

Fiscal Sponsorship Questionnaire

Name:

Oklahoman's for Equality – Bartlesville (OKeQ Bartlesville)

Mission:

Oklahoman's for Equality – Bartlesville is a multi-service organization that is committed to helping 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and families through intersectional advocacy, education, programs, alliances.

Please describe the charitable intent of this group/fund:

To receive contributions on behalf of OKeQ Bartlesville for the purpose of supporting the work of the mission. The group will fulfill this mission by hosting community events, support groups, fundraising and social events, scholarships, and H.O.P.E Testing sight sponsorship.

Is this a new or existing organization? If existing, please describe how business is managed now and why a partnership with the BCF might be a good fit.

Both. Oklahomans for Equality Inc. is a Tulsa based organization with geographic affiliates/fiscal sponsors. Historically, OKeQ Bartlesville has been a fiscal sponsor of with the Tulsa Chapter. As a fiscal sponsor, the Bartlesville Chapter has been expected to adhere to the expectations of the Tulsa chapter while also serving the people of Bartlesville. Sometimes, these expectations did not align with the goals of the Bartlesville groups or the needs of the individuals we represent in our community.

In addition to our general desire to be a separate organization, the Tulsa chapter is experiencing some financial turmoil including but not limited to embezzlement. It would be in our best interest to distance ourselves from that organization as soon as possible and start fresh. We plan to change our name, would find considerable value in a local partner, and focus on supporting the needs of the 2SLGBTQIA+ individuals in our community.

Does this organization engage in or plan to engage in political activity/lobbying?

No. Our role will be to advocate and support the 2SLGBTQIA+ population in Bartlesville through events and programs including but not limited to those described below.

Example of Fund Uses/Events:

1. **Bartlesville Pride Event** – Bartlesville Pride provides a positive, inclusive, and welcoming space for the LGBTQIA+ community. This is an event for people of all ages. We expect this event will continue to provide visibility, promote acceptance, and be a safe place for the LGBTQIA+ community, as it has for the last 6 years. This event I well attended by community members of all ages, families, local employers, and retirees. OKeQ Bartlesville's works hard to ensure a safe, inclusive event for all attendees that offers a place to promote unity and inclusion for all of Bartlesville. Planning for this event usually starts in March with the event happening around Labor Day.
 - a. Frequency - Once a year

- b. Budget, \$20-25,000
2. **Support Groups** – monthly support group meetings for adults and youth at the Bartlesville Public Library. We provide refreshments. Tulsa OKeQ expected us to shift to zoom during the COVID pandemic and as our own group, we would shift back to in person meetings.
 - a. **Frequency**, once or twice a month (based on need)
 - b. **Budget**, \$100 - \$250 per meeting
3. **Fundraising Socials** – holding different events throughout the year. Events could be a gala, Drag Bingo, or a breakfast. These events are designed to raise awareness for the LGBTQIA+ individuals and their families.
 - a. Timeframe – unknown
 - b. Budget – unknown
4. **Bartlesville High School Scholarships** – Each year, we offer two \$1,000 scholarships from OKeQ-Bartlesville. Students submit their information in accordance to the host organization’s policies (BCF’s if accepted). The essay asks students to describe what diversity and inclusion mean to them, and how do they promote inclusion for everyone. After the deadline, the OKeQ-Bartlesville votes on the student essays and awards are announced at the BHS awards assembly
5. **H.O.P.E Testing** – Healthy Outreach Prevention Education (HOPE) provides health services for hepatitis C, HIV, and other sexually transmitted infections in their Tulsa clinic and a mobile van. OKeQ Bartlesville hosts H.O.P.E once a month in the Bartlesville Community Center parking lot.
 - a. Timeframe – third Wednesday of every month from 4:00-7:00PM
 - b. Budget: Minimal. This is a free service but we may provide water

Duration of Fund:

- Perpetual

Approval for Expenditures & Committee Membership:

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