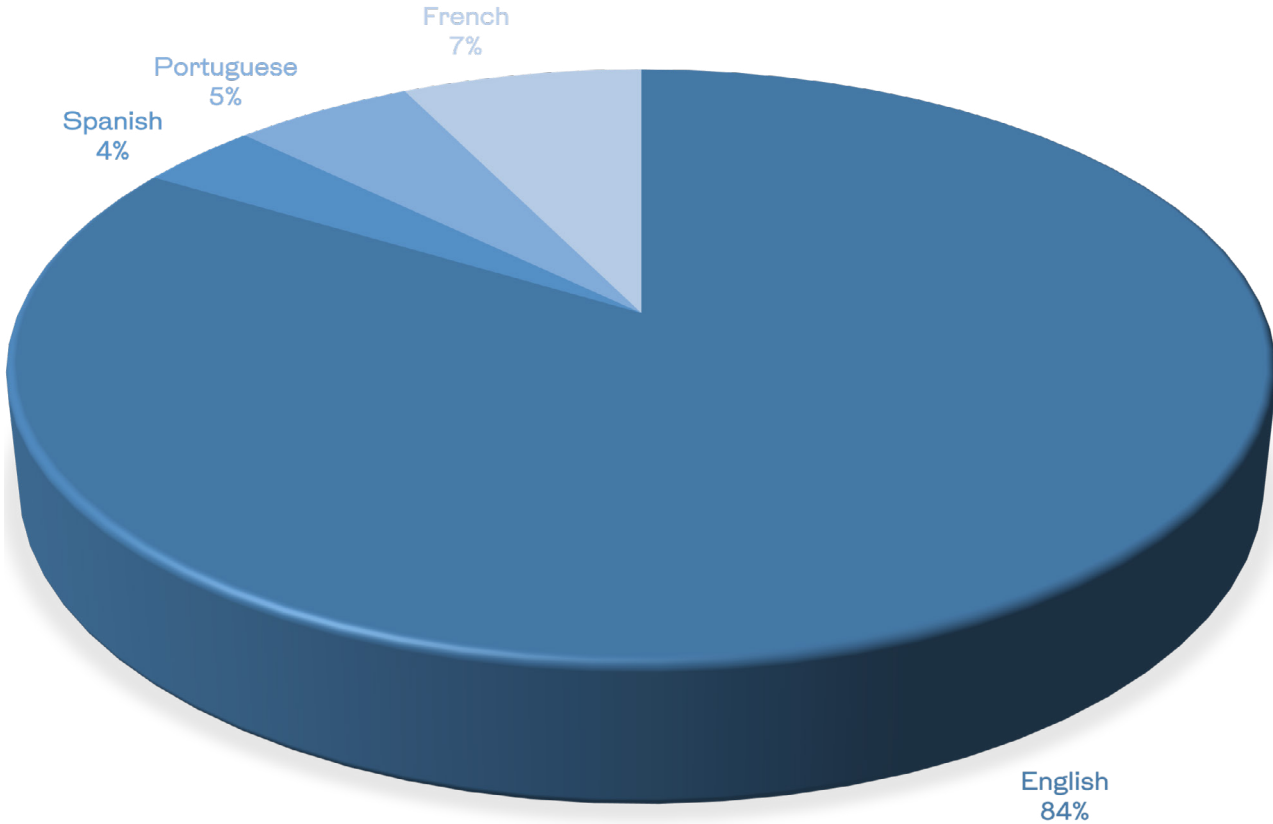
- The applicant is a Pride or Pride-like organization led by and directly involving LGBTQIA+ individuals, verified by the relevant Global Advisory Council (GAC) representative from the region the application is submitted from and at least one (1) other Grants Committee member who is not from the applicant’s region. Verification may involve research into the applicant’s history and operations and/or confirmation of submitted information from independent third parties.
- The application is for a purpose and use consistent with the Grant Categories.
- The application is for one or more of the Target Populations.
- The applicant has not received funding from InterPride in the past two years.
- Funding sought is not more than USD \$2000.

Exclusions

- Grants are not awarded to:
- Individuals
- Paying debts
- For-profit companies
- Government organizations
- Endowments or capital campaigns
- Organizations that are less than one (1) year old unless the application is for their first Pride event
- Organizations that do not align with our mission, vision, values, or ethics policy
- Organizations that discriminate based on race, ethnicity, creed, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin
- Activities, projects, or programs that will be completed before funding becomes available (i.e., no retrospective funding)

APPLICATION LANGUAGES

The Committee reviewed applications in 4 languages to include English, Spanish, Portuguese, and French.

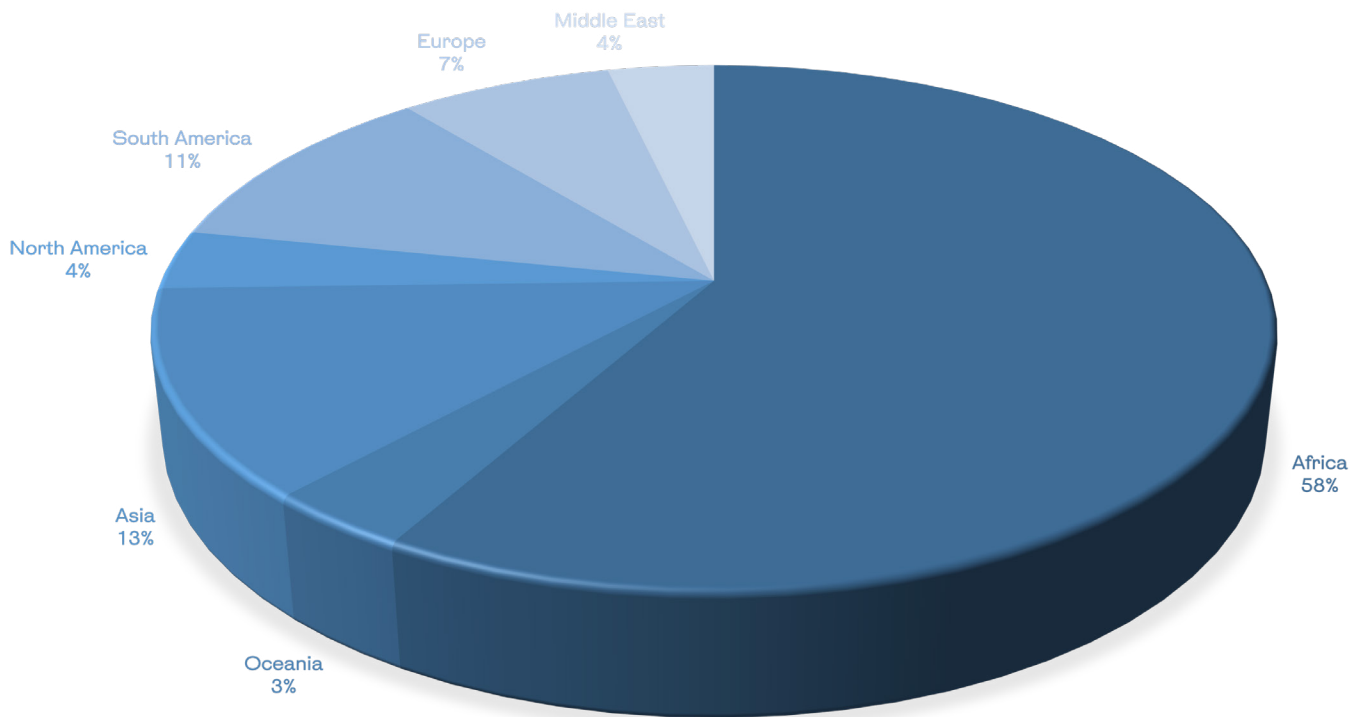


Submissions By Language

English	46
Spanish	2
French	3
Portuguese	4

APPLICATION REGIONS

The Committee was pleased to see 55 applications from 7 regions around the world, including Nairobi, Uganda, India, Jamaica, China, Brazil, and many others.



Submissions By Region

Africa	32
Asia	7
Europe	4
Middle East	2
North America	2
Oceania	2
South America	6



The Rainbow Advocacy Project, Harare, Zimbabwe, 2022

GRANT AMOUNTS

The final number of recommended applicants was 18 with a total grant amount of USD \$19,450. The successful grantee's amounts are listed in the table and grant awards with descriptions are listed on the following pages.

Number of Grants Per Amount

\$600	1
\$750	1
\$800	2
\$1,000	5
\$1,100	1
\$1,200	7
\$2,000	1

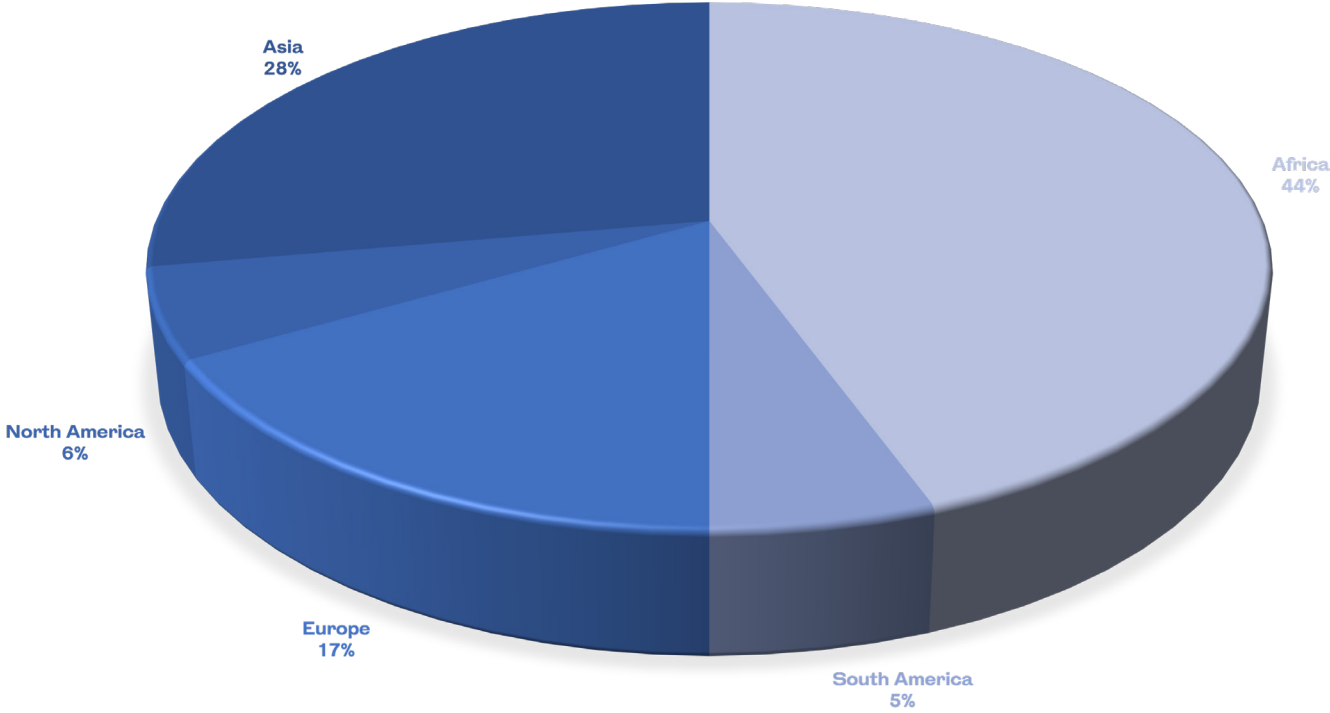
SOLIDARITY FUND GRANT AWARDS

Here is the summary of grant awards for 2022.

Name	Country	\$USD	Purpose	Region
Savie Asbl NGO LGBT PGEL	Congo	\$800	Hosting IDAHOBIT	Africa
Key Watch	Ghana	\$1,000	Film screening/theatre - Intersex and Trans	Africa
Kisumu Shimmers	Kenya	\$1,000	"Love is love" entertainment in western Kenya	Africa
QueerCity Media and Productions	Nigeria	\$800	Pride events in Lagos	Africa
Club des 7 Jours	Togo	\$600	Film screening to boost self esteem	Africa
Queer Youth Uganda	Uganda	\$1,000	Theatrical events to support human rights awareness and advocacy	Africa
Pride Uganda	Uganda	\$1,200	Pride events in rural Uganda	Africa
Rainbow Advocacy Project	Zimbabwe	\$1,000	Film screening focusing on lesbians	Africa
Queer Voices of Bhutan	Bhutan	\$1,200	Leadership workshop + film screening	Asia
Shanghai Pride	China	\$1,200	Community workshops to support LGBTQI	Asia
Vikalp Womens Group	India	\$1,000	Pride events including for traditional communities	Asia
Equal Ground	Sri Lanka	\$1,200	Colombo Pride festival	Asia
APCOM	Thailand	\$1,200	Hero awards and Pride Thailand	Asia
Prague Pride	Czech Republic	\$2,000	Pride conference and parade	Europe
Skopje Pride (Subversive Front)	North Macedonia	\$1,200	Skopje Pride Parade	Europe
Sapliinq, o.z.	Slovakia	\$1,200	10th anniversary PRIDE Košice	Europe
We-Change	Jamaica	\$750	Community festival - focus on LBT women	North America
Grupo Ellos Brazil	Brazil	\$1,100	16th Pride Parade of Nova Iguaçu	South America
TOTAL		USD \$19,450		

GRANT AWARDS BY REGION

Sadly, due to limited funds, the committee was not able to fund all the applications that met the criteria. An initial review of the applications screened out all those who had incomplete applications including those without references. The Co-Chairs reviewed all 55 applications and shortlisted approximately 30 applications.



Awards By Region

Africa	8
Asia	5
Europe	3
North America	1
South America	1

GRANTEES FOR 2022

The following are 18 successful grantees for 2022

Africa



Savie Asbl NGO LGBT PGEL (Congo)

\$800 to cover the costs of a community gathering on International Day Against Homophobia & Transphobia as well as the Trans Day of Remembrance.



Key Watch (Ghana)

\$1,000 to support costs related to a film screening/theatre on Intersex and Transgender rights.



Kisumu Shiners (Kenya)

\$1,000 to support a "Love is love" entertainment festival in western Kenya.



QueerCity Media and Productions (Nigeria)

\$800 to support a Pride event in Lagos



Club des 7 Jours (Togo)

\$800 to support a film screening & boost self-esteem of the local community.

GRANTEES FOR 2022

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Africa



Queer Youth Uganda (Uganda)

\$1,000 to support theatrical events to support human rights awareness and advocacy.



Pride Uganda (Uganda)

\$1,200 to support Pride events in rural Uganda



Rainbow Advocacy Project (Zimbabwe)

\$1,000 to host a film screening focusing on lesbians.

Asia



Queer Voices of Bhutan (Bhutan)

\$1,200 to support a leadership workshop + film screening.

GRANTEES FOR 2022

Continued

Asia



Shanghai Pride (China)

\$1,200 to support LGBTQI community workshops.



Vikalp Womens Group (India)

\$1,000 to support Pride events including for traditional communities



Equal Ground (Sri Lanka)

\$1,200 to support Colombo Pride festival.



APCOM (Thailand)

\$1,200 to support Hero awards and Pride Thailand.

GRANTEES FOR 2022

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Europe



Prague Pride (Czech Republic)

\$2,000 to support a Pride conference and parade



Skopje Pride (Subversive Front) (North Macedonia)

\$1,200 to support Skopje Pride Parade



Sapliňq, o.z. (Slovakia)

\$1,200 to support the 10th anniversary PRIDE Košice.

North America



We-Change (Jamaica)

\$750 to support a community festival - focus on LBT women.

GRANTEES FOR 2022

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South America



Grupo Ellos Brazil (Brazil)

\$1,100 to support the 16th Pride Parade of Nova Iguaçu.

FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS

The following are three key recommendations for the future development of the Solidarity Fund from the 2022 Co-Chairs.

Recommendation One

Increase the size of the Solidarity Fund's donor pool by drafting grant applications and submitting them to a wider variety of worldwide foundations, businesses, governments, and individual contributors who are not members of InterPride.

Recommendation Two

Develop closer ties between organizations that have received funding from the Solidarity Fund and those that are members of InterPride. This might include forming relationships between Prides worldwide, participating in regional Pride organizations, or introducing new webinars and conference calls for Prides still blossoming as cultural events for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Recommendation Three

Investigate the idea of integrating, aligning, or combining the Solidarity Fund with the Scholarship Fund that InterPride maintains so that developing Prides supported by Solidarity might be given a chance to participate in the annual global conference.

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