

PFLAG of Benton and Franklin Counties Gender Affirmation Microgrant Information

This document provides additional guidance regarding PFLAG Benton Franklin's Gender Affirmation Microgrant through December 2026. The Gender Affirmation Microgrant is a program that provides financial assistance to residents of Washington state's Benton and Franklin counties for non-surgical costs associated with gender transition.

Questions & Answers

Who qualifies for assistance?

Any resident of Washington state's Benton county or Franklin county whose gender identity differs from what they were assigned at birth. Qualified individuals might identify as male, female, non-binary, genderfluid, genderqueer, or any other non-cisgender identity.

How will assistance be provided? How much assistance will be provided?

Assistance will be provided in the form of goods chosen by the recipient (subject to basic restrictions detailed below), reimbursement for the purchase will be made upon reception of the receipt by the PFLAG BF board. The total expense limit for each recipient (inclusive of sales taxes and shipping if applicable) will be \$500.00. In the event that the recipient is not able to make the initial purchase, a separate form can be provided to attain pre-payment with receipt due to PFLAG BF 30 days after purchase.

What kinds of goods can be purchased?

Gender transition can be different for each individual. Effort has been made to minimize restrictions to maximize recipients' personal agency in navigating their own transition. This grant money can not be used for any medical purchase required by a certified medical professional. All sorts of goods can be purchased in connection with this program **except** the following: Food and beverage; tobacco products; weapons and ammunition; gift cards, postage stamps, and money orders; and goods with minimum age requirements not met by the recipient.

Can goods be purchased from online retailers?

Yes, purchases can be made online, with receipt provided to the PFLAG BF board.

Can purchased goods be returned or exchanged?

This will depend on policies specific to the retailer(s) from which the good(s) were purchased. It is unlikely that PFLAG Benton Franklin will be able to facilitate returns/exchanges. Receipts can be provided to recipients, but they may be copies (scans/facsimiles) and/or partially redacted and they may not be immediately available. This may complicate or preclude return/exchange of purchased goods by the recipient.

How will the purchase process work?

Grant applicants, upon approval, will purchase needed items and provide receipts via email to the PFLAG BF board. In the event that the applicant does not have the means to pre-purchase needed items, the applicant can provide additional information to the board in order to receive pre-payment. In the event that pre-payment is approved, the grant applicant will provide the PFLAG BF board with all receipts within 30 days, or be subject to mandatory reimbursement of funds. Mandatory reimbursement of funds will include documented notification up to and including legal action.

Who is the Point of Contact in PFLAG BF for this grant and how do I apply?

Please contact our chairperson for PFLAG BF via email chair@pflagbf.org for additional information or to obtain forms for application.

What is the process upon application?

Upon submission, the application will be reviewed by the chairperson and then passed on for grant committee approval. Applicants will be notified within 7 business days of approval or denial. Applicants will need to sign the commitment agreement for the use of funds upon approval, mode funds transfer will be discussed between applicant and chairperson and funding will be dispersed.