



Building a New Economy, Together.

### Mountain Association for Community Economic Development

The Mountain Association for Community Economic Development (MACED) has received \$175,000 from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) since 2018, including its most recent grant of \$40,000 for the [2020-2021 grants cycle](#).

CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT 2020-2021 GRANTEES			
Diocese	Grantee	Issue Area	Grant
Diocese of Lexington	Mountain Association for Community Economic Development	EDP - Financial Institution	40,000.00

MACED works to help give people a leg up in starting businesses and getting out of economic distress with an innovative lending program and through education. However, MACED also works to advance the LGBT ideology through its social media feeds, in direct violation of CCHD grant guidelines.

For example this [April 1, 2022 Twitter post](#) promotes the practice of grooming and promoting LGBT ideologies to the youth:



Mountain Association

@mtassociationky



Rural Assembly (@RuralAssembly) is sending love into the world, one note at a time. Send a note to rural LGBTQ+ youth here:



ruralassembly.org

Love Notes to LGBTQ+ Youth from Rural America

Join us as we spread the message that every LGBTQ+ young person is wanted, needed, and valued in all our rural ...

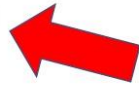
12:26 PM · Apr 1, 2022 · Twitter Web App

Also, [this Dec 3, 2021 tweet](#) focuses on the promotion of LGBT ideologies to children:



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“Not only do we focus on LGBTQ+ individuals, but a big part of our work is also helping parents or family who want to learn how to be supportive,” Kyle said. “...We are there to work with them so they can understand their child and support their decisions.”



**Mountain Association** @mtassociationky · Dec 3, 2021

From Pikeville KY, Kyle May has lived in small towns most of his life. He experienced a big gap in rural areas for accessing LGBTQ+ affirming and competent health services. In 2020, Kyle opened Open Doors Counseling Center in Prestonsburg & Lexington: [mtassociation.org/training-ideas...](https://mtassociation.org/training-ideas...)



1:30 PM · Dec 3, 2021 · Twitter Web App

On June 1, 2022, MACED promoted the "Lige Clarke Liberation Fund" that "ensures LGBTQ+ youth and communities can rise where they are already rooted!"

**Mountain Association Retweeted**

**Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky** @appalachianky · Jun 1

The J.H. Walker Legacy Foundation is matching gifts up to \$10,000 to the Lige Clarke Liberation Fund.

This fund ensures LGBTQ+ youth and communities can rise where they are already rooted!

Read more at [bit.ly/LigeClarke](https://bit.ly/LigeClarke).

**SUPPORTING LGBTQ+ RIGHTS  
IN APPALACHIAN KENTUCKY**

**The Lige Clarke  
Liberation Fund**

[bit.ly/LigeClarke](https://bit.ly/LigeClarke)

**Foundation for  
Appalachian Kentucky**  
RISING WHERE WE BE ROOTED

MACED's promotion of LGBT activism stretches back to at least 2019 according [to this Facebook post](#). This demonstrates that CCHD was negligent in thoroughly vetting this grantee.





**Mountain Association**

October 18, 2019 · 🌐



Here today in Pikeville at the [Big Sandy LGBT+ Safe Zone, Inc.](#) conference, their goal is to help raise awareness about LGBTQ+ related topics in Eastern Kentucky and eventually establish a center open to the public!



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4 Shares

More recently in October, MACED retweeted Pikeville Pride's post proclaiming "Happy Pride, yall!"

Mountain Association Retweeted ←

 **PikevillePride** @PikevillePride · Oct 15

Over 2,000 people joined us today in Pikeville. Our hearts are so full. Happy Pride, y'all! 🌈



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In fact, [MACED wrote an article](#) on its own website in October 2019 giving a boost to public

awareness and support for the Pikeville Pride Event.



The screenshot shows the Mountain Association website. At the top left is the logo for the Mountain Association, which consists of a mountain peak icon above the text 'MOUNTAIN ASSOCIATION'. A red arrow points to this logo. To the right of the logo is a navigation menu with the following items: 'WE'RE HIRING!', 'CONTACT', social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok, a search icon, and a 'Select Language' dropdown menu. Below the navigation menu are links for 'BUSINESS SUPPORT', 'LENDING', 'ENERGY', 'TRAINING & IDEAS', 'STORIES', and 'ABOUT'. The main content area features a large banner image of a rainbow flag and a blue banner that reads 'APPALACHIA'S NEW DAY'. Below the banner, the text 'APPALACHIA'S NEW DAY' and 'TRAINING & IDEAS' is displayed. The main heading is 'Appalachia's New Day: Celebrating Pride in Eastern Kentucky'. The date 'October 9, 2019' is shown below the heading. The text of the article describes the first ever Pikeville Pride event in October 2018, coordinated on a volunteer basis by local community members with support from several other organizations. The event featured live music, drag performances, vendors, face painting, a "free mom hugs" booth, and more. One of the main goals was to give visibility to the LGBTQ+ community and celebrate their identity. Organizers said the event was a great success with hundreds turning out to show their love and support. The article also mentions that because of the success of the Pride festival, a volunteer community group, Pikeville Pride, committed to plan others. In July of this year, they hosted the first ever Pikeville Pride Prom at Coal Run Community Center, which was a sold-out event to fundraise for the second annual Pikeville Pride festival, which is this Saturday, October 12, 2019 from noon until 5p.m. in Pikeville City Park. This year's event will feature many of the same highlights from last year's event, with the addition of a "Pup Pride Parade" wherein people can bring their pets to be part of the event. To the right of the text is a graphic for the '2nd Annual PIKEVILLE PRIDE' on 'October 12th' with a rainbow flag and a circular logo that says 'It's all about ALL!'.

## Conclusion

MACED is directly responsible for the promotion of LGBTQ ideologies, including promotion of homosexuality to youth across its social media feeds. This information was very easy to find on MACED's website and social media feeds, showing that either the CCHD never vetted the organization, or CCHD agrees with these activities. Whatever the case, this is in direct violation of both Catholic moral teaching and CCHD grant guidelines. Funding must be revoked immediately.

