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### Donation Request Cover Sheet

Thank you for submitting a donation request to the City of Kotzebue City Council Meeting. Please note that the city council meetings are on the third Thursday of each month unless otherwise stated. Donation letters received between council meetings will be reviewed and submitted at the following council meeting. It is encouraged that residents submit donations letters early in advance to meet their deadlines. In addition, it is encouraged that a representative be present at the city council meeting that will review their request.

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Organization Name: (event) Kotzebue Pride - Volunteer

Address: PO Box 771

Name of Project Lead: Brittany Sweeney

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Phone Number: 412-2212

Project Title or Event: Kotzebue Pride celebration 2024

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**Brief Description of Project or Event:**

community event to celebrate Pride month for  
LGBTQIA community members, friends, family, allies -  
likely a walk and/or gathering with food.

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**Document Checklist:**

- o Cover Letter - included
- o Annual or Project Budget - TBD
- o Audit and W-9 - n/a
- o Donations or other funding amounts applied for or received - still in planning
- o Other Supporting Documents

**Please Note: The City Council has approved a maximum donation amount of \$500.00 per organization per calendar year.**

Brittany Sweeney  
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6/4/24

To City Council members and City staff,

I am writing to request a funding donation in support of a "Kotzebue Pride" community event to be held this June. Pride month, for those not familiar, is celebrated annually in June to honor the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer community (LGBTQIA2S+). It traces its roots back to 1969 when members of this community began to fight for their rights.

I'm still in the early stages of pulling an event together, but I would like to see some kind of observance take place here in Kotzebue. To test the waters, I posted on the Facebook group "Kotzebue Free or For Sale" regarding this idea, and in less than 48 hours got 27 likes and 3 offers to help, with no negative feedback.

The event I have in mind is a short group walk, possibly along Third Avenue or Front Street, ending at a destination where we could have food and music. Funding provided from the City of Kotzebue would be used for food, paper goods, or walk/event decorations, depending on amount and other donations received. If the City is amenable, making the Youth Center facility available for the event at a reduced cost would be another means of support.

My objective is for anyone in the LGBTQIA+ community to feel that they are cared about, valued, and supported here in Kotzebue. Research shows that members of the LGBTQ community often feel marginalized, unsafe, and excluded in their communities. They suffer from higher rates of anxiety and depression, especially among youth, with suicide rates well above average. I would like family members, allies, and others an opportunity to express their solidarity. This event is not about promoting sexual behavior, but about being a safe, welcoming and inclusive community.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this request with you further, and also welcome you to contact me at the email or phone number listed below.

Sincerely,  
Brittany Sweeney  
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