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## **LGBTQ Community Fund: Call for Steering Committee Member Nominations**

The LGBTQ Community Fund of The Chicago Community Trust is seeking support of individuals and organizations in the Chicago area to identify and nominate candidates to join its Steering Committee.

For 2025, the Fund is seeking nominees that meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Reflect the diverse experiences of the LGBTQ community in the Chicago region, particularly those of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color), and TGNC (trans\* and gender non-conforming) community members.
- Have a connection to and understanding of the LGBTQ nonprofit landscape in the Chicago region.
- Have past fundraising experience, including an understanding of the philanthropic landscape of the Chicago region.

The LGBTQ Community Fund's mission is to advance the Chicago region's LGBTQ community through research, connection, and focused grantmaking.

### Timeline and process

Nominations will be accepted from **January 28 through February 24**, and will be reviewed on a rolling basis. Self-nominations are encouraged.

Nominations can be submitted [via this form](#) and should include the nominee's name, contact information, and a brief narrative statement describing how the candidate meets the above criteria.

The selection process will include review of application materials and an interview with Steering Committee co-chairs and/or governance committee members that will be scheduled in March. The Steering Committee will approve new Steering Committee members to fill **two open spots** by the end of March.

New Steering Committee members will attend their first meeting in May 2025.

### Steering Committee Member Expectations

- Commit to a three year term, subject to one renewal.
- Assist in carrying out the mission and vision of the LGBTQ Community Fund.

- Attend and participate in at least four meetings of the Steering Committee annually, which currently occur six times a year on a bi-monthly basis. *Please see the 2025 meeting schedule below.*
- Assist in fundraising, including an annual \$5,000 give-or-get commitment, with an emphasis on new donors, especially from outside the community.
- As appropriate, volunteer for leadership opportunities that arise within the LGBTQ Community Fund such as subcommittee membership, and diligently follow through in the discharge of all responsibilities associated with those opportunities.
- Be an advocate for the LGBTQ Community Fund by helping build bridges within the Chicago region's LGBTQ community and between the LGBTQ community and the non-LGBTQ community.
- Be a team player for the LGBTQ Community Fund, working to build consensus for the decisions of the Fund and supporting those decisions once made.

2025 LGBTQ Community Fund Steering Committee meeting dates:

- Thursday, May 15, 9 – 10:30 AM @ The Chicago Community Trust
- Monday, July 21, 5:30 – 7 PM (virtual)
- Monday, September 15, 12 – 1:30 PM (virtual)
- Thursday, November 20, 9 – 10:30 AM @ The Chicago Community Trust

Please reach out to us at [lgbtq@cct.org](mailto:lgbtq@cct.org) with any questions.