

Wells Fargo and NGLCC Award \$2,500 to Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce

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Harrisburg, PA - The <u>Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce</u> (CPGLCC) is proud to announce that the chamber was awarded a \$2,500 grant on Thursday, August 25th at the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce's (NGLCC) 2016 International Business & Leadership Conference in Palm Springs, California.

Funded by the Wells Fargo Foundation and administered by the NGLCC, this grant was awarded to expand capacity and offer technical assistance to the CPGLCC Business Building Program. The main goal of the program is to foster the development, growth, and sustainability of certified LGBT business enterprises (LGBTBEs®).

"The CPGLCC Business Building Program has become a vital resource to our LGBTBE members as they advance their businesses and engage in strategic planning," said Harry Young, CPGLCC President. "We are thrilled to receive this generous grant from Wells Fargo and NGLCC which will allow us to expand and enrich our program."

"Wells Fargo is a proud, long-time supporter of NGLCC, and we share their commitment to helping small business owners succeed financially," said Lisa Stevens, head of Small Business for Wells Fargo. "We are dedicated to providing funding that will support their entrepreneurship and leadership training programs, along with educational tools and resources to help diverse-owned business in communities across America grow and thrive."

"The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is excited to see the Central Pennsylvania Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce grow as an organization and voice in the LGBT owned and allied businesses community. They have shown tremendous growth in the size of their business membership and outreach programs, embodying the mission that NGLCC has continuously strived for," said Sam McClure, NGLCC Senior Vice President.

ABOUT CPGLCC:

The Central Pennsylvania Gay and Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is committed to expanding the economic interests of LGBT owned and allied businesses through advocacy, education,

and partnerships with the local business community. For additional information, visit <u>www.cpglcc.org</u>.

ABOUT NGLCC:

The National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce is the business voice of the LGBT community and is the largest global advocacy organization specifically dedicated to expanding economic opportunities and advancements for LGBT people. NGLCC is the exclusive certification body for LGBT-owned businesses. <u>www.nglcc.org | @NGLCC</u>

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