



**The Rhode Island Foundation
Awards \$50,000 in Grants
to LGBTQ Nonprofits**

The Rhode Island Foundation has awarded over \$50,000 in grants to seven nonprofit organizations that benefit Rhode Island's LGBTQ communities. The money, from the foundation's Equity Action Fund, will go a long way to benefit the nonprofits. Project Weber/Renew was awarded \$10,000 to extend a program that reaches out to transgender sex workers. Youth Pride Inc. received \$10,000 to improve its Gay Straight Alliance Program. Sojourner House was awarded \$8,000 to extend more help to LGBTQ victims of intimate partner violence. Thundermist Health Center was awarded \$7,400 to improve its Trans* Health and Wellness Program. GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD) received \$10,000 to support its ongoing work with Rhode Island organizations and agencies that address issues facing LGBTQ youth and families. New Urban Arts was awarded \$3,200 for the Untitlement Project, which enables low-income youth to use writing and art to explore issues of identity including sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression. Finally, Flickers, the Newport Film/Video Society & Arts Collaborative, was given \$2,000 for its Forward Movement Program. "These organizations work to ensure the health, safety, and fair treatment of all LGBTQ Rhode Islanders," said Adrian Bonéy, who oversees the Equity Action Committee. "This important work is enhanced by strengthening alliances between nonprofits working to address the most critical needs of Rhode Island's LGBTQ communities, including investments in health, education, and the arts, as well as issues critical to young and elderly members of the community." ▼

