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**Council on LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans**

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<https://www.mn.gov/lgbtqia2s>

**AT A GLANCE**

The Council on LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans works for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Minnesota's community of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender expansive, queer, intersex, asexual, and/or two-spirit. The Council, created in 2023, is made up of 12 Governor-appointed public voting members and up to 4 appointed legislators. The public voting members have a proven dedication and commitment to Minnesota’s LGBTQIA2S+ community and possess a broad and diverse array of expertise that is beneficial to the Council’s mission.

Minnesota has an estimated 267,600 residents who identify as LGBTQ+, according to a 2023 Williams Institute report using the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data from 2020-2021.<sup>1</sup>

**PURPOSE**

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 15.0147, the Council must work for the implementation of economic, social, legal, and political equality for Minnesota's community of people who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, gender expansive, queer, intersex, asexual, and/or two-spirit. The Council fulfills this mission by advising the Governor and legislature on issues confronting the LGBTQIA2S+ community, needed administrative or legislative changes, and the implications of proposed changes. The Council also conducts studies to identify issues and solutions and serves as a liaison between state government and organizations serving Minnesota’s LGBTQIA2S+ community.

The Council was formed in 2023 and became operational in May 2024.

**BUDGET**

As a newly established agency, there is no historical spending. The Council has a General Fund appropriation of \$500,000 in FY24 and \$499,000 in FY25.

**STRATEGIES**

- **Research and Analysis:** Conduct studies designed to suggest solutions to the problems of Minnesota's LGBTQIA2S+ community in education, employment, human rights, health, housing, social welfare, and other related areas.
- **Community Engagement:** Engage with Minnesota’s LGBTQIA2S+ community, advocates, and organizations to better understand issues impacting the community and to provide information, updates, and communication about the Council’s activities.
- **Legislative Engagement and Advisory:** Develop and recommend policies and provide counsel to the legislature, staff, executive departments, and state agencies on legislative and administrative changes to better the lives of LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans.

**RESULTS**

The council will work over the coming months to develop a strategic plan and implement performance measures to gauge its progress on meeting the goals in that plan.

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Legal Authority: Minn. Stat. § 15.0147 (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/cite/15.0147>) provides the legal authority for the Council on LGBTQIA2S+ Minnesotans.

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<sup>1</sup> Flores, A.R. & Conron, K.J. (2023). Adult LGBT Population in the United States. The Williams Institute, UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27

**Expenditures by Fund**

1000 - General			81	918	499	499
<b>Total</b>			<b>81</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>499</b>
Biennial Change				999		(1)
Biennial % Change						(0)

**Expenditures by Program**

LGBTQIA2S Minnesotans Council			81	918	499	499
<b>Total</b>			<b>81</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>499</b>

**Expenditures by Category**

Compensation			29	320	253	257
Operating Expenses			52	588	236	232
Other Financial Transaction				10	10	10
<b>Total</b>			<b>81</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>499</b>

**Full-Time Equivalents**

			0.15	3.00	2.00	2.00
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(Dollars in Thousands)

	Actual FY22	Actual FY23	Actual FY24	Estimate FY25	Forecast Base	
					FY26	FY27
<b>1000 - General</b>						
Balance Forward In				419		
Direct Appropriation			500	499	499	499
Balance Forward Out			419			
<b>Expenditures</b>			<b>81</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>499</b>	<b>499</b>
Biennial Change in Expenditures				999		(1)
Biennial % Change in Expenditures						(0)
Full-Time Equivalents			0.15	3.00	2.00	2.00

(Dollars in Thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	Biennium 2026-27
<b>Direct</b>				
<b>Fund: 1000 - General</b>				
FY2025 Appropriations	499	499	499	998
Forecast Base	499	499	499	998