

Mission Statements of the Charities of CLAW 19

Leather Charities (“National” Charities) (\$46,750; 55%):

1. **Leather Archives and Museum** (\$23,000) compiles, preserves and digitizes community history. Grant for general operating expenses, free museum Thursdays and Leather Preservation Project;
2. **Leather Heart Foundation** (\$9250) provides emergency financial assistance to community members across the country;
3. **Team Friendly** (\$4000) community volunteers fighting stigma of HIV through messages of love and support, effective conversation starters and a diverse product line;
4. **CARAS (Community-Academic Consortium for Research on Alternative Sexualities)** (\$3000) support in the study of alternative sexualities, and the dissemination of research results;
5. **National Coalition for Sexual Freedom** (\$3000) advances equal rights for consenting adults who engage in alternative sexual and relationship expressions;
6. **Tom of Finland Foundation** (\$2500) active community center in Los Angeles that protects, preserves, documents and educates about erotic art and erotic artists;
7. **Woodhull Freedom Foundation** (\$2000) affirms sexual freedom as a fundamental human right. Produces annual *Sexual Freedom Summit*.

Cleveland and Ohio LGBTQ and AIDS Charities (\$29,750; 35%)

8. **LGBT Center of Greater Cleveland** (\$10,750) provides a wide range of services to Cleveland area LGBTQ communities; grant funds SAGE (Services and Advocacy for LGBT Elders) program;
9. **Prince of Peace Neighborhood Center** (\$4000) computers, gardens and other support to 600 families in Cleveland’s Stockyard area;
10. **Equitas Health - BRAVO Program** (\$1000) offers culturally specific services and support for LGBTQI victims of violence;
11. **AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland** (\$2000) provides compassionate, collaborative response to HIV/AIDS. Donation earmarked for the Jon Britton food pantry;
12. **Trials for Hope** (\$2000) provides backpacks to LGBTQ+ Youth in crises including all day bus passes, flash lights, street cards to shelters and services, snacks and more;
13. **Cleveland Aquatic Team** (\$1500) fosters physical health and fitness, friendly competition, and community-building within the LGBT community and straight allies;
14. **Equality Ohio Education Fund** (\$2000) educates Ohio about LGBTQ equal opportunity;
15. **Center for Integrated Therapies** (\$1000) individualized treatment programs of complementary alternative therapies for pain for persons with HIV/AIDS;
16. **B. Riley Sober House** (\$1500) LGBTQ+ sober living facility in Cleveland providing all a temporary, safe, affirming, recovery orientated living space;
17. **Plexus** (\$1000) improves the workplace environment for LGBTQ individuals through education, research and development, enriching the entire community;
18. **Out Support, Inc.** (\$1000) direct support, education and advocacy for the health and well-being of LGBTQ persons, their families and friends in Medina County, Ohio;
19. **Rock n Roll Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence** (\$1000) promotes safer health practices and elimination of hate, stigma, prejudice, ridicule and discrimination;
20. **Blazing River** (\$500) promotes the arts through community band music;
21. **Ursuline Piazza** (\$500) education and support for low-income, chemically dependent, minority, or mental health suffering HIV+ Clevelanders.

National LGBTQ Charities (\$8500, 10%)

22. **Rainbow Railroad** (\$8500) helps persecuted LGBTQI individuals travel to safety as they seek a safe haven from state-enabled harassment and violence.