

(YOUTH) FUNDING

Pride Foundation has been awarded a grant of \$400,000 over four years by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Pride Foundation will re-grant the funds through a special Request for Proposals (RFP) process to nonprofit organizations that propose innovative approaches to addressing poverty in the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) community in Washington state and Portland, Oregon, with particular emphasis on proposals and partnerships that focus on homeless LGBTQ youth.

Various data sources over time have found that 20-40% of all homeless youth identify as LGBTQ, and service providers over the past decade increasingly recognize that they are serving LGBTQ youth. The most recent survey of service providers identified the following as the top five reasons that LGBTQ youth are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless:

- Running away because of family rejection based on sexual orientation or gender identity (46%).
- Forced out by parents because of sexual orientation or gender identity (43%).
- Physical, emotional, or sexual abuse at home (32%).
- Aged out of the foster care system (17%).
- Financial or emotional neglect from family (14%).

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(DRIVING) BETTER WORLD

Last year, Maine, Maryland, and Washington state all voted to endorse marriage equality. To help celebrate this advance in equal rights, Better World Club, the nation's only eco-friendly auto club, is offering newly-married couples all across the United States a free membership.

The Portland-based Better World Club has a history of pioneering socially-responsible and environmentally-friendly business practices. In 2008, BWC offered the same wedding present to celebrate same sex marriage in California. BWC is the first auto club to recognize domestic partners – and gay marriages – nationally.

Couples married between December 1 and Valentine's Day can fax or send Better World a copy of their marriage license. Better World Club will then waive its \$12 sign-up fee and the Associate Membership fee of \$25-35, depending on the program. The discounts in this 2-for-1 membership represent a gift of as much as \$47. betterworldclub.com

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