**Purpose**
We provide community grants for Black LGBTQIA+ events and festivals that cultivate Black LGBTQIA+ legacy while also strengthening collaboration with Black LGBTQIA+ communities and highlighting the voices of marginalized communities, such as LGBTQIA+ people, those experiencing housing insecurity, those with disabilities, and seniors.

**Neighborhood Served**
This grant benefits the following historically Black San Francisco neighborhoods: Bayview-Hunters Point, Fillmore/Western Addition, Ocean View-Merced Heights-Ingleside, Potrero Hill, and Visitacion Valley. The grantee must be familiar with one or more of these neighborhood legacies, either through research or personal experience.

**HCN’s Promise to the Community**
As part of the city-wide commitment to foster the preservation of Black LGBTQIA+ legacy, we pledge to serve the Black LGBTQIA+ community with the utmost respect and integrity.

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1. Go to our website: hcnkids.org: Read **Learn More. Click Apply Now**, then follow the instructions to apply for the **Black LGBTQ+ Cultural Preservation Mini Grant**.

2. Complete an interview with the mini-grant team.

3. The mini-grant team will assess applicants and interview them.

4. We will ask detailed questions in order to learn more, including making sure there is a detailed budget.

5. We will follow up after a decision has been made.

Please note: Completion of the application process is not a guarantee of funds. Funding is meant to support a multitude of programs.
**Organized:** Are the vision and proposal well-organized?

**Achievable:** Is the event/festivity presented in a way that is achievable and demonstrates capacity to achieve the goals of the event?

**Uplifting:** Will this event uplift San Francisco and the Black LGBTQIA+ community and its legacy?

**Fiscally Responsible:** Is there a reasonable and well-thought out budget? Should it be approved for a lesser amount than requested, does the applicant have the capacity to fulfill the event?

**Affirming:** Is the applicant Black LGBTQIA+ affirming and community-engaged? Does the organization/individual have strong community support?
The mission of Homeless Children’s Network has always been to make marginalized voices heard, in order for them to become more stable, confident, and supported.

OEWD Program (Afro-Cultural Preservation Program for the Black LGBTQIA+ Community)

Through the OEWD Program, HCN’s newest initiative continues to allow underserved voices to be heard. The Office of Economic and Workforce Development (OEWD) is a San Francisco-based service that provides grants to historically silenced Black LGBTQIA+ organizations and businesses.

As HCN expands as the hub of a 52-member collaborative, we look for new ways to raise and unite marginalized voices. Since 1992, we have provided security and stability to the most underserved families in San Francisco, including those experiencing homelessness and domestic abuse trauma.