



Bridging Voices

The Portland GSA Youth Chorus
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MEDIA ADVISORY

BRIDGING VOICES RECEIVES \$15K GRANT FROM THE OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (OCF)

Bridging Voices is proud to be the recipient of a \$15,000 grant from The Oregon Community Foundation, approved by OCF's board of directors on May 5, 2016. **You are invited** to the OCF grant presentation at the beginning of our concert this **Sunday, May 22nd at 3:30 pm** at Waverly Heights UCC, 3300 SE Woodward St. See concert information: www.bridgingvoices.org/concerts

The OCF grant is for year one of two year's potential support to strengthen our membership, board leadership and fundraising. We may apply for additional funds up to \$10,000 in year two.

The two funds supporting our project are:

- Roy and Diane Marvin Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation (\$9,000)
- Jim McBroom and John H. Weston Fine Arts Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation (\$6,000)

We are grateful for this generous support recognizing the importance of the work we do. Our mission statement best describes what we are so committed to achieve.

The Mission of Bridging Voices (the Portland GSA Youth Chorus) is to create a safe, welcoming and accessible place for queer, straight, and questioning youth to experience empowerment and unity through music. Bridging Voices reaches out to queer youth and their families, provides education on queer issues to the greater Portland area, and uplifts the LGBTQ community in Portland and the world.

Bridging Voices aims to break down the foundations of homophobia and transphobia through our diversity and visibility, and by conveying the stories of our lives and desires through the power of music.

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