

# PRISM



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### **Major Milestone: PRISM Awarded \$45,000 in Inaugural Organizational Grants** *Grants Signal Recognition of Chorus's Vital Role in Fostering Harmony and Unity Across Communities*

**DETROIT, MI** – PRISM, Michigan's largest LGBTQIA+/Ally TTBB choral arts organization recently received two support grants totaling \$45,000 from The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan and The Michigan Arts and Culture Council to further its important mission in the community.

“As we celebrate this milestone in our journey as a community-based organization, I extend heartfelt thanks to all who’ve supported PRISM since 2016. With these grants, we’re equipped to write the next chapter of our story—one filled with harmony, growth, and boundless possibilities” remarked Shane Dunbar, Chair of PRISM. He added, “These gifts signify more than just financial assistance; they symbolize a resounding endorsement of our goals to inspire, uplift, and unite through music.”

“The journey to securing these grants has been nothing short of remarkable,” said John Joannette, PRISM Board Member and Chair of the Fund Development Committee. “With this support, PRISM is poised to make an even greater difference in the lives of those we touch.”

“The significance of these grants cannot be overstated,” commented Darin DeWeese, PRISM Artistic Director. “This support furthers our goals to dream bigger, reach further, and impact more lives through the transformative power of choral music.”

The Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan is a full-service philanthropic organization leading the way to positive change in our region. As a permanent community endowment built by gifts from thousands of individuals and organizations, the Foundation supports a wide variety of activities benefiting education, arts and culture, health, human services, community development, and civic affairs. Since its inception, the Foundation has distributed more than \$1.1 billion through more than 74,000 grants to nonprofit organizations throughout Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Washtenaw, St. Clair, and Livingston counties. For more information, please visit [www.cfsem.org](http://www.cfsem.org).

The Michigan Arts and Culture Council (MACC) is state government’s lead agency charged with developing arts and culture policy and grant-making. MACC is made up of up to 15 members who are appointed by the Governor, and also has an internal staff at MEDC. For more information, please visit [www.michigan-business.org/industries/macc/](http://www.michigan-business.org/industries/macc/)

PRISM is a volunteer, non-profit, performing arts organization whose mission is to provide an inclusive and affirming space for LGBTQIA+ and allies. This is achieved by fostering a creative space through music, building community, and promoting equity through performance and outreach. To learn more about PRISM, please visit our website at [www.prism-chorus.org](http://www.prism-chorus.org) and follow us on social (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube).

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