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For the past 17 years, the **Alliance Fund has supported** Southern Arizona's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) communities by vetting grant proposals and funding great projects and groups.

- **The Alliance Fund has safeguarded** the most vulnerable members of our community, by funding programs like the Queer Youth Initiative, Eon Youth Lounge, Arizona Life Links (anti-suicide efforts) for Youth, Senior Pride and Pima Council on Aging.
- **The Alliance Fund has defended** those whose rights were under attack, by funding organizations such as the Southern Arizona Gender Alliance, Camp Born this Way (transgender youth and their families), and Mariposas Sin Fronteras (incarcerated LGBT migrants).
- **The Alliance Fund has fortified** our collective voices, by funding initiatives like the Community Virtual Resource Center, University of Arizona LGBTQ Student Affairs, the LGBT Films in the Jewish Film Festival, YWCA/ACLU/PFLAG LGBT campaigns, and Coming Out in Cochise!

But the ramparts and buttresses we have built **now face their biggest threat ever**. The Alliance Fund must prepare for attacks on our community unlike any we have seen before. In the current political climate, the assaults on LGBTQ rights, liberties and well-being will likely come fast and furious. In fact, they have begun already at state and national levels. **We need your help.**

Not only must we raise the money for the Alliance Fund's normal grant round, but *we need your help to create a new **Rapid Response Fund***. In addition to the \$50,000 we will grant to organizations making a difference in the lives of LGBT people, *we need your help to raise an additional **\$25,000*** to prepare for the unexpected and unanticipated assaults that may face our community.



This **Rapid Response Fund** will be available **anytime** any of our grantees are at risk and find themselves threatened by loss of funding or **anytime** our community's civil rights come under attack. With your help, the **Alliance Fund will be ready to protect and secure** our community.

You may have thought that after the last years of progress, we finally had some breathing room. **Think again!** If you have ever been willing to fight back, send a gift to help the **Alliance Fund** continue to **safeguard, defend and fortify** the LGBT&S community in Southern Arizona.

Sincerely,

Timothy Olcott
President of the Board of Directors