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**Atlanta Pride Announces 2025  
“Pride Across the Peach State” Grant Recipients**

**ATLANTA (MAY 2025)** — [Atlanta Pride](https://atlantapride.org), the largest free Pride festival in the United States, is proud to announce the recipients of the 2025 “Pride Across the Peach State” grant cycle, which supports LGBTQ+ organizations and events throughout Georgia. Since launching in 2024, this initiative has successfully funded and supported festivals and events for LGBTQ+ communities and their allies in Georgia to connect, celebrate diversity, build resilience, and promote inclusion.

Atlanta Pride’s philanthropic initiative, “Pride Across the Peach State,” will continue its focus on uplifting, supporting, and amplifying the efforts of Georgia-based Pride organizations. The grant’s inaugural year made a significant impact, engaging over 37,000 attendees across diverse events and expanding LGBTQ+ visibility in both urban and rural areas. In 2025, “Pride Across the Peach State” received 20% more requests than in 2024.

"The ‘Pride Across the Peach State’ initiative reflects Atlanta Pride’s commitment to building a stronger, more connected LGBTQ+ movement throughout Georgia,” said Executive Director Chris McCain. “These grants are about investing in long-term sustainability, expanding access, and ensuring that LGBTQ+ people in every corner of our state feel seen, supported, and celebrated. This year’s recipients embody these values to their core, and we’re excited to see how their programming continues to flourish."

"With so many funding sources for LGBTQ+ organizations being reduced or disappearing altogether, especially for groups outside of major cities, this grant program

is more important than ever,” said Steven Igarashi-Ball, Atlanta Pride’s Director of Communications and Community Engagement. “ ‘Pride Across the Peach State’ offers meaningful support to local organizers who are creating space, connection, and celebration in their communities. We are grateful to help uplift their work and to remind them that they are seen, valued, and supported.”

**In 2025, Atlanta Pride is proud to award grants to the following organizations:**

**Athens Pride (Athens, GA)**

Athens Pride + Queer Collective is dedicated to the advancement of equity, affirmation, diversity, and wellness of queer populations in the greater Athens area by working with historically marginalized communities through outreach, social connection, education, and events. The 2025 Athens Pride Festival will be held on June 7.

**Atlanta Black Pride Inc. (Atlanta, GA)**

Since 1996, Atlanta Black Pride has worked to educate, celebrate, promote self-empowerment, and ensure that the social and cultural needs of LGBTQ+ individuals and families are met throughout the Atlanta Metropolitan Area. The annual Atlanta Black Pride Weekend takes place over Labor Day Weekend.

**Carrollton Rainbow (Carrollton, GA)**

Carrollton Rainbow Inc. is a 501(c)3 non-profit with a mission to create a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for the LGBTQIA+ community and allies in the Carrollton and West Georgia area through community outreach, education, advocacy, and engagement. The 2025 Carrollton Pride Festival will be held on October 4.

**Equality Fest Inc. (Gainesville, GA)**

Equality Fest is a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to celebrating diversity and promoting inclusivity, with a special focus on the LGBT community and other marginalized groups. Equality Fest believes that every individual is unique and inherently equal, deserving of respect, dignity, and opportunity. Through community events, advocacy, and education, Equality Fest aims to create a more just and vibrant society where differences are not just acknowledged but embraced, fostering a culture of unity and acceptance in Gainesville and beyond. The 2025 Equality Fest will be held on September 13.

**Macon Pride Inc. (Macon, GA)**

Macon Pride aims to advance unity, visibility, and self-esteem among LGBTQIA+ persons and allies and promote a positive image in the Middle Georgia area through community activities and service. The 2025 Macon Pride Festival will be held from

September 25 to 28.

### **Pride Lake (Pine Lake, GA)**

The Pride Lake Festival is a celebration of Pride in the smallest city in Dekalb County. The 2025 Pride Lake Festival will be held on September 13.

### **Rome Georgia Pride Inc.(Rome, GA)**

Rome Pride is about community, inclusion, and diversity. We celebrate our LGBTQ+ siblings, business owners, community leaders, and family. The Rome Georgia Pride Festival is a free-admission LGBTQ+ Pride festival in downtown Rome, Georgia. The 2025 Rome Georgia Pride Festival will be held from June 13 to 15.

### **Savannah Pride Center (Savannah, GA)**

Savannah Pride Center is an inclusive advocacy, social, and service organization actively working to meet the needs for safety, empowerment, education, and well-being of Greater Savannah's LGBTQIA+ community. We envision an inclusive community where every person has safety, acceptance, and equal rights under the law. One of only two LGBTQIA+ centers in Georgia, Savannah Pride Center is a volunteer-driven registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization serving the greater Savannah LGBTQIA+ community and 12+ surrounding Georgia counties.. The 2025 Savannah Pride Festival will be held on October 25.

### **Smyrna Pride (Smyrna, GA)**

Smyrna Pride welcomes and celebrates its LGBTQ+ residents and allies by creating community and building partnerships founded in social equality. Smyrna Pride believes that everyone should feel welcome, respected, and appreciated. We imagine a city where no one has to wonder if they will be rejected as a neighbor because of who they love. The 2025 Smyrna Pride Festival will be held on June 28.

### **Southern Fried Queer Pride (Atlanta, GA)**

Southern Fried Queer Pride (SFQP) was born out of a lack of space for Black and brown queer folks to build community, a lack of queer art, and in opposition of the established narrative of Southern queers. The South is home to the country's largest population of LGBTQIA+ individuals, yet we're confined to a narrative of stigma, statistics, and struggle. SFQP fights that notion, and is aiding in uplifting an honest narrative of resilience, rich history, and vibrance. The 2025 Southern Fried Queer Pride Festival will be held on June 23-29.

### **Statesboro Pride Inc. (Statesboro, GA)**

Boro Pride is a non-profit organization that was established in 2019 and is focused on

community building. We strive to advocate for the visibility, inclusion, celebration, equality, and safety of LGBTQIAP+ people in Statesboro-Bulloch County, Georgia, and the surrounding areas. The 2025 Boro Pride Festival will be held on October 4.

These grants will support each organization's work, enabling them to continue building strong, supportive, and inclusive LGBTQ+ communities across Georgia.

For more information about the “Pride Across the Peach State” grant initiative and Atlanta Pride's ongoing work, please visit [atlantapride.org](https://atlantapride.org).

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### **About Atlanta Pride**

Atlanta Pride is Georgia's oldest nonprofit organization serving the LGBTQ+ community in metro Atlanta and across the Southeast. Its operations include the annual Atlanta Pride Festival and Parade in October, as well as educational programs and philanthropic initiatives. For more information about Atlanta Pride, visit [atlantapride.org](https://atlantapride.org). Stay connected with Atlanta Pride on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#).