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 **Oklahoma AIDS Care Fund Opens 2021 Spring Grant Cycle**

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, May 5, 2021 – Today, the Oklahoma AIDS Care Fund announced the opening of its 2021 spring grant cycle. The fund, organized in 1991 as a fundraising and advocacy organization, is dedicated to providing financial support and resources to HIV/AIDS service providers in the state of Oklahoma. The goal of the Oklahoma AIDS Care Fund is to reduce new infections, stigma, and health disparities while increasing access to care and collaboration of services.

Grants are limited to organizations located within and providing services in the state of Oklahoma. Projects or programs should focus on decreasing new transmissions of HIV, expanding free HIV testing opportunities, and/or lowering the morbidity rate of those living with HIV/AIDS. Applicants must:

* Be a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.
* Demonstrate capacity to carry out the program.
* Demonstrate potential impact on the community.
* Show evidence the funds will fill an unmet need.
* Show ability to realize its mission by demonstrating viability and long-term stability.

“The Oklahoma AIDS Care Fund stands to destigmatize AIDS in Oklahoma and around the country through supporting organizations doing meaningful and impactful work in the space,” said Graham Colton, Oklahoma AIDS Care Fund board member. “We are proud to offer this grant cycle as a way to raise awareness and lift up those who are carrying on the legacy in the fight against AIDS.”

The application deadline is May 31st at 11:59 p.m. To learn more and apply for the grant, please visit [www.cfok.org/grants](http://www.cfok.org/grants).

**About Communities Foundation of Oklahoma**:
Communities Foundation of Oklahoma (CFO) is a statewide nonprofit committed to supporting Oklahoma communities by meeting the needs of charitable organizations and donors. Supporting the philanthropic needs of Oklahoma’s communities was the motivation for Tom McCasland, Jr. to create CFO in 1992. In 1999, Oklahoma banker Gene Rainbolt joined McCasland in expanding CFO’s original concept to provide philanthropic and investment services to rural communities across Oklahoma. The members of CFO’s governing board of trustees and advisory board of governors hold decades of business, government, nonprofit, and volunteer experience. Regardless of asset size or mission, CFO helps any 501(c)(3) public charity in Oklahoma build an endowment to support the nonprofit organization for generations to come. Endowments provide annual distributions paid to the public charity to support programming, assist with general operations costs, pay for building maintenance, etc. For more information, visit: https://www.cfok.org/.
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