

# 2015

**TRACKING REPORT**

LGBTQ Grantmaking  
by U.S. Foundations



**334**  
Foundations  
and Corporations  
Invested in  
LGBTQ Issues

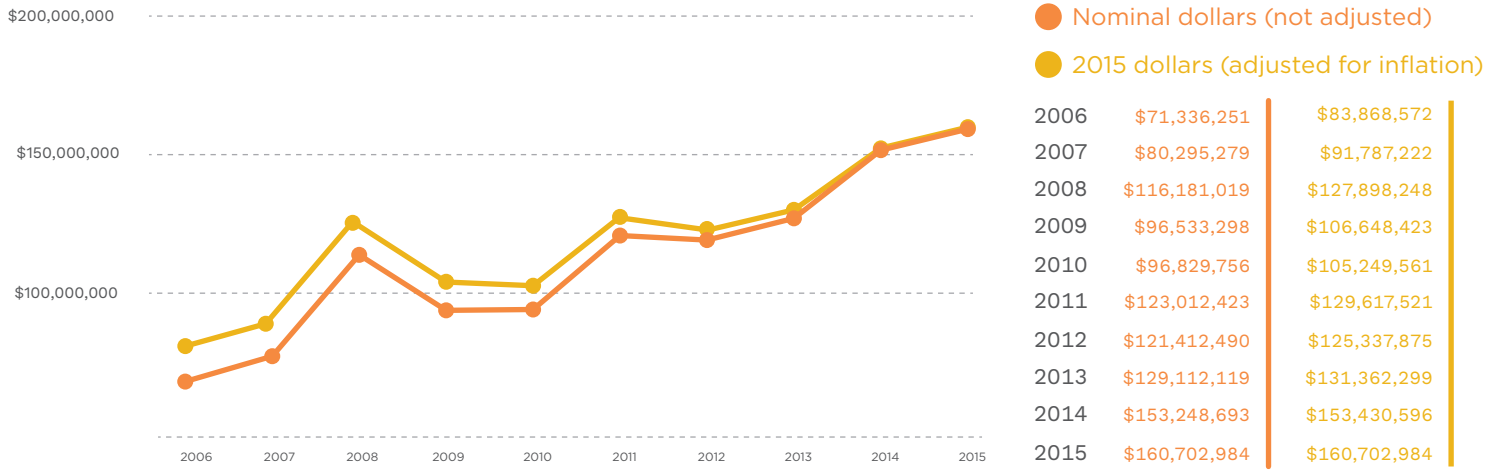
**5,267**  
Grants

**\$160,702,984**  
Total Investment  
in LGBTQ issues

**1,990**  
Grantees

**Total Annual LGBTQ Grant Dollars, 2006-2015**

Foundation funding for LGBTQ issues reached a record high of \$160.7 million in 2015, at a significantly reduced rate of growth of less than 5 percent.



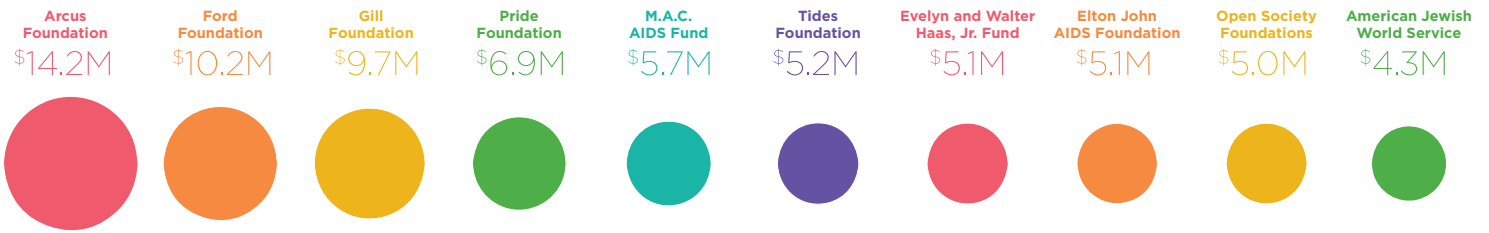
While the amount of funding and the number of funders investing in LGBTQ issues showed a modest increase in 2015, a review of 100 of the largest foundations in the U.S. revealed that more than half provided no funding that specifically focused on LGBTQ issues. Only 3 awarded 1 percent or more of their grantmaking to LGBTQ issues—down from 5 in 2014.



However, the increase in LGBTQ funding did not keep pace with the increase in overall foundation funding. As a result, the percent of foundation grant dollars dedicated to LGBTQ issues dropped slightly. **For every \$100 dollars awarded by U.S. foundations, only 27 cents specifically supported LGBTQ issues.**

## Top 10 Funders of LGBTQ Issues, by Total Dollar Amount\*

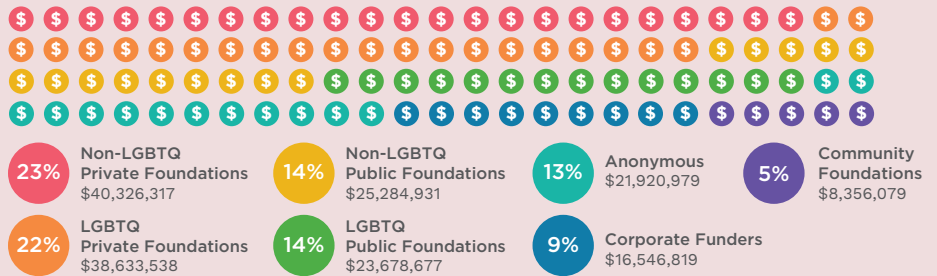
In 2015, the top 10 funders of LGBTQ issues provided \$71.3 million in grants—a decrease of nearly \$2 million—accounting for 44 percent of the year’s total.



\*Anonymous funders awarded \$21,920,979 in 2015. If the anonymous funders appeared as one funder in the list above, they would rank as the number one funder.

## Sources of LGBTQ Grant Dollars, by Funder Type

Even with new donors in the space, **more than a third of the funding continued to be driven by LGBTQ donors**—either through private foundations established by LGBTQ donors or public funders dedicated to LGBTQ communities.



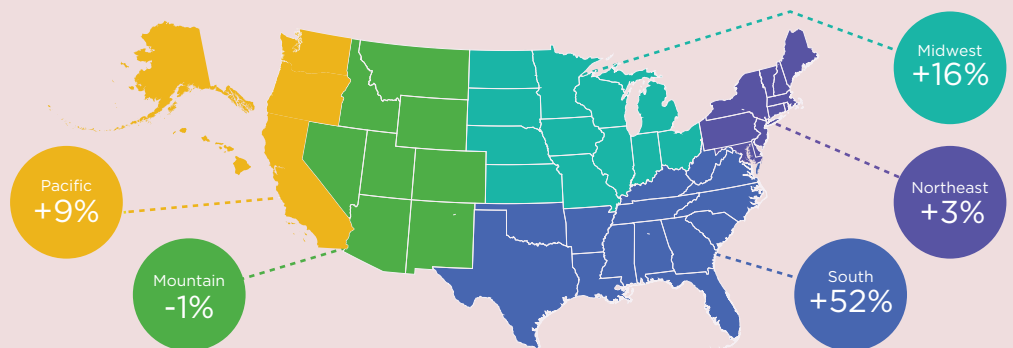
## Distribution of LGBTQ Grant Dollars, by Geographic Focus

Approximately 80 percent of LGBTQ funding from U.S.-based foundations and corporations supported LGBTQ communities in the United States.



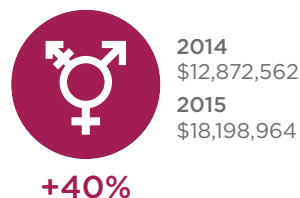
## Local, State, and Regional Funding of LGBTQ Issues, by Regional Percentage Change

For the second year in a row, funding for local LGBTQ communities in the **U.S. South increased dramatically, by more than 50 percent.**

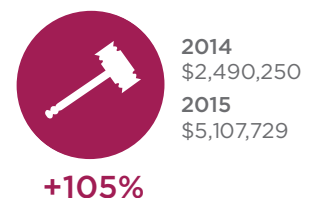


Notable increases included significant growth in **funding for trans communities and for criminalization and criminal justice reform**. Funding for trans communities increased more than \$5 million, or 40 percent, to a record-breaking \$18.2 million. Meanwhile, funding for criminalization and criminal justice reform in the United States increased by more than \$2.5 million, more than doubling, to a record-breaking \$5.1 million.

### Funding for Trans Communities



### Funding for LGBTQ Criminalization and Criminal Justice Reform



# INTRODUCTION

I am pleased to share with you the 2015 Tracking Report: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Grantmaking by U.S. Foundations. The year 2015—which saw the freedom to marry become the law of the land in the United States—proved to be a record-breaking year for LGBTQ philanthropy as well as a landmark year for the LGBTQ rights movement. For the first time ever, funding for LGBTQ issues by U.S.-based foundations surpassed \$160 million.

This report provides a detailed summary of the scope and character of foundation funding for LGBTQ issues in calendar year 2015. This 14th annual edition of the tracking report captures data on 5,267 grants awarded by 334 foundations, making it the most comprehensive assessment of LGBTQ funding available.

The 2015 total of \$160.7 million constitutes a 4.8 percent increase over the \$153.2 million in LGBTQ funding awarded by foundations in 2014. While we are pleased to see the continued rise in LGBTQ funding, the rate of growth has slowed considerably compared to the prior year, when LGBTQ funding increased by 19 percent. The year 2015 saw an expansion of the number of funders supporting LGBTQ issues, but this expansion was partially offset by a handful of leading funders cutting back on their investments in LGBTQ communities, resulting in much more modest growth.

For the second time, we reviewed the grantmaking of 100 of the largest foundations, and found that only 41 of them had awarded even a single grant focused on LGBTQ issues. This is a slight improvement over 2014, when only 38 of 100 leading funders had awarded any LGBTQ grants. However, there was a sharp decline in the total dollar amount awarded for LGBTQ issues by this set of funders—a decrease from \$35.2 million in 2014 to \$29.1 million in 2015.

The data on these top 100 funders and our overall dataset point to a similar trend in 2015: expanding breadth offset by a concerning loss of crucial depth. The overall field of LGBTQ funding is widening slightly to include a larger number of funders, but several core funders are decreasing the depth of their support for LGBTQ communities. While a wide diversity of investors is welcome, any industry, issue area, or community also needs a core set of top investors to lead the way, to model best practices, and to assure continuity and sustainability.

You'll also note that this year's report features a new design for the first time in three years. It is our hope that the new design offers a fresh look while maintaining the same compelling data visualization that Funders for LGBTQ Issues has become known for.

As a caveat, remember that this report only includes funding from foundations and corporations—not from individual donors or government agencies—and only captures a portion of all giving to LGBTQ issues. Note that the global section of this year's report once again only provides a brief summary, since we will provide more detailed information on funding for LGBTQ issues internationally and outside the U.S. in the next edition of our Global Resources Report, our biennial report series produced in collaboration with the Global Philanthropy Project.

It is my hope that this report continues to prove useful to funders, nonprofit leaders, and other stakeholders in identifying trends, gaps, and opportunities for LGBTQ grantmaking. As with all of our research, our goal is to provide accurate and user-friendly data on LGBTQ funding, so as to advance our mission of increasing the scale and impact of LGBTQ philanthropy.



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# OVERVIEW

In 2015, United States-based foundations and corporations awarded 5,267 grants totaling \$160.7 million to support organizations and programs addressing lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer issues. Both the total dollar amount and the total number of grants are new historic highs for LGBTQ grantmaking. Compared to 2014, LGBTQ funding grew by less than 5 percent—a slower rise than the nearly 19 percent increase between 2013 and 2014.

Much of the year's increase is attributable to a small number of funders substantively increasing their LGBTQ funding in 2015. Several long-standing, leading LGBTQ funders each increased their total LGBTQ funding by anywhere between \$700,000 to \$2.8 million: the H. Van Ameringen Foundation, the Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, the Gill Foundation, and the Pride Foundation. Collectively, these funders increased their LGBTQ funding by \$5.6 million. Three leading HIV/AIDS and health funders also increased their LGBTQ funding

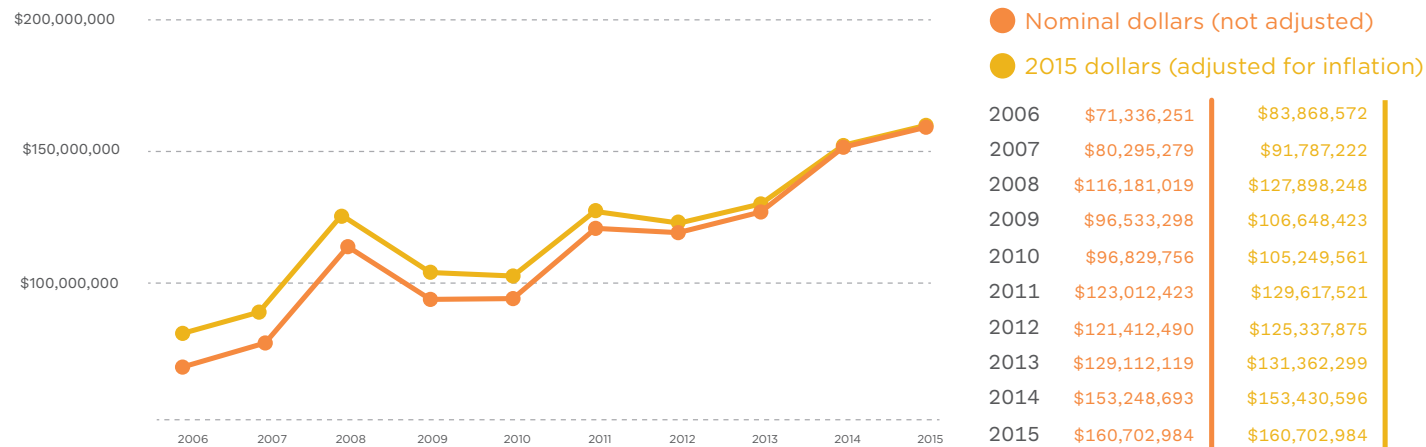
by similar amounts (in the range of \$750,000 to \$2.7 million): The California Endowment, the Elton John AIDS Foundation, and the MAC AIDS Fund. These funders collectively increased their LGBTQ grantmaking by \$5.7 million. The Foundation for a Just Society joined the list of top 20 LGBTQ funders for the first time, doubling its LGBTQ investments from \$1.4 million to \$2.8 million.

There were also smaller but notable increases across a larger number of funders. In particular, community foundation giving for LGBTQ issues grew by \$2.4 million in 2015, driven largely by a growth in LGBTQ community funds and by giving from donor-advised funds.

These increases were offset by a number of notable declines. Five of the top 20 funders decreased their LGBTQ funding by amounts ranging from \$1.5 million to \$5.1 million, for a combined decrease of \$14.2 million. If not for these funders cutting back their LGBTQ funding, the overall growth for 2015 would have been of a similar scale to 2014.

## Total Annual LGBTQ Grant Dollars, 2006-2015

Foundation funding for LGBTQ issues reached a record high of \$160.7 million in 2015, at a significantly reduced rate of growth of less than 5 percent.



# LGBTQ FUNDING BY 100 OF THE LARGEST FOUNDATIONS

This year, for the second time, we reviewed the grantmaking of 100 of the largest foundations in the U.S. This review was based on a set of 100 of the largest foundations by asset size or annual giving, drawing on the Foundation Center’s top 100 lists in these two categories. All the foundations in our set of 100 have assets of more than \$500 million or award grants of more than \$50 million annually.<sup>1</sup> Collectively, these foundations have more than \$270 billion in assets and award more than \$16.7 billion in grants each year. As such, they account for approximately 28 percent of all foundation funding.

As with all the data included in this report, grant information for these 100 funders was based on self-reporting by the funder, a review of 990 tax returns, a review of annual reports or online grants databases, or a combination of several of these methods. For consistency of comparison across years, we attempted to maintain the same dataset of funders as in 2014. In the case of five funders from last year’s set, data for 2015 was not yet available. We replaced these five funders with other top funders of similar size. The other 95 funders in the dataset were the same as for 2014.

Our review found that **41 of these top funders provided at least some funding explicitly focused on LGBTQ communities, but 59 funders did not award a single LGBTQ-focused grant.** This constitutes a slight increase in the number of top funders supporting LGBTQ issues compared to 2014, when only 38 top funders awarded any LGBTQ-related grants.

Our review also found the following:

- **These 100 funders awarded a total of \$29 million for LGBTQ issues, which makes up 0.17 percent of their total grantmaking. This is a decrease from last year, when the top 100 funders devoted 0.23 percent of their grantmaking to LGBTQ issues.**
- **There were three funders that devoted one percent or more of their total grantmaking specifically to LGBTQ issues: The California Endowment, the Ford Foundation, and the Open Society Foundations. This is a decrease from 2014, when five top funders awarded one percent or more of their total grantmaking for LGBTQ issues. This year’s three “one-percent” funders awarded a total of \$18 million in LGBTQ-focused grants—or 62 percent of the LGBTQ funding provided by all 100 funders in this dataset.**

- **Of the 41 funders that provided some support for LGBTQ issues, 27 awarded grants totaling \$100,000 or more. For the remaining 14, their LGBTQ grantmaking was between \$2,416 and \$76,210—in nearly all cases, less than one-tenth of one percent of their total grantmaking.**

The overall decline in investment in LGBTQ issues by top funders points to the need for continued awareness raising of the ongoing needs of LGBTQ communities.

It is also important to note that these top funders, while not explicitly funding LGBTQ communities in a targeted way, are undoubtedly benefiting LGBTQ communities by supporting valuable institutions that serve the general population. Some may also not yet be providing support focused explicitly on LGBTQ communities because their grantmaking strategy does not organically lead to population-focused grants. For example, many top funders focus on supporting large institutions such as art museums or universities. Nevertheless, given the inequities faced by LGBTQ communities, the impact of nearly any grantmaking strategy can be further enhanced by exploring the unique factors that affect LGBTQ people.

## 100 of the Largest U.S. Foundations, by Level of Giving for LGBTQ Issues



1. Medical patient assistance foundations and operating foundations were excluded from the dataset.

# TOP GRANTMAKERS

## TOP 20 FUNDERS OF LGBTQ ISSUES, BY TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT\*

<b>1 Arcus Foundation</b> \$14,166,607 New York, NY	<b>11 H. van Amerigen Foundation</b> \$3,526,000 New York, NY
<b>2 Ford Foundation</b> \$10,220,014 New York, NY	<b>12 Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice</b> \$3,142,363 New York, NY
<b>3 Gill Foundation</b> \$9,660,070 Denver, CO	<b>13 Foundation for a Just Society</b> \$2,755,000 New York, NY
<b>4 Pride Foundation</b> \$6,866,959 Seattle, WA	<b>14 The California Endowment</b> \$2,752,720 Los Angeles, CA
<b>5 M.A.C. AIDS Fund</b> \$5,651,411 New York, NY	<b>15 Horizons Foundation</b> \$2,489,712 San Francisco, CA
<b>6 Tides Foundation</b> \$5,205,044 New York, NY	<b>16 Levi Strauss Foundation</b> \$2,312,073 San Francisco, CA
<b>7 Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund</b> \$5,147,775 San Francisco, CA	<b>17 Gilead Sciences</b> \$2,131,728 Foster City, CA
<b>8 Elton John AIDS Foundation</b> \$5,062,500 New York, NY	<b>18 amfAR, Foundation for AIDS Research</b> \$1,785,617 New York, NY
<b>9 Open Society Foundations</b> \$4,951,780 New York, NY	<b>19 Wells Fargo</b> \$1,685,500 San Francisco, CA
<b>10 American Jewish World Service</b> \$4,334,699 New York, NY	<b>20 Proteus Fund - Civil Marriage Collaborative</b> \$1,660,000 Amherst, MA

In 2015, the top ten funders of LGBTQ issues awarded \$71.2 million, down about \$2 million from 2014. Giving by the top ten funders accounted for nearly 44 percent of all LGBTQ funding in 2015. The top twenty funders awarded \$95.5 million, accounting for nearly 60 percent of the year's total.

As in 2014, only 40 percent of the top twenty funders were LGBTQ-specific funders.

In 2015, the top twenty list was comprised of eight private foundations, eight public foundations, and four corporate funders.

## TOP 10 FUNDERS OF LGBTQ ISSUES, BY NUMBER OF GRANTS\*\*

<b>1 Pride Foundation</b> Seattle, WA	<b>298</b>
<b>2 Horizons Foundation</b> San Francisco, CA	<b>287</b>
<b>3 Our Fund</b> Fort Lauderdale, FL	<b>235</b>
<b>4 Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice</b> New York, NY	<b>205</b>
<b>5 Arcus Foundation</b> New York, NY	<b>185</b>
<b>6 Tides Foundation</b> San Francisco, CA	<b>164</b>
<b>7 Bank of America Charitable Foundation</b> Charlotte, NC	<b>157</b>
<b>8 Stonewall Community Foundation</b> New York, NY	<b>119</b>
<b>9 Gill Foundation</b> Denver, CO	<b>96</b>
<b>10 American Jewish World Service</b> New York, NY	<b>95</b>

\*In contrast to other sections of this report, this list of top funders includes dollars awarded for re-granting, so as to capture the full amount of LGBTQ funding flowing from (or through) each funder.

\*\*In 2015, multiple anonymous funders awarded a total of \$21,920,979. If the multiple anonymous funders appeared in the top twenty list as a single funder, they would rank as the number one funder of LGBTQ issues. Collectively, they accounted for nearly 14 percent of all LGBTQ grantmaking in 2015.



# TOP GRANT RECIPIENTS

## TOP 20 GRANTEES OF FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR LGBTQ ISSUES (EXCLUDES GRANT DOLLARS INTENDED FOR RE-GRANTING)\*\*

<p><b>1</b> <b>Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund</b> \$3,506,072 New York, NY</p> <p><b>2</b> <b>National LGBTQ Task Force</b> \$3,365,675 Washington, DC</p> <p><b>3</b> <b>American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)</b> \$2,766,000 New York, NY</p> <p><b>4</b> <b>SAGE</b> \$2,476,545 New York, NY</p> <p><b>5</b> <b>Genders &amp; Sexualities Alliance Network</b> \$2,366,666 Oakland, CA</p> <p><b>6</b> <b>Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation</b> \$2,358,370 Washington, DC</p> <p><b>7</b> <b>Transgender Law Center</b> \$1,816,675 Oakland, CA</p> <p><b>8</b> <b>Equality California Institute</b> \$1,768,928 Los Angeles, CA</p> <p><b>9</b> <b>National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)</b> \$1,651,729 San Francisco, CA</p> <p><b>10</b> <b>Los Angeles LGBT Center</b> \$1,602,049 Los Angeles, CA</p>	<p><b>11</b> <b>Gill Foundation - Movement Advancement Project (MAP)</b> \$1,580,000 Denver, CO</p> <p><b>12</b> <b>GMHC</b> \$1,415,279 New York, NY</p> <p><b>13</b> <b>Freedom to Marry</b> \$1,377,550 New York, NY</p> <p><b>14</b> <b>Funders for LGBTQ Issues</b> \$1,338,860 New York, NY</p> <p><b>15</b> <b>New Venture Fund</b> \$1,310,000 Washington, DC</p> <p><b>16</b> <b>San Francisco AIDS Foundation</b> \$1,281,302 San Francisco, CA</p> <p><b>17</b> <b>San Diego LGBT Community Center</b> \$1,233,875 San Diego, CA</p> <p><b>18</b> <b>GLAAD</b> \$1,220,427 New York, NY</p> <p><b>19</b> <b>Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice</b> \$1,208,900 New York, NY</p> <p><b>20</b> <b>University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) - Williams Institute</b> \$1,203,950 Los Angeles, CA</p>
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In 2015, the top 20 recipients of LGBTQ funding received a total of \$36.8 million, accounting for nearly 23 percent of all LGBTQ dollars granted in 2015.

Eighteen of the top 20 grantees are nonprofit organizations focused specifically on LGBTQ issues. Of the other two, one is a legal advocacy organization broadly focused on civil rights, and the other is a public foundation serving as a vehicle for funding initiatives on a range of issues.

All of the top 20 grant receipts are headquartered in the United States, with eight in California, eight in New York, and three in Washington, DC.

## ZOOMING IN

### 2015's Largest Increase

The largest increase in funding in 2015 came from the Elton John AIDS Foundation. They increased their LGBTQ grantmaking by more than \$2.7 million, from \$2.4 million in 2014 to \$5.1 million in 2015.

\*\*\*In 2015, multiple anonymous grantees received a total of \$5,750,661. If the multiple anonymous grantees appeared in the top twenty list as a single grantee, they would rank as the number one grant recipient of LGBTQ funding.

## SOURCES OF LGBTQ FUNDING

In 2015, there was increased support of LGBTQ issues from several categories of funders. Growth was particularly pronounced among community foundations and LGBTQ public foundations, with the former increasing their LGBTQ grantmaking by more than 40 percent and the latter increasing their LGBTQ grantmaking by more than 30 percent.

However, growth was not uniform across all funder categories, as it was in 2014. There were decreases in funding from corporate funders, private foundations, and non-LGBTQ public foundations. Corporate funders decreased their support by 19 percent and non-LGBTQ private foundations decreased their support by 8 percent.

Despite a decrease, private foundation grantmaking continued to account for the largest portion of funding for LGBTQ issues, at 45 percent. As in 2014, support from private foundations was split almost evenly between foundations founded by LGBTQ donors and those founded by non-LGBTQ-identified donors.

Foundations founded by LGBTQ donors increased their grantmaking by nearly \$5 million to a record \$61.9 million. When excluding dollars awarded by anonymous funders, more than 40 percent of funding of LGBTQ issues in 2015 was driven by LGBTQ donors, either through LGBTQ private foundations or LGBTQ public foundations.

Note: In contrast to other parts of this report, this section includes dollars awarded to public foundations for the purposes of re-granting. This results in the double-counting of re-granting dollars in this section, but is the most accurate way to capture the full amount of LGBTQ funding coming from (or through) the various types of funders.

### Sources of LGBTQ Grant Dollars by Funder Type

2015	2014	2015	2014
13%	10%	<b>Anonymous</b> <b>\$21,920,979</b> 13%	<b>\$17,742,619</b> 10%
5%	4%	<b>Community Foundations</b> <b>\$8,356,079</b> 5%	<b>\$5,942,045</b> 4%
9%	12%	<b>Corporate Funders</b> <b>\$16,546,819</b> 9%	<b>\$20,472,398</b> 12%
23%	26%	<b>Non-LGBTQ Private Foundations</b> <b>\$40,326,317</b> 23%	<b>\$43,891,666</b> 26%
22%	23%	<b>LGBTQ Private Foundations</b> <b>\$38,633,538</b> 22%	<b>\$39,528,325</b> 23%
14%	10%	<b>LGBTQ Public Foundations</b> <b>\$23,678,677</b> 14%	<b>\$17,714,387</b> 10%
14%	14%	<b>Non-LGBTQ Public Foundations</b> <b>\$25,284,931</b> 14%	<b>\$24,151,818</b> 14%
		<b>Total</b> <b>\$174,747,339</b>	<b>\$169,443,258</b>

# GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

In 2015, more than 80 percent of funding focused on LGBTQ communities in the U.S., with slightly less than 20 percent focused on LGBTQ communities outside the U.S.

Domestically, funding increased across the board—with a more than \$9 million increase for national level work.

While international or globally focused funding increased slightly, funding for work in countries or regions outside the U.S. fell. Outside of the U.S., the focus was also predominantly on funding organizations working at a national level.

Note: “International” funding denotes support that is global in focus for activities that addressed LGBTQ issues at the international level, such as advocacy for greater inclusion of LGBTI communities in international law and in the policies of major international bodies, such as the United Nations. Funding “Outside the U.S.” represents support for services and advocacy in countries around the world, generally focused on a specific locality, country, or region of multiple countries. For a more detailed look at global LGBTQI funding, see the Global Resources Report series produced by Funders for LGBTQ Issues and the Global Philanthropy Project.

**Distribution of LGBTQ Grant Dollars by Geographic Focus**

2015	2014	2015	2014
6%	6%	<b>International (Global Focus)</b> <b>\$10,119,897</b> 6%	<b>\$9,512,591</b> 6%
13%	20%	<b>Outside the U.S.</b> <b>\$21,462,451</b> 13%	<b>\$31,137,044</b> 20%
38%	34%	<b>U.S. - National</b> <b>\$61,689,255</b> 38%	<b>\$52,652,969</b> 34%
		<b>U.S. - Regional (Multi-State)</b> <b>\$5,013,334</b> 3%	<b>\$4,808,897</b> 3%
12%	9%	<b>U.S. - Statewide</b> <b>\$18,781,617</b> 12%	<b>\$14,315,903</b> 9%
27%	27%	<b>U.S. - Local</b> <b>\$43,636,429</b> 27%	<b>\$40,816,289</b> 27%
		<b>Total</b> <b>\$160,702,984</b>	<b>\$153,243,693</b>

# TYPE OF SUPPORT

In 2015, program support was still the most common type of support, with more than half of all LGBTQ funding awarded in the form of program support.

The “other” category captured capital support, corporate matching gifts, emergency funding, endowment support, matching grants, prizes or awards, seed funding, and sponsorships.

When it comes to number of grants, a greater number of grants were awarded as general operating support. In 2015, 2,335 grants (47 percent) were awarded as general operating support compared to 1,910 grants (39 percent) awarded as program support. In the past, we have recorded a greater number of program support grants than general operating support grants.

**Distribution of LGBTQ Grant Dollars by Type of Support**

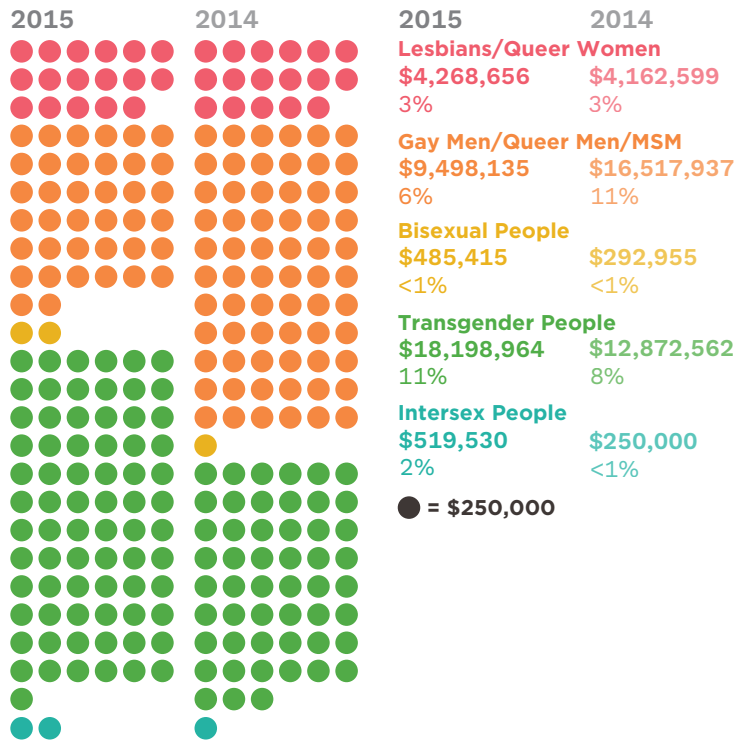
2015	2014	2015	2014
55%	55%	<b>Program/Project Support</b> <b>\$89,152,518</b> 55%	<b>\$84,538,026</b> 55%
38%	36%	<b>General Operating Support</b> <b>\$61,743,190</b> 38%	<b>\$55,907,803</b> 36%
		<b>Capacity-Building Support</b> <b>\$3,707,243</b> 2%	<b>\$5,306,732</b> 3%
		<b>Scholarships and Fellowships</b> <b>\$3,259,624</b> 2%	<b>\$3,111,398</b> 2%
		<b>Other</b> <b>\$2,840,410</b> 2%	<b>\$4,384,734</b> 3%
		<b>Total</b> <b>\$160,702,984</b>	<b>\$153,243,693</b>

# POPULATION FOCUS

The vast majority of LGBTQ grants in 2015 targeted the LGBTQ community broadly. The data below looks at grants that specifically supported one segment of the LGBTQ community.

Trans funding reached a record high of \$18.2 million, up from \$12.9 million in 2014. This jump is largely fueled by increased civil rights funding, with civil rights funding for trans communities nearly doubling from \$5.1 million to nearly \$10.1 million. Support for transgender health and wellbeing also increased from \$4.2 million to \$5.9 million, driven in part by a \$1.1 million increase in funding for general health services and promotion and a more than \$700,000 increase in HIV/AIDS funding.

## Distribution of LGBTQ Grant Dollars by Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Sex Characteristics



## STRATEGIES FUNDED

In 2015, advocacy was again the most funded strategy, with nearly half of all LGBTQ funding supporting some form of advocacy work.

Funding for direct services increased more than 20 percent.

### Detailed Breakdown of Strategies Funded

Strategy	2015 Funding	%	2014 Funding	%
<b>Advocacy</b>	<b>\$71,589,817</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>\$72,936,338</b>	<b>48%</b>
Advocacy (General)	\$34,547,582	21%	\$42,698,572	28%
Community Organizing	\$12,793,450	8%	\$6,219,905	4%
Litigation	\$11,025,515	7%	\$11,560,178	8%
Public Education	\$13,223,269	8%	\$12,457,683	8%
<b>Capacity-Building and Training</b>	<b>\$14,503,204</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>\$19,780,939</b>	<b>13%</b>
Conferences/Seminars/Travel Grants	\$1,577,723	1%	\$2,464,016	2%
Leadership Development	\$4,828,499	3%	\$5,201,098	3%
Organizational Capacity Building	\$4,680,208	3%	\$6,611,936	4%
Training/Technical Assistance	\$3,416,774	2%	\$5,503,889	4%
<b>Culture and Media</b>	<b>\$7,891,853</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$7,523,828</b>	<b>5%</b>
Culture	\$5,734,969	4%	\$4,575,798	3%
Electronic Media/Online Services	\$355,785	<1%	\$1,180,466	1%
Film/Video/Radio	\$1,801,100	1%	\$1,767,564	1%
<b>Direct Service</b>	<b>\$35,735,035</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>\$29,311,740</b>	<b>19%</b>
<b>Philanthropy and Fundraising</b>	<b>\$10,733,911</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>\$10,352,047</b>	<b>7%</b>
Fundraising Event	\$611,434	<1%	\$946,496	1%
Philanthropy	\$10,122,477	6%	\$9,405,552	6%
<b>Research</b>	<b>\$12,216,981</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>\$12,243,624</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$8,032,182</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$1,100,177</b>	<b>1%</b>
Multi-Strategy	\$6,937,227	4%	\$1,035,177	1%
Other	\$1,094,955	1%	\$65,000	<1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$160,702,984</b>		<b>\$153,248,693</b>	

## ISSUES ADDRESSED

Civil and human rights continued to receive the largest share of funding, with more than 45 percent of all LGBTQ funding awarded to advance LGBTQ civil and human rights.

Funding to address violence, homophobia, biphobia, and transphobia dropped significantly.

### Breakdown of Issues Addressed

Issue	2015 Funding	%	2014 Funding	%
Civil and Human Rights	\$73,920,970	46%	\$65,081,267	42%
Health and Wellbeing	\$38,116,260	24%	\$36,640,355	24%
Strengthening Communities, Families, and Visibility	\$25,329,263	16%	\$26,230,605	17%
Education and Safe Schools	\$7,790,578	5%	\$9,234,400	6%
Economic Issues	\$5,685,532	4%	\$4,712,242	3%
Violence, Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia	\$2,304,946	1%	\$3,990,427	3%
Other Issues	\$7,555,435	5%	\$7,359,398	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$160,702,984</b>		<b>\$153,248,693</b>	

# DOMESTIC FUNDING OF LGBTQ ISSUES

In 2015, funding for LGBTQ issues in the United States reached a record high of \$129.1 million, up from \$112.6 million in 2014. With dollars for re-granting included, total domestic funding was nearly \$138.1 million. The top ten funders collectively awarded \$57.3 million, more than 40 percent of the total.

Local and statewide funding also reached a record high of \$67 million, up from \$60 million in 2014. The locally focused funding was less reliant on a small number of funders, as the top ten funders provided only slightly more than a third of all support for local and state-level LGBTQ work.

## TOP 10 DOMESTIC FUNDERS\*

- 1 Arcus Foundation**  
\$10,032,095  
New York, NY
- 2 Gill Foundation**  
\$9,660,070  
Denver, CO
- 3 Ford Foundation**  
\$8,099,030  
New York, NY
- 4 Pride Foundation**  
\$6,659,205  
Seattle, WA
- 5 The Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund**  
\$5,147,775  
San Francisco, CA
- 6 Elton John AIDS Foundation**  
\$4,787,500  
New York, NY
- 7 Tides Foundation**  
\$4,553,622  
San Francisco, CA
- 8 H. van Ameringen Foundation**  
\$3,511,000  
New York, NY
- 9 The California Endowment**  
\$2,752,720  
Los Angeles, CA
- 10 M.A.C. AIDS Fund**  
\$2,067,000  
New York, NY

## TOP 10 DOMESTIC GRANTEES\*\*

- 1 Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund**  
\$3,506,072  
New York, NY
- 2 National LGBTQ Task Force**  
\$3,214,761  
Washington, DC
- 3 American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)**  
\$2,766,000  
New York, NY
- 4 SAGE**  
\$2,476,545  
New York, NY
- 5 Genders & Sexualities Alliance Network**  
\$2,366,666  
Oakland, CA
- 6 Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation**  
\$2,338,370  
Washington, DC
- 7 Transgender Law Center**  
\$1,816,675  
Oakland, CA
- 8 Equality California Institute**  
\$1,768,928  
Los Angeles, CA
- 9 National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)**  
\$1,651,729  
San Francisco, CA
- 10 Los Angeles LGBT Center**  
\$1,601,049  
Los Angeles, CA

\*In 2015, multiple anonymous funders awarded a total of \$15,003,629 to support LGBTQ issues in the United States. If the multiple anonymous funders appeared in the top ten list, they would rank as the number one domestic funder.

\*\*In 2015, multiple anonymous grantees received \$1,669,933 for work benefitting LGBTQ communities in the United States. If these multiple grantees appeared in the top ten list, they would rank as the number nine grantee.

## TOP 10 FUNDERS OF LOCAL AND STATE-LEVEL WORK\*

- 1 Gill Foundation**  
\$4,204,000  
Denver, CO
- 2 Tides Foundation**  
\$3,349,012  
San Francisco, CA
- 3 Elton John AIDS Foundation**  
\$3,112,500  
New York, NY
- 4 Arcus Foundation**  
\$2,808,500  
New York, NY
- 5 The California Endowment**  
\$2,734,720  
Los Angeles, CA
- 6 H. van Ameringen Foundation**  
\$2,255,000  
New York, NY
- 7 Gilead Sciences**  
\$1,707,438  
Foster City, CA
- 8 Proteus Fund - Civil Marriage Collaborative**  
\$1,575,000  
Amherst, MA
- 9 AIDS United**  
\$1,459,141  
Washington, DC
- 10 Jewish Communal Fund of New York**  
\$1,206,091  
New York, NY

## TOP 10 LOCAL AND STATE-LEVEL GRANTEES

- 1 Equality California Institute**  
\$1,768,928  
Los Angeles, CA
- 2 Los Angeles LGBT Center**  
\$1,601,049  
Los Angeles, CA
- 3 GMHC**  
\$1,415,279  
New York, NY
- 4 San Francisco AIDS Foundation**  
\$1,281,302  
San Francisco, CA
- 5 San Diego LGBT Community Center**  
\$1,233,875  
San Diego, CA
- 6 Transgender Law Center**  
\$1,215,375  
Oakland, CA
- 7 Legal Aid Society**  
\$1,050,000  
New York, NY
- 8 Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network (JASMYN)**  
\$996,571  
Jacksonville, FL
- 9 New York LGBT Center**  
\$987,955  
New York, NY
- 10 Equality Foundation of Georgia**  
\$942,153  
Atlanta, GA

\*In 2015, multiple anonymous funders awarded a total of \$2,906,230 to support local and state-level work. If the multiple anonymous funders appeared in the top ten list, they would rank as the number four funder for local and state level work.



# LOCAL, STATE, AND REGIONAL FUNDING OF LGBTQ ISSUES

Funding for local, statewide, and regional LGBTQ work in the United States reached a record high of more than \$67 million in 2015—up from \$60 million in 2014. The Northeast region continues to receive the largest share of grant dollars, approximately \$18.8 million, showing a modest 3 percent increase in funding. The Pacific region is again the second most funded region at \$18.6 million, representing a 9 percent increase. The South saw big gains with a 52 percent increase in funding, making it the third most funded region for the second year in a row, receiving \$17.2 million. The Midwest received a 16 percent increase to \$9 million, and the Mountain region experienced a 1 percent decrease to \$3.7 million.

In 2015, there was also funding totaling \$110,000 for Puerto Rico (a 73 percent increase over 2014) and \$69,000 for local or regional work that cut across regions or was otherwise anonymous.

Once again, California and New York received grant dollar amounts that far exceeded any other state, at

\$15.3 million and \$12 million respectively. Together, these two states alone captured more than 40 percent of all locally targeted LGBTQ funding.

In 2015, 15 states and the District of Columbia each received more than \$1 million in LGBTQ funding—an increase of three states since 2014. Colorado joined while Minnesota and Washington re-joined the “million dollar club”.

Florida saw an increase of more than \$2 million in LGBTQ funding, making it the third most funded state in 2015 with \$4.2 million. California, New York, and Georgia all enjoyed increases of more than \$1 million. Minnesota benefited from an increase of more than \$500,000.

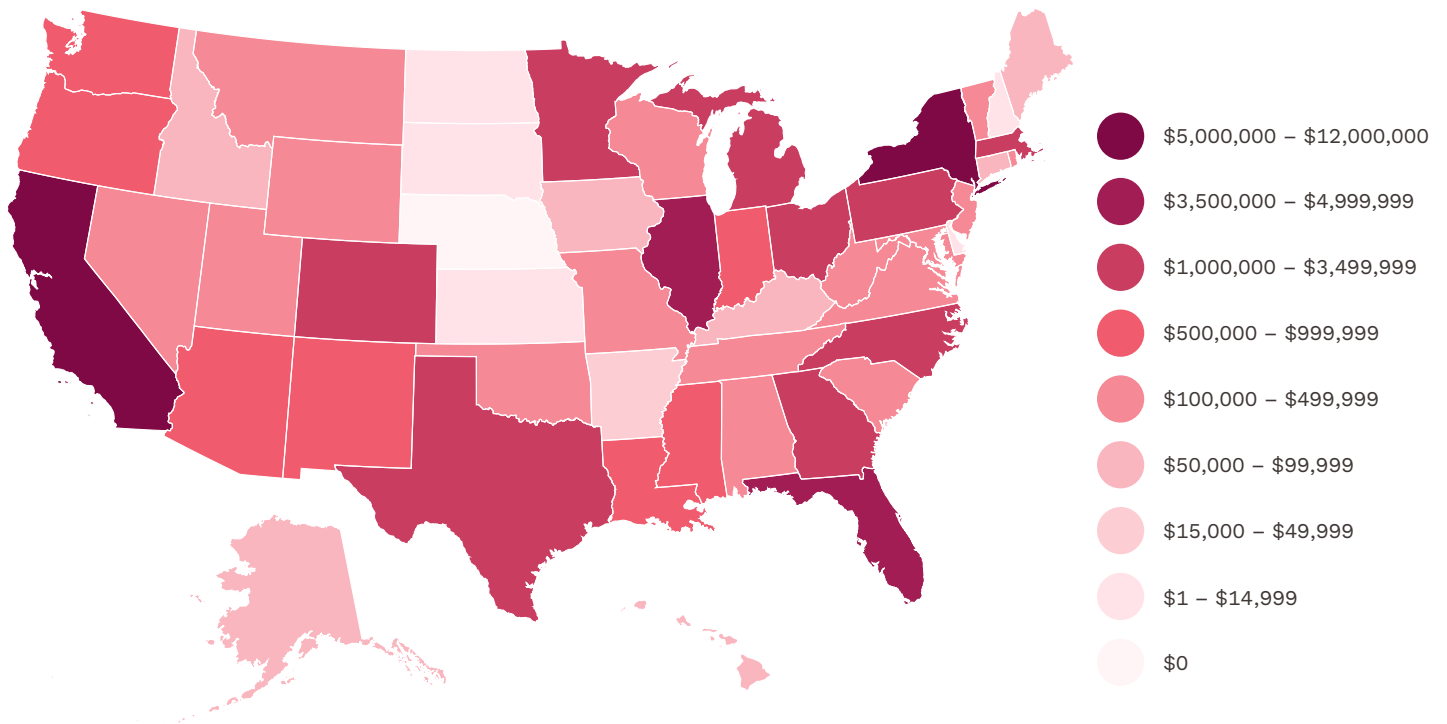
Oregon saw the biggest decrease, decreasing by approximately \$500,000 for the second year in a row. Pennsylvania decreased by more than \$250,000.

There was only one state where we could not identify any LGBTQ funding in 2015: Nebraska.

## LGBTQ Funding, by Region

Region	2015	2014	Percent Change
Midwest	\$9,022,987	\$7,805,337	▲ 16%
Mountain	\$3,739,348	\$3,771,282	▼ 1%
Northeast	\$18,806,607	\$18,298,327	▲ 3%
Pacific	\$18,517,475	\$16,919,010	▲ 9%
South	\$17,165,964	\$11,282,476	▲ 52%
U.S. Territories (Puerto Rico)	\$110,000	\$40,000	▲ 73%
Multi-Regional/Unspecified	\$69,500	\$1,874,657	▼ 94%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$67,431,880</b>	<b>\$59,991,090</b>	<b>▲ 12%</b>

## Local, State, and Regional Funding of LGBTQ Issues, by State (Density Map)



<b>Midwest</b>		<b>Northeast</b>		<b>South</b>	
Illinois	\$3,640,910	Connecticut	\$92,891	Alabama	\$371,000
Indiana	\$546,750	Delaware	\$2,500	Arkansas	\$40,000
Iowa	\$52,650	District of Columbia	\$1,922,341	Florida	\$4,207,899
Kansas	\$5,000	Maine	\$73,650	Georgia	\$2,778,012
Michigan	\$1,177,550	Maryland	\$271,881	Kentucky	\$59,200
Minnesota	\$1,567,216	Massachusetts	\$1,499,768	Louisiana	\$998,128
Missouri	\$171,180	New Hampshire	\$5,556	Mississippi	\$644,250
Nebraska	\$0	New Jersey	\$198,671	North Carolina	\$1,069,767
North Dakota	\$9,930	New York	\$12,039,817	Oklahoma	\$141,500
Ohio	\$1,350,369	Pennsylvania	\$1,725,227	South Carolina	\$217,050
South Dakota	\$8,560	Rhode Island	\$153,280	Tennessee	\$303,000
Wisconsin	\$327,258	Vermont	\$163,450	Texas	\$2,895,871
Midwest Region (General)	\$165,614	Northeast Region (General)	\$657,575	Virginia	\$188,767
				West Virginia	\$159,000
				South Region (General)	\$3,092,520
<b>Mountain</b>		<b>Pacific</b>		<b>Multi-Regional / Unspecified</b>	
Arizona	\$506,500	Alaska	\$54,600		\$69,500
Colorado	\$1,033,000	California	\$15,254,160		
Idaho	\$69,800	Hawaii	\$56,500		
Montana	\$222,531	Oregon	\$1,067,510		
Nevada	\$457,517	Washington	\$1,032,079		
New Mexico	\$884,600	Pacific Region (General)	\$1,052,625		
Utah	\$321,300				
Wyoming	\$199,100				
Mountain Region (General)	\$45,000				
		<b>U.S. Territories</b>			
		Puerto Rico	\$110,000		
				<b>Total</b>	<b>\$67,431,880</b>

# FUNDING PER LGBTQ ADULT

Our metric of GDQ, or “Grant Dollars per Queer,” analyzes the total local and statewide LGBTQ grant dollars awarded per state or region divided by the estimated number of adults in said state or region who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender. The goal of the GDQ is to assess the level of funding for each state relative to its population.

Despite the increase in local and statewide funding for LGBTQ communities, the overall GDQ for the U.S. decreased from \$7.09 from \$6.82—largely on account of a significant increase in the estimated number of LGBTQ adults in the United States.

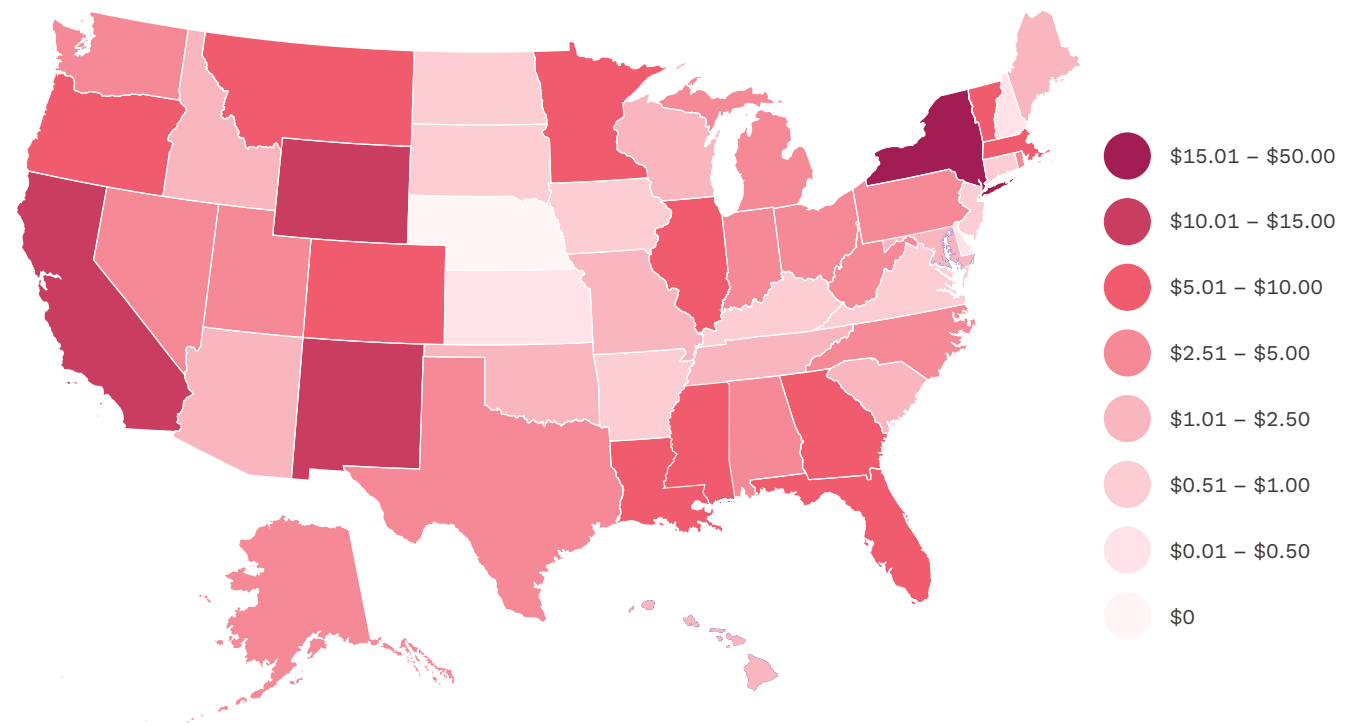
While the average GDQ decreased, the median GDQ increased. In 2015, the median for the 50 states and District of Columbia was \$3.28, up from \$3.07 in 2014.

In 2014, 22 states and the District of Columbia saw their GDQ increase, while one state stayed the same and the other 27 states experienced a decrease.

### LGBTQ Funding, by Region

Region	2015	2014	Percent Change
Midwest	\$4.66	\$4.38	▲ 6%
Mountain	\$5.22	\$6.61	▼ 21%
Northeast	\$8.94	\$10.11	▼ 12%
Pacific	\$9.47	\$10.66	▼ 11%
South	\$5.42	\$4.15	▲ 31%
<b>National Average</b>	<b>\$6.82</b>	<b>\$7.09</b>	<b>▼ 4%</b>

### LGBTQ Funding per LGBTQ Adult, by State



## LGBTQ Funding per LGBT Adult, by State

Midwest		Northeast		South	
	<b>\$4.66</b>		<b>\$8.94</b>		<b>\$5.42</b>
Illinois	\$9.45	Connecticut	\$0.94	Alabama	\$3.28
Indiana	\$2.64	Delaware	\$0.07	Arkansas	\$0.58
Iowa	\$0.68	District of Columbia	\$39.90	Florida	\$6.08
Kansas	\$0.07	Maine	\$1.52	Georgia	\$8.91
Michigan	\$4.01	Maryland	\$1.49	Kentucky	\$0.52
Minnesota	\$9.26	Massachusetts	\$5.63	Louisiana	\$7.56
Missouri	\$1.07	New Hampshire	\$0.11	Mississippi	\$8.88
Nebraska	\$—	New Jersey	\$0.79	North Carolina	\$3.89
North Dakota	\$0.63	New York	\$17.19	Oklahoma	\$1.36
Ohio	\$3.95	Pennsylvania	\$4.74	South Carolina	\$1.87
South Dakota	\$0.66	Rhode Island	\$4.52	Tennessee	\$1.90
Wisconsin	\$2.14	Vermont	\$6.09	Texas	\$3.91
				Virginia	\$0.85
				West Virginia	\$3.21
Mountain		Pacific			
	<b>\$5.22</b>		<b>\$9.47</b>		
Arizona	\$2.39	Alaska	\$3.28		
Colorado	\$5.61	California	\$10.32		
Idaho	\$2.00	Hawaii	\$1.33		
Montana	\$9.10	Oregon	\$6.76		
Nevada	\$4.21	Washington	\$3.97		
New Mexico	\$13.24				
Utah	\$4.57				
Wyoming	\$12.74				

Experiencing the largest increase in 2015, the District of Columbia continued to lead the pack with a GDQ of \$39.30, reflecting a \$6.69 increase. New York had the second largest GDQ—the largest for a state—at \$17.19, despite a \$0.97 decrease. The District of Columbia and New York ranked number 1 and 2 respectively in 2014 as well.

In 2015, New York was the only state with GDQ over \$15.

In 2015, only 4 states had GDQs over \$10, compared to 5 states in 2014 and 6 states in 2013. All of the four states—California, New Mexico, New York, and Wyoming—experienced a decrease in GDQ in 2015.

Montana attained the largest increase for a state, going from \$3.75 in 2014 to \$9.10 in 2015. Meanwhile, Utah had the most significant decrease, going from \$9.50 in 2014 to \$4.57 in 2015.

Despite significant GDQ decreases for the Northeast and the Pacific, the two regions continued to have the highest GDQ regionally, at \$8.94 and \$9.47 respectively. All other regions fell below the national average.

In 2015, for the first time, the South overtook the Midwest and the Mountain in GDQ. When we first began tracking GDQ by region in 2012, the South faced a severe disparity with a GDQ of \$1.78, while all other regions had GDQs of at least \$4. As funding for the South has grown in recent years, that disparity has decreased. The regions now fall into two clusters: the Northeast and the Pacific, with GDQs in the range of \$8-10; and the Midwest, Mountain states, and the South, all with GDQs in the range of \$4-6.

## ISSUES ADDRESSED IN DOMESTIC FUNDING

In 2015, civil rights continued to be the most funded issue, receiving more than \$55 million, or 43 percent of all domestic LGBTQ funding.

LGBTQ health and wellbeing was the category that captured the second largest share of dollars in 2015.

Funding for strengthening communities, families, and visibility barely increased in 2015.



### DID YOU KNOW?

In 2015, 1,343 grants were awarded to support strengthening communities, families, and visibility—more grants than were awarded to any other issue area.

### Detailed Breakdown of Issues Addressed in Domestic Funding

Issue	2015	%	2014	%
<b>Civil Rights</b>	<b>\$55,885,884</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>\$43,968,622</b>	<b>39%</b>
Civil Rights (General)	\$31,625,177	24%	\$20,921,949	19%
Criminalization and Criminal Justice Reform	\$5,107,729	4%	\$2,490,250	2%
Gender Identity Rights	\$3,595,965	3%	\$1,599,652	1%
Immigration	\$1,874,879	1%	\$2,727,040	2%
Marriage and Civil Unions	\$4,029,050	3%	\$8,944,417	8%
Military Inclusion	\$845,523	1%	\$275,818	<1%
Nondiscrimination Protections	\$4,104,330	3%	\$3,867,092	3%
Religious Exemptions	\$2,894,300	2%	\$1,220,500	1%
Reproductive Rights and Justice	\$1,808,930	1%	\$1,921,905	2%
<b>Health and Wellbeing</b>	<b>\$28,317,586</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>\$24,700,824</b>	<b>22%</b>
Cancer	\$413,195	<1%	\$608,361	1%
Cultural Competence and Data Collection	\$1,604,178	1%	\$934,076	1%
General Health Services and Health Promotion	\$6,340,213	5%	\$2,933,650	3%
HIV/AIDS	\$15,764,517	12%	\$14,928,634	13%
Insurance Coverage	\$1,840,472	1%	\$1,208,700	1%
Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Suicide Prevention	\$1,491,928	1%	\$1,980,876	2%
Primary Care	\$449,330	<1%	\$1,635,005	1%
Sexual and Reproductive Health	\$413,752	<1%	\$471,522	<1%
<b>Strengthening Communities, Families, and Visibility</b>	<b>\$23,565,219</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>\$23,425,912</b>	<b>21%</b>
Community Building and Empowerment	\$9,695,970	8%	\$8,091,985	7%
Religion	\$3,396,694	3%	\$3,962,072	4%
Strengthening Families	\$1,947,477	2%	\$1,872,958	2%
Visibility	\$8,525,077	7%	\$9,498,897	8%
<b>Education and Safe Schools</b>	<b>\$7,644,482</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>\$8,343,258</b>	<b>7%</b>
Education	\$2,855,157	2%	\$3,097,359	3%
Safe Schools	\$4,789,325	4%	\$5,245,899	5%

**Detailed Breakdown of Issues Addressed in Domestic Funding (cont.)**

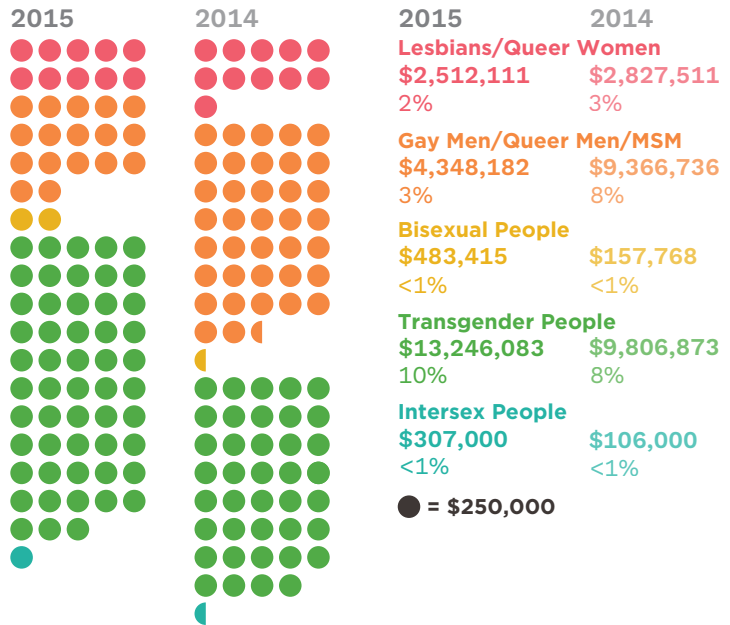
<b>Economic Issues</b>	<b>\$5,635,532</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$4,478,342</b>	<b>4%</b>
Food Security	\$146,052	<1%	\$421,534	<1%
Housing and Homelessness	\$3,723,530	3%	\$2,819,203	3%
Labor and Employment	\$1,765,950	1%	\$1,237,605	1%
<b>Violence, Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia</b>	<b>\$1,692,549</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$2,376,891</b>	<b>2%</b>
Anti-Violence	\$799,829	1%	\$1,183,641	1%
Gun Control	\$140,000	<1%	N/A	N/A
Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia	\$752,720	1%	\$1,193,250	1%
<b>Other Issues</b>	<b>\$6,379,385</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$5,300,210</b>	<b>5%</b>
Multi-Issue	\$3,420,867	3%	\$2,529,933	2%
Philanthropy	\$2,957,018	2%	\$2,770,277	2%
Unspecified	\$1,500	<1%	\$0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$129,120,635</b>		<b>\$112,594,058</b>	

# DOMESTIC POPULATION FOCUS

As in previous years, the vast majority of domestic grant dollars were awarded to organizations and programs that serve LGBTQ people generally. Only 17 percent of grant dollars singled out a specific segment of the LGBTQ population.

Funding for trans communities in the United States reached a record high of \$13.2 million—an increase of more than 35 percent. Domestic funding for bisexuals and intersex people also increased, but both still account for less than 1 percent of domestic LGBTQ funding.

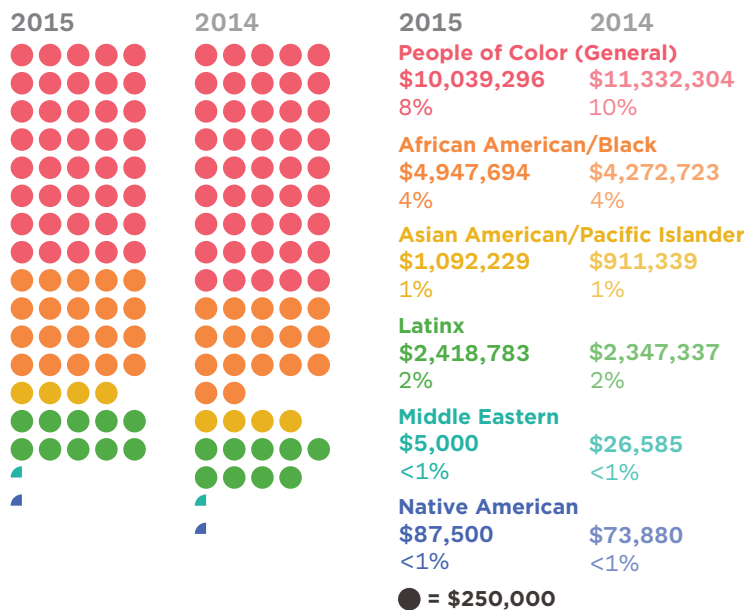
## Distribution of Domestic Grant Dollars by Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Sex Characteristics



In 2015, there was a slight decrease in funding for communities of color. Funding for communities of color totaled \$18.6 million in 2015 (14 percent) and \$19 million (17 percent) in 2014. While funding decreased for people of color (general) and Middle Eastern people, funding for other communities of color saw modest increases and received roughly the same share of funding they received in 2014.

The top ten funders of communities of color were: Arcus Foundation, Foundation for a Just Society, Elton John AIDS Foundation, H. van Ameringen Foundation, ViiV Healthcare, Ford Foundation, Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, The California Endowment, Borealis Philanthropy, and M.A.C. AIDS Fund. Together they awarded \$11.8 million, or more than 60 percent of all funding for communities of color.

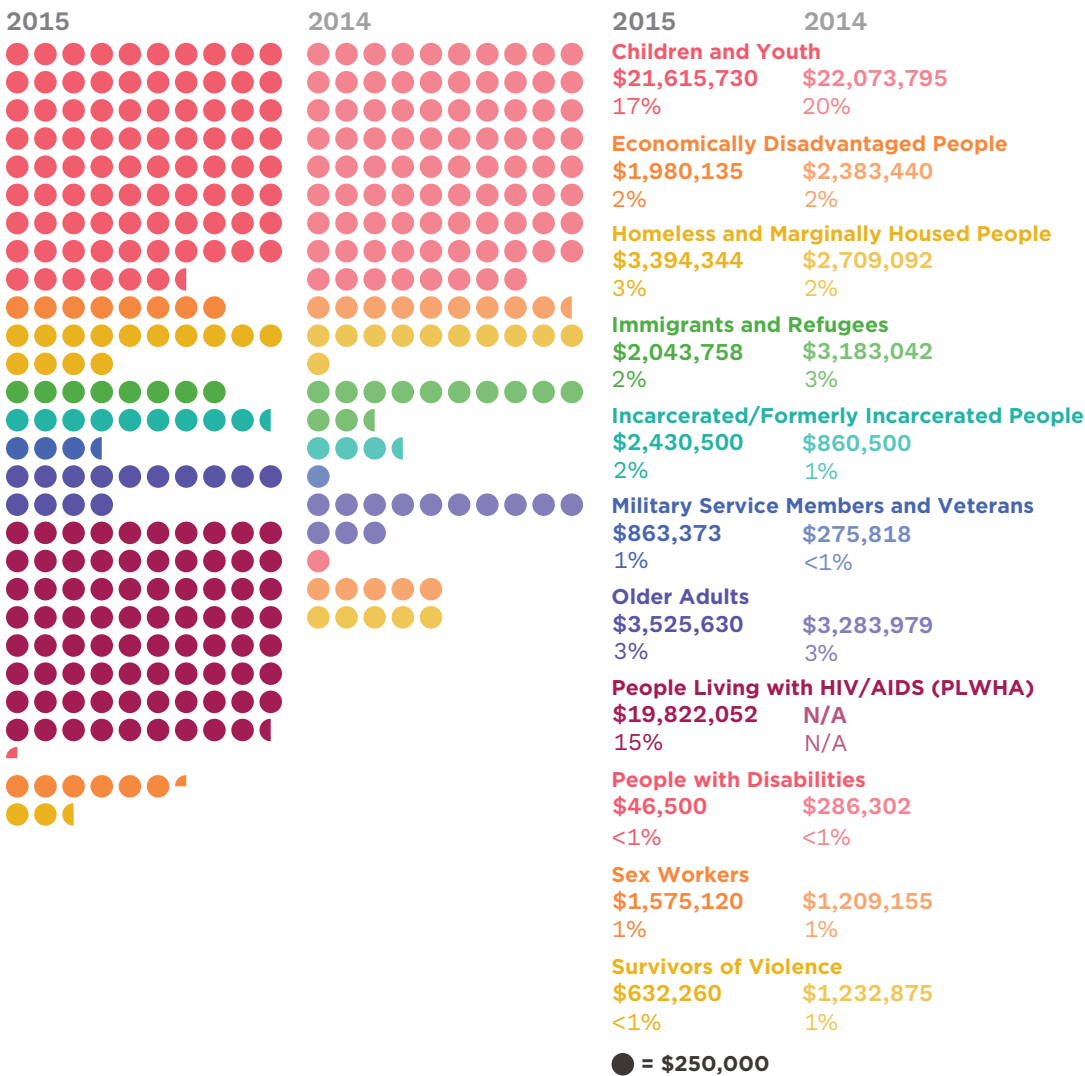
## Distribution of Domestic Grant Dollars Among People of Color



Although children and youth continue to be the most funded subpopulation, funding decreased for the second year in a row. Funding for children and youth totaled \$21.6 million in 2015, its lowest level since 2012. Funding for the incarcerated or formerly incarcerated saw the biggest growth, continuing its upward trajectory with an increase of more than \$1.5 million. Nearly tripling its 2014 total, funding for the incarcerated or formerly incarcerated reached a record \$2.4 million.

For the first time in 2015, we have included funding for people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) in our tracking efforts. Note, given the level of funding awarded for issues such as food security, housing or homelessness, grants for PLWHA exceed the amount of funding awarded for the issue of HIV/AIDS.

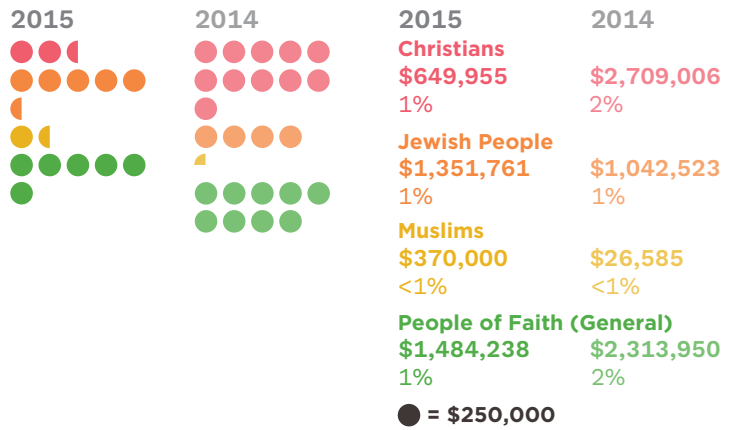
**Distribution of Domestic Grant Dollars Among Other Populations**





In 2015, funding for religious communities decreased by 37 percent to \$3.9 million, down from a total of nearly \$6.1 million in 2014. The top two funders of religious communities, Arcus Foundation and Jewish Communal Fund of New York, collectively provided more than half of all LGBTQ funding for people of faith.

**Distribution of Domestic Grant Dollars Among People of Faith**



**RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

**Funders Concerned About AIDS**

For a detailed analysis of HIV/AIDS funding, we recommend you check out Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA). FCAA's *Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS* is published annually and explores the changing landscape of HIV/AIDS philanthropy. They also publish infographics throughout the year. See all of their research at [fcaaid.org](http://fcaaid.org).

**Movement Advancement Project**

For a closer look at the current LGBTQ policy landscape and the financial health of the LGBTQ movement, we recommend you check out the Movement Advancement Project (MAP), an independent LGBTQ think tank. A number of MAP reports are publicly available at [lgbtmap.org](http://lgbtmap.org).

**The Williams Institute**

For detailed LGBTQ demographic information, we recommend you check out the Williams Institute, a think tank at UCLA Law. Visit their website at [williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu](http://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu) for reports and interactive tools.

# DOMESTIC FUNDING BY TYPE OF ORGANIZATION

## LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS VS. NON-LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS

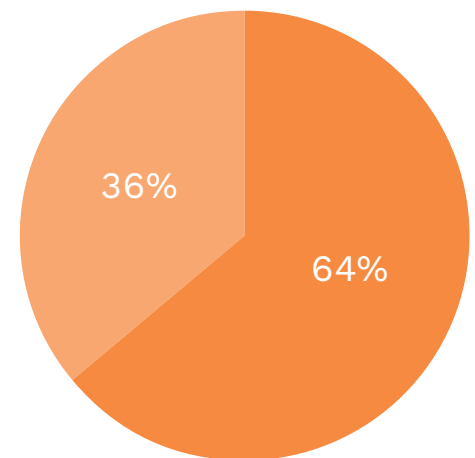
Of the nearly \$127 million in domestic funding awarded to organizations, \$81.8 million was awarded to LGBTQ organizations—defined as organizations whose mission explicitly focuses on LGBTQ issues. The remaining \$45.1 million was awarded to non-LGBTQ organizations that received funding for LGBTQ-specific programs, campaigns, or outreach efforts. Examples of non-LGBTQ grantee organizations doing LGBTQ work in 2015 included the American Civil Liberties Union, Center for American Progress, Emory University, Forward Together, and Racial Justice Action Center.

Funding for LGBTQ organizations increased by a very modest 2 percent, while funding for non-LGBTQ organizations increased by more than 55 percent.

The distribution of funding between LGBTQ and non-LGBTQ organizations shifted considerably in 2015. In 2015, 64 percent of the funding benefited LGBTQ organizations and 36 percent supported non-LGBTQ organizations. In 2014, 73 percent of the funding benefited LGBTQ organizations and 26 percent supported non-LGBTQ organizations.

Note: All figures in this section do not include approximately \$2.1 million awarded to individuals (largely for scholarships).

**Breakdown of Domestic Grant Dollars by Recipient Type: LGBTQ vs. Non-LGBTQ**



## BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC FUNDING FOR LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS

As in prior years, **advocacy organizations** captured the largest share of dollars, accounting for nearly half (45 percent) of all grant dollars awarded to domestic LGBTQ organizations. National advocacy organizations alone captured \$14.5 million, more than any other organization sub-type. This represents a minor decrease, both in raw dollars and in the share of total dollars compared to 2014, when national advocacy organizations captured \$19.5 million, or 23 percent of domestic funding for LGBTQ-focused organizations. Funding for state-based LGBTQ advocacy organizations increased from \$7.8 million, or 9 percent of domestic funding for LGBTQ organizations, to \$10.7 million, or 13 percent in 2015.

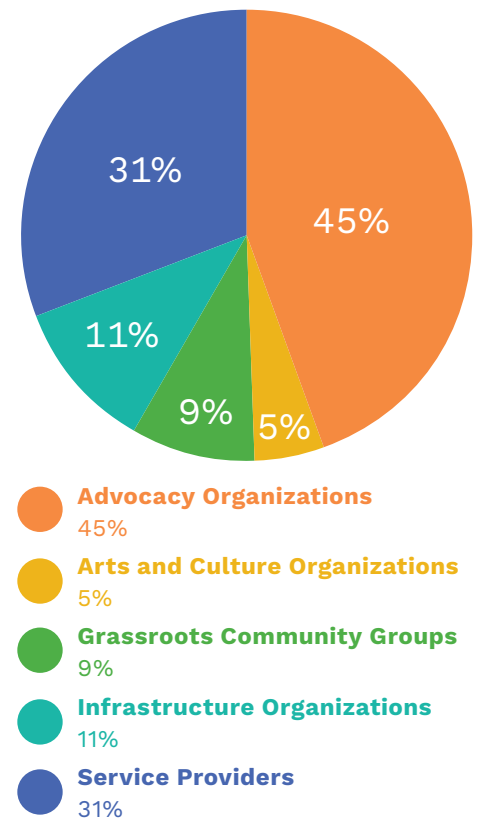
LGBTQ **service providers** again received the second largest share of grant dollars, capturing \$25 million (31 percent of the total), a slight increase from 27 percent in 2014. Funding for LGBTQ-focused HIV/AIDS service organizations decreased from \$5.7 million in 2014 to \$4.6 million in 2015. Funding for LGBTQ community centers rose from \$5.7 million in 2014 to \$7.7 million, or 9 percent, in 2015.

Similar to previous years, about \$8.8 million was awarded to LGBTQ **infrastructure organizations**, or organizations whose primary focus is conducting research or providing services for other organizations. LGBTQ research institutes such as MAP and the Williams Institute received a total of \$3.5 million, an increase from \$2.9 million in 2014. Funding for technical assistance providers and networks (like CenterLink and Equality Federation) remained level at \$2.1 million, while funding for public foundations and other intermediaries decreased, from \$3.6 million in 2014 to \$1.7 million in 2015.

About \$7 million went to **grassroots LGBTQ groups**—a wide range of organizations that bring together LGBTQ communities, often both providing support for their members as well as educating the wider community about LGBTQ issues. Of the sub-types of grassroots groups, GSA networks or groups received the largest share, capturing more than \$2.4 million, more than doubling from nearly \$1.2 million reported in 2014. Funding for faith-based communities declined from \$2.6 million in 2014 to \$1.8 million in 2015.

**Arts and cultural organizations** (including LGBTQ choruses, film festivals, and theater companies) received a total of \$3.9 million, consistent with 2014 funding.

**Domestic Grant Dollars for LGBTQ Organizations, by Recipient Organization Type**



### Breakdown of Domestic Grant Dollars for LGBTQ Organizations, By Recipient Organization Type and Sub-Type

Organization Type / Sub-Type	2015	%	2014	%
<b>Advocacy Organizations</b>	<b>\$36,750,159</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>\$39,379,112</b>	<b>49%</b>
Litigation & Legal Services Organizations	\$8,860,329	11%	\$9,013,257	11%
Local Advocacy Organizations	\$1,737,195	2%	\$1,807,559	2%
Regional Advocacy Organizations	\$950,520	1%	\$1,238,288	2%
State Advocacy Organizations	\$10,744,736	13%	\$7,867,815	10%
National Advocacy Organizations	\$14,457,379	18%	\$19,441,193	24%
<b>Arts and Culture Organizations</b>	<b>\$3,945,585</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$3,747,344</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Grassroots Community Groups</b>	<b>\$7,069,768</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>\$6,393,035</b>	<b>8%</b>
Athletic Groups	\$326,060	<1%	\$397,560	<1%
Business/Professional Networks	\$540,050	1%	\$501,150	1%
Faith-based Groups	\$1,861,483	2%	\$2,664,064	3%
Family Groups	\$1,006,137	1%	\$946,518	1%
GSA Networks or Campus Groups	\$2,413,106	3%	\$1,171,407	1%
Multipurpose Community Organizations	\$700,600	1%	\$341,189	<1%
Pride Organizations	\$222,332	<1%	\$335,727	<1%
Social and Recreational Groups	\$0	<1%	\$35,420	<1%
<b>Infrastructure Organizations</b>	<b>\$8,816,560</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>\$8,645,013</b>	<b>11%</b>
Philanthropic Networks	\$1,438,860	2%	\$836,225	1%
Public Foundations	\$1,744,182	2%	\$2,797,601	4%
Research Institutes	\$3,530,271	4%	\$2,886,250	4%
Technical Assistance Providers and Networks	\$42,103,247	3%	\$2,124,936	3%
<b>Service Providers</b>	<b>\$25,168,977</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>\$21,717,793</b>	<b>27%</b>
Aging Service Providers	\$2,774,295	3%	\$1,930,515	2%
Community Centers	\$7,752,781	9%	\$5,799,713	7%
Health Centers	\$3,101,734	4%	\$2,678,010	3%
HIV/AIDS Service Providers	\$4,679,258	6%	\$5,708,440	7%
Other Service Providers	\$1,774,918	2%	\$1,771,040	2%
Youth Service Providers	\$5,085,990	6%	\$3,830,076	5%
<b>Unspecified</b>	<b>\$88,320</b>	<b>&lt;1%</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$81,839,369</b>		<b>\$79,882,296</b>	

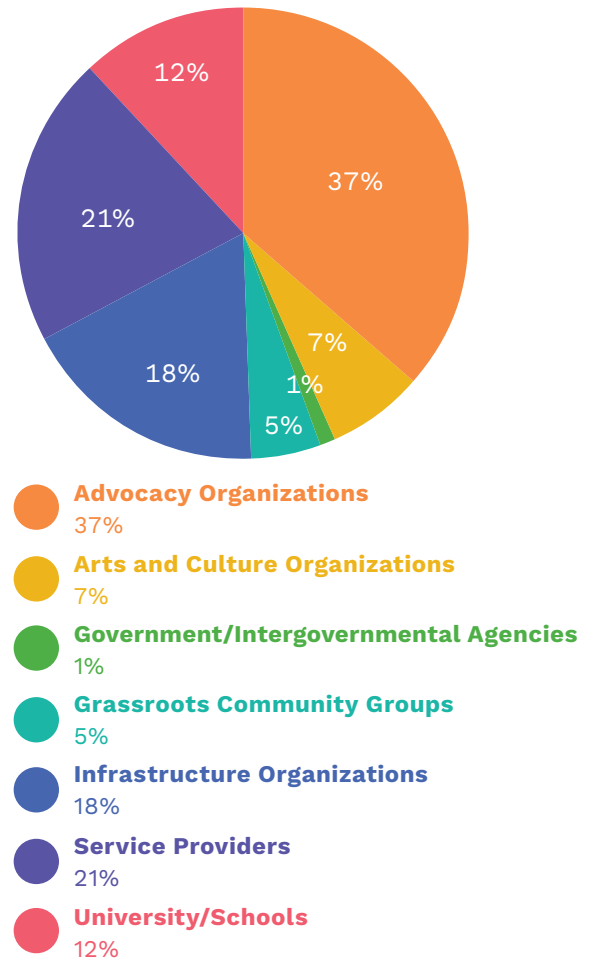
# BREAKDOWN OF DOMESTIC FUNDING FOR NON-LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS

As in prior years, allied **advocacy organizations** captured the largest share of dollars for non-LGBTQ-specific organizations—a total of more than \$16.7 million, or about 37 percent of all funding for non-LGBTQ organizations. As is the case with their LGBTQ equivalents, national allied advocacy organizations received the largest share of funding—more than \$7.5 million. Litigation organizations such as the ACLU also received a notable share at nearly \$5.5 million. Funding for state and regional advocacy organizations continued to decline, while funding for local advocacy organizations increased for the second year in a row.

More than \$9.5 million went to mainstream **service providers**, making them the second-most-funded type of organization among non-LGBTQ groups in 2015—as they were in 2014. Non-LGBTQ HIV/AIDS service providers saw their funding increase from \$2.4 million to \$3.9 million. Despite this year’s overall decrease in funding for children and youth, non-LGBTQ youth providers saw their funding increase from \$1 million to nearly \$1.3 million.

In 2015, nearly \$8.3 million was awarded to non-LGBTQ **infrastructure organizations**. Most of these dollars were awarded to public foundations and intermediaries (such as the New Venture Fund), research institutes (such as Political Research Associates) and to technical assistance providers (such as the Rockwood Leadership Institute).

**Domestic Grant Dollars for Non-LGBTQ Organizations, by Recipient Organization Type**



### Breakdown of Domestic Grant Dollars for Non-LGBTQ Organizations, By Recipient Organization Type and Sub-Type

Organization Type / Sub-Type	2015	%	2014	%
<b>Advocacy Organizations</b>	<b>\$16,657,191</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>\$9,533,813</b>	<b>33%</b>
Litigation & Legal Services Organizations	\$5,482,648	12%	\$1,873,815	6%
Local Advocacy Organizations	\$2,643,748	6%	\$1,476,055	5%
Regional Advocacy Organizations	\$295,000	1%	\$347,200	1%
State Advocacy Organizations	\$708,381	2%	\$940,675	3%
National Advocacy Organizations	\$7,527,414	17%	\$4,686,068	16%
<b>Arts and Culture Organizations</b>	<b>\$3,037,120</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>\$2,165,465</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Government Agencies (Including Public School Systems)</b>	<b>\$253,157</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>\$674,458</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Grassroots Community Groups</b>	<b>\$2,179,318</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>\$2,618,136</b>	<b>8%</b>
Business/Professional Networks	\$773,300	2%	\$303,500	1%
Faith-based Groups	\$1,316,018	3%	\$2,210,826	8%
Other Community-Based Organizations	\$90,000	<1%	\$103,810	<1%
<b>Infrastructure Organizations</b>	<b>\$8,265,585</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>\$4,362,631</b>	<b>15%</b>
Philanthropic Infrastructure	\$156,500	<1%	\$254,033	1%
Public Foundations and Intermediaries	\$4,788,434	11%	\$2,797,601	7%
Research Institutes	\$2,555,000	6%	\$2,886,250	4%
Technical Assistance Provider and Networks	\$765,651	2%	\$921,473	3%
<b>Service Providers</b>	<b>\$9,510,443</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>\$6,288,435</b>	<b>22%</b>
Aging Service Providers	\$68,575	<1%	\$70,595	<1%
Community Centers	\$206,966	<1%	\$156,841	1%
Health Centers	\$2,128,399	5%	\$1,117,612	4%
HIV/AIDS Service Providers	\$3,937,189	9%	\$2,430,192	8%
Other Service Providers	\$1,888,352	4%	\$1,474,219	5%
Youth Service Providers	\$1,280,961	3%	\$1,038,977	4%
<b>Universities and Post-Secondary Schools</b>	<b>\$5,254,640</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>\$3,228,881</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$45,157,453</b>		<b>\$28,871,820</b>	

# GLOBAL FUNDING FOR LGBTQ ISSUES

In 2015, U.S.-based foundations awarded 631 grants totaling more than \$31.5 million to support international LGBTQ issues and LGBTQ communities outside the U.S. This figure does not include an additional 22 grants totaling \$5 million that were awarded to intermediaries for international re-granting. This represents a decrease of 21 percent from the more than \$40 million awarded in 2014, which was a record-breaking year in this category.

Grantmaking outside of the United States accounted for approximately 20 percent of grantmaking by U.S. foundations.

NOTE: This section explores funding from foundations, corporations, and nonprofit grantmakers based in the United States. It does not include LGBTQ funding from foundations and funding institutions outside the U.S. or governments and multilateral organizations. The 2013-2014 Global Resources Report, published by Funders for LGBTQ Issues in partnership with the Global Philanthropy Project, tracks philanthropic support for LGBTQ issues globally and includes those grantmakers. An updated edition is scheduled for release in 2018.

NOTE: The list of top grant recipients excludes dollars awarded for re-granting purposes. Multi-year grants are counted for the full amount in the year they are awarded.

## TOP 10 U.S.-BASED GLOBAL LGBTQ FUNDERS\*

- 1 Open Society Foundations**  
\$4,951,780  
New York, NY
- 2 American Jewish World Service**  
\$4,324,699  
New York, NY
- 3 Arcus Foundation**  
\$4,134,512  
New York, NY
- 4 M.A.C. AIDS Fund**  
\$3,584,411  
New York, NY
- 5 Ford Foundation**  
\$2,120,984  
New York, NY
- 6 amfAR, Foundation for AIDS Research**  
\$1,621,617  
New York, NY
- 7 Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice**  
\$1,524,866  
New York, NY
- 8 Horizons Foundation**  
\$1,209,414  
San Francisco, CA
- 9 Levi Strauss Foundation**  
\$1,170,000  
San Francisco, CA
- 10 Foundation for a Just Society**  
\$750,000  
New York, NY

## TOP 10 GLOBAL LGBTQ GRANTEES OF U.S.-BASED FUNDERS\*\*

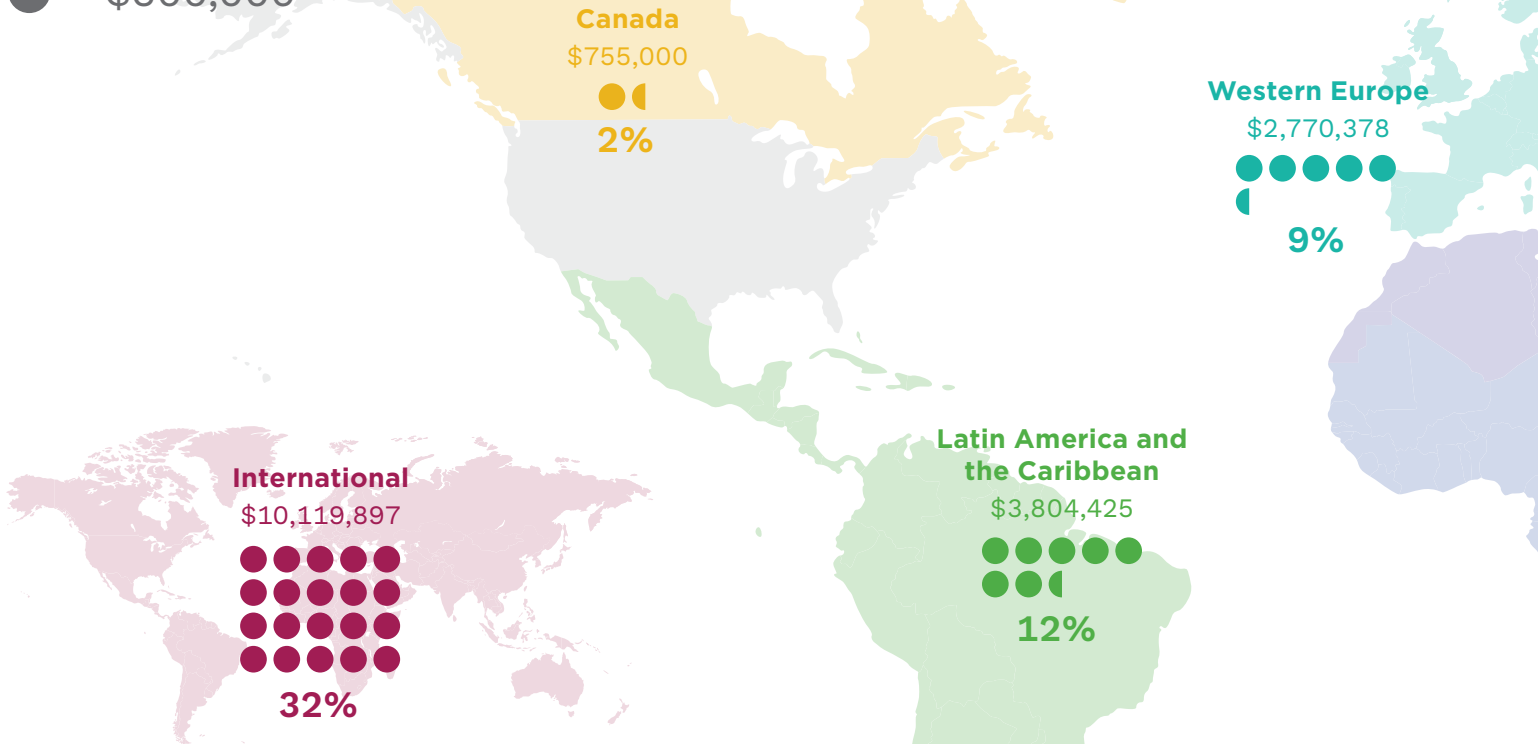
- 1 UHAI-EASHRI**  
\$1,193,382  
Nairobi, Kenya
- 2 Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice**  
\$1,183,900  
New York, NY
- 3 OutRight Action International**  
\$995,193  
New York, NY
- 4 The Council for Global Equality**  
\$772,000  
Washington, DC
- 5 Allied Rainbow Communities International**  
\$750,000  
Dartmouth, Canada
- 6 Collective Foundation AIDS Accountability International**  
\$650,000  
Stockholm, Sweden
- 7 Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice - Global Philanthropy Project (GPP)**  
\$640,000  
New York, NY
- 8 Centro de Orientacion e Investigacion Integral**  
\$635,015  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 9 ABIA - Associação Brasileira Interdisciplinar de AIDS**  
\$600,000  
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- 10 Heartland Alliance For Human Needs & Human Rights**  
\$558,755  
Chicago, IL

\*In 2015, multiple anonymous funders awarded a total of \$6,917,350 to support LGBTQ issues outside of the United States. If the multiple anonymous funders appeared in the top ten list, they would rank as the number one funder.

\*\*In 2015, multiple anonymous grantees received \$4,080,728 for work benefiting LGBTQ communities outside the United States. If these multiple anonymous grantees appeared in the top ten list, they would rank as the number one grantee.

# GLOBAL LGBTQ FUNDING BY REGION AND ISSUES ADDRESSED

● = \$500,000



## International

### TOP FUNDER

Arcus Foundation  
\$1,464,750

### TOP STRATEGY

Advocacy (41%)

### TOP ISSUE ADDRESSED

Civil and Human Rights (76%)

### NOTABLE FACT

The majority of funding for international work was awarded to organizations based in the United States. Collectively, U.S.-based organizations received 63 percent of funding in this category.\*

## Canada

### TOP FUNDER

M.A.C. AIDS Fund  
\$700,000

### TOP STRATEGY

Direct Service (45%)

### TOP ISSUE ADDRESSED

Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Suicide Prevention (53%)

### NOTABLE FACT

The vast majority of funding (86%) was directed to Gay/Bisexual Men/Queer Men/MSM.

## Latin America and the Caribbean

M.A.C. AIDS Fund  
\$758,746

### TOP STRATEGY

Direct Service (33%)

HIV/AIDS (61%)

### NOTABLE FACT

Notably, 23 percent of funding to the region was focused on transgender, gender nonconforming, or intersex communities. Of that, 13 percent specifically targeted trans women.

## Western Europe

M.A.C. AIDS Fund  
\$1,005,478

### TOP STRATEGY

Advocacy (46%)

### TOP ISSUE ADDRESSED

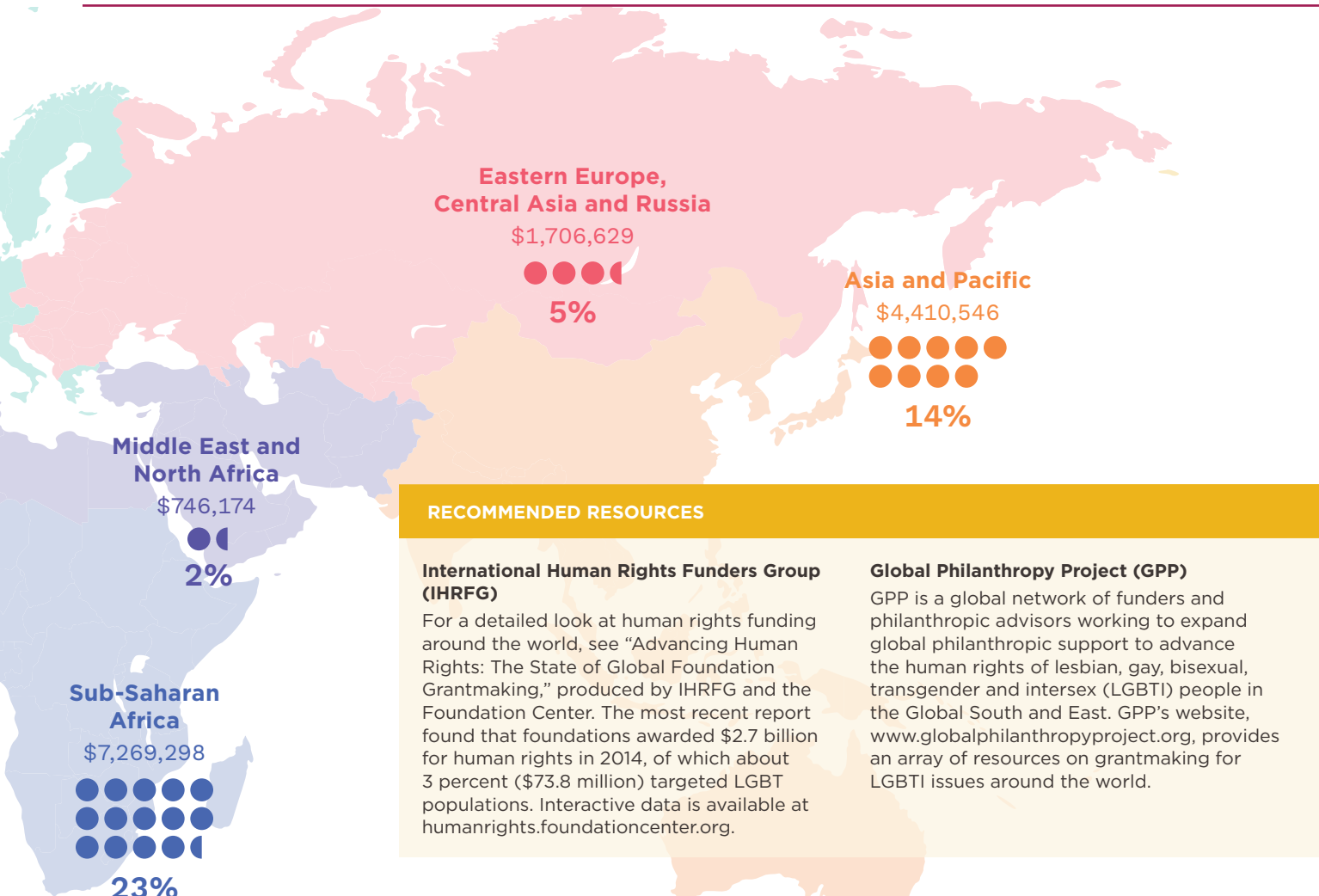
Civil and Human Rights (48%)

### NOTABLE FACT

Five grants to global advocacy organizations based in Western Europe accounted for 31 percent of funding to the region.

\*In 2015, multiple anonymous funders awarded a total of \$2,695,000 to support LGBTQ issues internationally. If the multiple anonymous funders appeared as one funder, they would rank as the number one funder.





**RECOMMENDED RESOURCES**

**International Human Rights Funders Group (IHRFG)**

For a detailed look at human rights funding around the world, see “Advancing Human Rights: The State of Global Foundation Grantmaking,” produced by IHRFG and the Foundation Center. The most recent report found that foundations awarded \$2.7 billion for human rights in 2014, of which about 3 percent (\$73.8 million) targeted LGBT populations. Interactive data is available at [humanrights.foundationcenter.org](http://humanrights.foundationcenter.org).

**Global Philanthropy Project (GPP)**

GPP is a global network of funders and philanthropic advisors working to expand global philanthropic support to advance the human rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex (LGBTI) people in the Global South and East. GPP’s website, [www.globalphilanthropyproject.org](http://www.globalphilanthropyproject.org), provides an array of resources on grantmaking for LGBTI issues around the world.

**Sub-Saharan Africa**  
**TOP FUNDER**  
 Open Society Foundations  
 \$1,751,126  
**TOP STRATEGY**  
 Advocacy (56%)  
**TOP ISSUE ADDRESSED**  
 Civil and Human Rights (51%)  
**NOTABLE FACT**  
 Countries in East Africa received 44 percent of all funding for Sub-Saharan Africa. Support for region-wide efforts accounted for 25 percent of funding.

**Middle East and North Africa**  
**TOP FUNDER**  
 Open Society Foundations  
 \$195,000  
**TOP STRATEGY**  
 Advocacy (48%)  
**TOP ISSUE ADDRESSED**  
 Civil and Human Rights (68%)  
**NOTABLE FACT**  
 Israel received the most funding from U.S.-based foundations, receiving 26 percent of country-specific funding for the region.

**Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and Russia**  
**TOP FUNDER**  
 Open Society Foundations  
 \$1,153,699  
**TOP STRATEGY**  
 Advocacy (67%)  
**TOP ISSUE ADDRESSED**  
 Civil and Human Rights (74%)  
**NOTABLE FACT**  
 The majority of U.S. foundation support for the region came from one top funder. Open Society Foundations awarded 67 percent of funding for Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Russia.

**Asia and Pacific**  
**TOP FUNDER**  
 amfAR, Foundation for AIDS Research  
 \$850,039  
**TOP STRATEGY**  
 Advocacy (29%)  
**TOP ISSUE ADDRESSED**  
 HIV/AIDS (39%)  
**NOTABLE FACT**  
 Over 70 percent of funding to the region was awarded as project- or program-specific support, while 26 percent was general operating support.

# GLOBAL FUNDING BY LOCATION OF GRANTEE

In 2015, 23 percent of all funding for global LGBTQ work was awarded to a grantee physically located in the United States. Another 17 percent of funding for global LGBTQ work was awarded to grantees physically located in Western Europe. Sixty percent of global funding by U.S. foundations reached organizations that were physically located outside of Western Europe and the United States.

This chart shows the country locations of grantees that received U.S. foundation funding for LGBTQ issues in 2015. For each geographic area, the chart shows the amount of funding for each country in the region. It also shows the funding for work focused on the region, but conducted by organizations based outside the region. Some funding was devoted to organizations in undisclosed locations, and that total amount is listed for each region.

## Global Funding by Location of Grantee

<b>Asia and Pacific</b>	<b>\$4,410,546</b>	<b>Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Russia</b>	<b>\$1,706,629</b>	<b>Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	<b>\$3,804,425</b>
<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Within Asia and Pacific</b>		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Within Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Russia</b>		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Within Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	
Australia	\$241,447	Albania	\$40,000	Argentina	\$74,972
Burma	\$18,720	Armenia	\$12,500	Bahamas	\$5,000
Cambodia	\$30,000	Bosnia and Herzegovina	\$22,997	Barbados	\$5,000
China	\$920,208	Bulgaria	\$7,000	Belize	\$30,000
Fiji	\$9,000	Croatia	\$123,349	Bolivia	\$5,000
Hong Kong	\$25,000	Czech Republic	\$40,350	Brazil	\$631,000
India	\$772,700	Estonia	\$23,400	Chile	\$105,000
Indonesia	\$134,155	Georgia	\$110,000	Colombia	\$275,000
Malaysia	\$40,000	Hungary	\$143,000	Costa Rica	\$48,000
Mongolia	\$80,085	Kosovo	\$8,000	Dominican Republic	\$777,115
Myanmar	\$45,000	Kyrgyzstan	\$5,000	Ecuador	\$77,000
Nepal	\$112,499	Latvia	\$50,000	El Salvador	\$110,360
New Zealand	\$101,284	Lithuania	\$94,000	Grenada	\$25,000
Pakistan	\$100,000	Macedonia	\$10,984	Guatemala	\$5,000
Philippines	\$182,500	Poland	\$219,600	Guyana	\$25,000
Taiwan	\$10,000	Romania	\$121,000	Haiti	\$60,000
Thailand	\$781,742	Russia	\$169,700	Honduras	\$47,500
Tonga	\$125,000	Serbia	\$193,000	Jamaica	\$382,731
Vietnam	\$10,000	Slovakia	\$50,000	Mexico	\$349,500
<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Outside Asia and Pacific</b>		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Outside Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Russia</b>		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Outside Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	
Switzerland	\$7,500	Tajikistan	\$6,250	Nicaragua	\$89,770
United States of America	\$363,831	Ukraine	\$3,000	Panamá	\$5,000
<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based in Undisclosed Countries</b>		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based in Undisclosed Countries</b>		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based in Undisclosed Countries</b>	
Unspecified	\$299,875	United States of America	\$1,500	Paraguay	\$33,284
		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based in Undisclosed Countries</b>		Peru	\$284,868
		Unspecified	\$252,000	St. Lucia	\$112,080
				Suriname	\$6,245
				<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Outside Latin America and the Caribbean</b>	
				Canada	\$75,000
				United States of America	\$160,000

## Global Funding by Location of Grantee (cont.)

<b>Middle East and North Africa</b>	<b>\$746,174</b>	<b>Sub-Saharan Africa</b>	<b>\$7,269,298</b>	<b>Western Europe</b>	<b>\$2,770,378</b>
<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Within Middle East and North Africa</b>		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Within Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Within Western Europe</b>	
Algeria	\$20,000	Botswana	\$257,650	Austria	\$5,000
Israel	\$205,390	Burkina Faso	\$125,000	Belgium	\$798,825
Lebanon	\$180,600	Burundi	\$36,000	France	\$155,000
Tunisia	\$7,000	Cameroon	\$29,960	Germany	\$720,000
Turkey	\$41,904	Democratic Republic of Congo	\$10,550	Greece	\$22,089
<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Outside Middle East and North Africa</b>		Kenya	\$2,350,632	Iceland	\$10,000
France	\$6,000	Liberia	\$92,500	Ireland	\$55,116
United States of America	\$190,600	Malawi	\$275,000	Italy	\$55,510
<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based in Undisclosed Countries</b>		Namibia	\$258,750	Netherlands	\$5,000
Unspecified	\$94,680	Nigeria	\$458,833	Norway	\$5,121
<b>United States and Canada</b>	<b>\$129,471,785</b>	Rwanda	\$60,000	Portugal	\$33,300
<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Within the United States and Canada</b>		Sierra Leone	\$60,000	Spain	\$207,527
Canada	\$755,000	South Africa	\$1,467,280	Switzerland	\$3,000
USA	\$128,348,122	Tanzania	\$16,500	United Kingdom	\$676,518
<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based in Undisclosed Countries</b>		Togo	\$4,000	United Kingdom - Scotland	\$1,000
Unspecified	\$772,513	Uganda	\$663,144	<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Outside Western Europe</b>	
<b>International Projects and Grantees Based in Undisclosed Countries</b>	<b>\$10,119,897</b>	Zambia	\$20,000	USA	\$500
<b>Funding for Organizations for International or Cross Regional Projects</b>		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based Outside Sub-Saharan Africa</b>		<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based in Undisclosed Countries</b>	
Argentina	\$22,500	Sweden	\$650,000	Unspecified	\$16,872
Australia	\$212,340	USA	\$260,500		
Austria	\$25,000	<b>Regional Funding for Organizations Based in Undisclosed Countries</b>			
Brazil	\$96,398	Unspecified	\$173,000		
Canada	\$1,000,000				
France	\$50,000				
Netherlands	\$1,060,000				
South Africa	\$456,000				
Switzerland	\$521,250				
United Kingdom	\$267,547				
USA	\$6,408,862				

# COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTMAKING FOR LGBTQ ISSUES

In 2015, community foundations awarded \$8.3 million to LGBTQ issues (or \$8.2 million after dollars awarded for re-granting are excluded). This is an increase from 2014, when community foundations awarded \$5.9 million, or \$5.8 million excluding re-granting. Community foundations accounted for five percent of all LGBTQ funding in 2015.

The top ten community foundations provided more than \$6 million in grants, or over 70 percent of the year's total.

Note: This section includes funding awarded by community foundations from their discretionary funds as well as from their donor-advised funds, which are often driven by recommendations from the donor who originally established the fund.

## TOP 10 FUNDERS

- 1 Community Foundation for Northeast Florida**  
\$1,017,600  
Jacksonville, FL
- 2 San Francisco Foundation**  
\$860,195  
San Francisco, CA
- 3 California Community Foundation**  
\$791,450  
Los Angeles, CA
- 4 The New York Community Trust**  
\$785,257  
New York, NY
- 5 Greater Kansas City Community Foundation**  
\$745,000  
Kansas City, MO
- 6 The Boston Foundation**  
\$552,038  
Boston, MA
- 7 Chicago Community Trust**  
\$498,100  
Chicago, IL
- 8 Miami Foundation**  
\$302,000  
Miami, FL
- 9 The Philadelphia Foundation**  
\$301,056  
Philadelphia, PA
- 10 Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan**  
\$271,723  
Detroit, MI

## TOP 10 GRANTEES

- 1 Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network (JASMYN)**  
\$745,500  
Jacksonville, FL
- 2 Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund**  
\$723,900  
New York, NY
- 3 Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation**  
\$561,975  
Washington, DC
- 4 The Boston Foundation**  
\$321,598  
Boston, MA
- 5 Equality California Institute**  
\$266,550  
Los Angeles, CA
- 6 Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice**  
\$245,500  
New York, NY
- 7 Lyon-Martin Health Services**  
\$220,588  
San Francisco, CA
- 8 AIDS Foundation of Chicago**  
\$174,707  
Chicago, IL
- 9 The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Community Center**  
\$154,250  
New York, NY
- 10 Howard Brown Health Center**  
\$151,000  
Chicago, IL

## ISSUES ADDRESSED BY COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

In 2015, community foundation funding for LGBTQ issues more closely reflected overall trends in LGBTQ grantmaking than it has in past years. Community foundations increased funding for civil and human rights by nearly \$1.8 million. In 2014, community foundations awarded more than 36 percent of their funding to support strengthening communities, families, and visibility.

### LGBTQ Funding by Community Foundations, by Issues Addressed

Issue	2015	% of Community Foundation Grantmaking	% of all LGBTQ Grantmaking
Civil and Human Rights	\$2,632,505	32%	46%
Health and Wellbeing	\$2,156,880	26%	24%
Strengthening Communities, Families, and Visibility	\$2,148,353	26%	16%
Education and Safe Schools	\$287,643	4%	5%
Economic Issues	\$432,985	5%	4%
Violence, Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia	\$81,500	1%	1%
Other Issues	\$465,039	6%	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,204,905</b>		

## GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS OF COMMUNITY FOUNDATIONS

Typically, community foundations collect resources from a community within a specific geographic region and then redistribute those resources to their defined community. Accordingly, 72 percent of community foundation funding for LGBTQ issues is directed to local, regional, or statewide organizations.

### LGBTQ Funding by Community Foundations, by Geographic Focus

Geographic Focus	2015 Community Foundation Grant Dollars	% of Community Foundation Grantmaking	All LGBTQ Foundation Grant Dollars	% of all LGBTQ Grantmaking
International/Outside the US	\$278,250	3%	\$31,582,348	20%
National	\$2,005,049	24%	\$61,689,255	38%
Regional	\$59,500	1%	\$5,013,334	3%
State	\$694,724	8%	\$18,377,767	12%
Local	\$5,167,382	63%	\$43,636,429	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,204,905</b>		<b>\$160,702,984</b>	

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### Community Foundations and Donor-Advised Funds

In 2015, donor-advised funds awarded nearly \$2.4 million (accounting for more than a quarter of the community foundation funding for LGBTQ issues), a significant increase from the \$1.5 million awarded in 2014.

# CORPORATE GRANTMAKING FOR LGBTQ ISSUES

In 2015, corporate foundation support for LGBTQ issues totaled \$16.5 million (or \$16.2 million after dollars awarded for re-granting are excluded). Corporate funding decreased for the first time since 2009.

NOTE: The Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy estimates that corporate foundation giving only accounts for 33 percent of all corporate giving, with direct cash accounting for 49 percent and in-kind giving accounting for 18 percent. Currently, our corporate data only includes corporate foundation grantmaking and employee matching gift programs run through corporate foundations. It does not include the generous support from corporations giving without an official foundation or philanthropic office or in-kind gifts.

## TOP 10 CORPORATE FUNDERS

- 1 M.A.C. AIDS Fund**  
\$5,651,411  
New York, NY
- 2 Levi Strauss Foundation**  
\$2,312,073  
San Francisco, CA
- 3 Gilead Sciences**  
\$2,131,728  
Foster City, CA
- 4 Wells Fargo**  
\$1,685,500  
San Francisco, CA
- 5 ViiV Healthcare**  
\$1,489,670  
Research Triangle Park, NC
- 6 Bank of America Charitable Foundation**  
\$582,016  
Charlotte, NC
- 7 Walmart Foundation**  
\$365,027  
Bentonville, AR
- 8 Rocking Moon Foundation**  
\$327,500  
Tenants Harbor, ME
- 9 Bristol-Myers Squibb Company**  
\$282,500  
New York, NY
- 10 Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Center for Prevention**  
\$250,000  
Saint Paul, MN
- 10 The Coca-Cola Foundation**  
\$250,000  
Atlanta, GA

## TOP 10 CORPORATE GRANTEES

- 1 San Francisco AIDS Foundation**  
\$907,737  
San Francisco, CA
- 2 Los Angeles LGBT Center**  
\$651,599  
Los Angeles, CA
- 3 SAGE**  
\$467,895  
New York, NY
- 4 GMHC**  
\$414,565  
New York, NY
- 5 Emory University**  
\$370,000  
Atlanta, GA
- 6 My Brother's Keeper**  
\$350,000  
Jackson, MS
- 7 Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation**  
\$333,698  
Washington, DC
- 8 Kaiser Family Foundation**  
\$325,000  
Washington, DC
- 9 Centro de Orientacion e Investigacion Integral**  
\$305,015  
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
- 10 National LGBTQ Task Force**  
\$255,050  
Washington, DC

## ISSUES ADDRESSED BY CORPORATE FUNDERS

Similar to years prior, in 2015 nearly 70 percent of corporate funding for LGBTQ issues was awarded to support LGBTQ health and wellbeing issues. Likewise, nearly 60 percent of corporate funding for LGBTQ issues was again awarded to HIV/AIDS.

### LGBTQ Funding by Corporate Funders, by Issues Addressed

Issue	2015	% of Community Foundation Grantmaking	% of all LGBTQ Grantmaking
Civil and Human Rights	\$1,713,146	11%	46%
Health and Wellbeing	\$10,971,258	68%	24%
Strengthening Communities, Families, and Visibility	\$1,615,422	10%	16%
Education and Safe Schools	\$84,823	1%	5%
Economic Issues	\$1,477,775	9%	4%
Violence, Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia	\$125	<1%	1%
Other Issues	\$384,270	2%	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,246,819</b>		

## GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS OF CORPORATE FUNDERS

More than 40 percent of corporate funder support for LGBTQ issues benefited local communities in the U.S. Nearly one-third targeted LGBTQ communities outside the U.S.

### LGBTQ Funding by Corporate Funders, by Geographic Focus

Geographic Focus	2015 Community Foundation Grant Dollars	% of Community Foundation Grantmaking	All LGBTQ Foundation Grant Dollars	% of all LGBTQ Grantmaking
International/Outside the US	\$5,234,287	32%	\$31,582,348	20%
National	\$3,740,118	23%	\$61,689,255	38%
Regional	\$35,000	<1%	\$5,013,334	3%
State	\$735,541	4%	\$18,377,767	12%
Local	\$6,511,873	40%	\$43,636,429	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$16,246,819</b>		<b>\$160,702,984</b>	

### RECOMMENDED RESOURCE

#### Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy

A great resource for a more detailed look at corporate philanthropy is "Giving in Numbers: 2016 Edition" by the Committee Encouraging Corporate Philanthropy. The report draws on data from more than 250 companies, including more than 65 of the largest 100 companies in the Fortune 500, and finds that corporations awarded more than \$24.5 billion in 2015. The report and more can be found at [www.cecp.co](http://www.cecp.co).

# PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTMAKING FOR LGBTQ ISSUES

In 2015, private foundations awarded \$78.9 million to LGBTQ issues (or \$71.7 million after dollars for re-granting are excluded). This represents a decrease of \$4.5 million from 2014. Non-LGBTQ private foundation giving decreased by roughly \$3.5 million, while LGBTQ private foundation giving decreased by approximately \$900,000.

As in previous years, private foundations represent the largest slice of LGBTQ funding, with their grantmaking accounting for 45 percent of all LGBTQ funding in 2015.

TOP 10 LGBTQ PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	TOP 10 NON-LGBTQ PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS	TOP 10 PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTEES
<p><b>1 Arcus Foundation</b> \$14,166,607 New York, NY</p> <p><b>2 Gill Foundation</b> \$9,660,070 Denver, CO</p> <p><b>3 H. van Ameringen Foundation</b> \$3,526,000 New York, NY</p> <p><b>4 Palette Fund</b> \$1,463,500 New York, NY</p> <p><b>5 Tawani Foundation</b> \$1,290,000 Chicago, IL</p> <p><b>6 Alphawood Foundation</b> \$1,125,000 Chicago, IL</p> <p><b>7 David Bohnett Foundation</b> \$1,054,243 Beverly Hills, CA</p> <p><b>8 Calamus Foundation</b> \$1,028,500 New York, NY</p> <p><b>9 Amy Mandel and Katina Rodis Fund</b> \$952,020 Asheville, NC</p> <p><b>10 B. W. Bastian Foundation</b> \$603,050 Orem, UT</p>	<p><b>1 Ford Foundation</b> \$10,220,014 New York, NY</p> <p><b>2 Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund</b> \$5,147,775 San Francisco, CA</p> <p><b>3 Open Society Foundations</b> \$4,951,780 New York, NY</p> <p><b>4 Foundation for a Just Society</b> \$2,755,000 New York, NY</p> <p><b>5 The California Endowment</b> \$2,752,720 Los Angeles, CA</p> <p><b>6 Johnson Family Foundation</b> \$1,126,365 New York, NY</p> <p><b>7 The Overbrook Foundation</b> \$1,076,000 New York, NY</p> <p><b>8 California Wellness Foundation</b> \$750,000 Woodland Hills, CA</p> <p><b>9 Marguerite Casey Foundation</b> \$594,150 Seattle, WA</p> <p><b>10 James Irvine Foundation</b> \$500,000 San Francisco, CA</p>	<p><b>1 National LGBTQ Task Force</b> \$1,941,395 Washington, DC</p> <p><b>2 National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)</b> \$1,301,250 San Francisco, CA</p> <p><b>3 American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)</b> \$1,266,000 New York, NY</p> <p><b>4 New Venture Fund</b> \$1,160,000 Washington, DC</p> <p><b>5 Gill Foundation - Movement Advancement Project (MAP)</b> \$1,105,000 Denver, CO</p> <p><b>6 SAGE</b> \$1,102,500 New York, NY</p> <p><b>7 San Diego LGBT Community Center</b> \$1,002,500 San Diego, CA</p> <p><b>8 Trustees of Columbia University in the City of New York</b> 971,000 New York, NY</p> <p><b>9 Freedom to Marry</b> \$953,000 New York, NY</p> <p><b>10 Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund</b> \$917,000 New York, NY</p>



## ISSUES ADDRESSED BY PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

As half of all LGBTQ funding comes from private foundations, the issues addressed by private foundations largely mirror the issues addressed by LGBTQ funding overall. Nearly half of all funding from private foundations supports civil and human rights.

### LGBTQ Funding by Private Foundations, by Issues Addressed

Issue	2015	% of Private Foundation Grantmaking	% of all LGBTQ Grantmaking
Civil and Human Rights	\$36,997,834	52%	46%
Health and Wellbeing	\$11,490,913	16%	24%
Strengthening Communities, Families, and Visibility	\$13,580,717	19%	16%
Education and Safe Schools	\$2,471,285	3%	5%
Economic Issues	\$2,465,550	3%	4%
Violence, Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia	\$1,231,400	2%	1%
Other Issues	\$3,526,060	5%	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,763,758</b>		

## GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS OF PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS

Private foundations awarded 45 percent of their grantmaking to national non-profit organizations in the U.S., a higher share than for all LGBTQ grantmaking. Outside of that difference, the distribution of funding by private foundations very closely matched that of all LGBTQ grantmaking.

### LGBTQ Funding by Private Foundations, by Geographic Focus

Geographic Focus	2015 Community Foundation Grant Dollars	% of Community Foundation Grantmaking	All LGBTQ Foundation Grant Dollars	% of all LGBTQ Grantmaking
International/Outside the US	\$11,732,104	16%	\$31,582,348	20%
National	\$32,074,321	45%	\$61,689,255	38%
Regional	\$2,890,895	4%	\$5,013,334	3%
State	\$8,080,527	11%	\$18,409,767	12%
Local	\$16,985,912	24%	\$43,937,454	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$71,763,758</b>		<b>\$160,702,984</b>	

# PUBLIC FUNDER GRANTMAKING FOR LGBTQ ISSUES

In 2015, public foundations awarded \$48.8 million to LGBTQ issues (or \$48.5 million after dollars awarded for re-granting are excluded). This represents a 16 percent increase in LGBTQ grantmaking, up from \$41.9 million in 2014.

Following a trend that began in 2014, non-LGBTQ funders continued to award a larger share of funds, though by a smaller margin. LGBTQ public funders awarded \$23.6 million, and non-LGBTQ public funders awarded \$25.1 million.

Much of LGBTQ grantmaking awarded by public foundations originally comes from private foundations and corporate funders. Nearly \$11 million was awarded to public funders in 2015 for the purposes of re-granting to LGBTQ communities.

TOP 10 LGBTQ PUBLIC FUNDERS	TOP 10 NON-LGBTQ PUBLIC FUNDERS	TOP 10 PUBLIC FUNDER GRANTEES*
<b>1 Pride Foundation</b> \$6,866,959 Seattle, WA	<b>1 Tides Foundation</b> \$5,205,044 San Francisco, CA	<b>1 Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund</b> \$1,604,765 New York, NY
<b>2 Elton John AIDS Foundation</b> \$5,062,500 New York, NY	<b>2 American Jewish World Service</b> \$4,334,699 New York, NY	<b>2 National LGBTQ Task Force</b> \$1,168,980 Washington, DC
<b>3 Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice</b> \$3,142,363 New York, NY	<b>3 amfAR, Foundation for AIDS Research</b> \$1,785,617 New York, NY	<b>3 Genders &amp; Sexualities Alliance Network</b> \$1,061,666 Oakland, CA
<b>4 Horizons Foundation</b> \$2,489,712 San Francisco, CA	<b>4 Proteus Fund - Civil Marriage Collaborative</b> \$1,660,000 Amherst, MA	<b>4 GLAAD</b> \$1,046,127 New York, NY
<b>5 Our Fund</b> \$1,276,588 Fort Lauderdale, FL	<b>5 AIDS United</b> \$1,459,141 Washington, DC	<b>5 amfAR, American Foundation for AIDS Research</b> \$1,044,524 New York, NY
<b>6 Black Tie Dinner</b> \$1,030,000 Dallas, TX	<b>6 Jewish Communal Fund of New York</b> \$1,280,077 New York, NY	<b>6 Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation</b> \$849,650 Washington, DC
<b>7 Point Foundation</b> \$767,013 San Francisco, CA	<b>7 Washington AIDS Partnership</b> \$1,025,274 Washington, DC	<b>7 Whitman-Walker Clinic</b> \$707,469 Washington, DC
<b>8 San Diego Human Dignity Foundation</b> \$707,418 San Diego, CA	<b>8 New York Women's Foundation</b> \$932,500 New York, NY	<b>8 OutRight Action International [formerly International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC)]</b> \$698,256 New York, NY
<b>9 Stonewall Community Foundation</b> \$413,260 New York, NY	<b>9 NEO Philanthropy</b> \$743,000 New York, NY	<b>9 Equality Pennsylvania Education Fund</b> \$650,000 Philadelphia, PA
<b>10 Greater Seattle Business Association</b> \$410,000 Seattle, WA	<b>10 Borealis Philanthropy</b> \$732,500 Minneapolis, MN	<b>10 Equality California Institute</b> \$616,000 Los Angeles, CA

\*Note: Anonymous grantees received a total of \$5,096,786 from public funders. If they were one grantee, they would appear in the top ten list in the top spot.

## ISSUES ADDRESSED BY PUBLIC FUNDERS

Roughly 45 percent of funding from public funds went to civil rights or human rights, matching the overall picture of LGBTQ funding.

### LGBTQ Funding by Private Foundations, by Issues Addressed

Issue	2015	% of Private Foundation Grantmaking	% of all LGBTQ Grantmaking
Civil and Human Rights	\$21,445,984	44%	46%
Health and Wellbeing	\$11,203,454	23%	24%
Strengthening Communities, Families, and Visibility	\$7,248,916	15%	16%
Education and Safe Schools	\$3,897,702	8%	5%
Economic Issues	\$1,223,222	3%	4%
Violence, Homophobia, Biphobia, and Transphobia	\$891,871	2%	1%
Other Issues	\$2,645,674	5%	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,556,823</b>		

## GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS OF PUBLIC FUNDERS

In 2015, the geographic focus of public funders looked remarkably similar to that of most other funders. Nearly a third focused on domestic work at the national level, while a slightly higher percentage was focused on the local level. Nearly a quarter of their support was directed outside the United States.

### LGBTQ Funding by Public Funders, by Geographic Focus

Geographic Focus	2015 Public Fund Dollars	% of Public Fund Grantmaking	All LGBTQ Foundation Grant Dollars	% of all LGBTQ Grantmaking
International/Outside the US	\$10,760,657	22%	\$31,582,348	20%
National	\$14,222,369	29%	\$61,356,230	38%
Regional	\$1,074,300	2%	\$5,013,334	3%
State	\$7,694,122	16%	\$18,409,767	13%
Local	\$14,805,374	30%	\$43,937,454	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,556,823</b>		<b>\$160,299,134</b>	

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### Public Funds and Donor-Advised Funds

Like community foundations, public funds often host donor-advised funds. In 2015, donor-advised funds housed at LGBTQ public funds awarded 700 grants totaling more than \$9.1 million, which represents a substantial increase from the \$6.6 million that was awarded in 2014. Donor-advised funds at non-LGBTQ public funds were responsible for 272 grants totaling \$8.3 million, nearly doubling the \$4.2 million they awarded in 2014. Collectively, donor-advised funds at public foundations accounted for more than 35 percent of the support for LGBTQ issues provided by public funds.

# APPENDIX: 2015 LIST OF LGBTQ GRANTMAKERS IN THE U.S.

FOUNDATION NAME	TOTAL GRANTS	DIRECT GRANT DOLLARS	REGRANTING DOLLARS	TOTAL DOLLARS
11th Hour Project	1	\$2,500		\$2,500
Abelard Foundation West	1	\$10,000		\$10,000
Ahmanson Foundation	3	\$52,500		\$52,500
AIDS Foundation of Chicago	9	\$207,169		\$207,169
AIDS Funding Collaborative	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
AIDS United	18	\$1,459,141		\$1,459,141
Akron Community Foundation	13	\$57,286		\$57,286
Alphawood Foundation	14	\$1,125,000		\$1,125,000
American Institute of Bisexuality	11	\$460,415		\$460,415
American Jewish World Service	95	\$4,334,699		\$4,334,699
amfAR, Foundation for AIDS Research	34	\$1,785,617		\$1,785,617
Andersen Foundation, Hugh J.	4	\$27,000		\$27,000
Anderson Prize Foundation	3	\$15,489		\$15,489
Andrus Family Foundation	1	\$2,500		\$2,500
Anne S. Richardson Fund	1	\$20,000		\$20,000
Annenberg Foundation	2	\$75,000		\$75,000
Anonymous Donors	117	\$15,830,979	\$6,090,000	\$21,920,979
Anschutz Foundation, The	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
Appalachian Community Fund	2	\$10,000		\$10,000
Arcus Foundation	187	\$12,103,010	\$2,063,597	\$14,166,607
ARIA Foundation	8	\$200,000		\$200,000
Arizona Community Foundation	2	\$10,500		\$10,500
Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy (AAPIP)	15	\$33,339		\$33,339
Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice	205	\$3,142,363		\$3,142,363
Atwater Kent Foundation	5	\$2,000		\$2,000
Austin Foundation, Sidley	1	\$50,000		\$50,000
Babson Charitable Foundation, Susan A. and Donald P.	10	\$41,150		\$41,150
Babson Foundation, Paul and Edith	6	\$36,500		\$36,500
Bader Philanthropies	1	\$28,000		\$28,000
Baker Brook Foundation: H. Leonard, K. Angell, W. Leonard, D. Leonard	2	\$750		\$750
Bank of America Charitable Foundation	157	\$582,016		\$582,016
Bastian Foundation, B. W.	39	\$603,050		\$603,050
Bernstein Memorial Foundation, Morey	5	\$7,500		\$7,500
Bigelow Foundation	1	\$30,000		\$30,000
Black Tie Dinner	16	\$1,030,000		\$1,030,000
Blowitz-Ridgeway Foundation	2	\$25,000		\$25,000
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida Foundation	2	\$10,500		\$10,500

FOUNDATION NAME	TOTAL GRANTS	DIRECT GRANT DOLLARS	REGRANTING DOLLARS	TOTAL DOLLARS
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota Center for Prevention	1	\$250,000		\$250,000
Blue Shield of California Foundation	2	\$30,500		\$30,500
Bohnett Foundation, David	84	\$1,053,743	\$500	\$1,054,243
Borealis Philanthropy	11	\$732,500		\$732,500
Borick Foundation, Louis L.	1	\$300,000		\$300,000
The Boston Foundation	54	\$552,038		\$552,038
Boston Scientific Foundation	1	\$18,240		\$18,240
Boston Women's Fund	1	\$16,500		\$16,500
Bread and Roses Community Fund	3	\$8,422		\$8,422
Bremer Foundation, Otto	3	\$215,000		\$215,000
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company	5	\$282,500		\$282,500
Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS	53	\$676,925		\$676,925
Brother Help Thyself	20	\$72,930		\$72,930
Brown Foundation, Arch and Bruce	35	\$84,700		\$84,700
Buck Foundation, Peter and Carmen Lucia	1	\$100,000		\$100,000
Bush Foundation	2	\$143,500		\$143,500
Cafritz Foundation, Morris and Gwendolyn	6	\$352,000		\$352,000
Calamus Foundation (Delaware)	19	\$165,000	\$50,000	\$215,000
Calamus Foundation (New York)	30	\$1,028,500		\$1,028,500
California Community Foundation	54	\$790,950	\$500	\$791,450
California Endowment, The	46	\$2,752,720		\$2,752,720
California Wellness Foundation	5	\$750,000		\$750,000
Calvin Klein Family Foundation	1	\$50,000		\$50,000
Campaign for Southern Equality	15	\$6,500		\$6,500
Campbell Foundation, The	3	\$15,000		\$15,000
Cape Cod Foundation, The	7	\$12,850		\$12,850
Capital Group Companies Charitable Foundation	38	\$34,238		\$34,238
Cardinal Health Foundation	3	\$9,175		\$9,175
CarMax Foundation, The	1	\$50		\$50
Casey Foundation, Annie E.	3	\$60,000		\$60,000
Chaiken Foundation, Donald and Carole	4	\$85,000		\$85,000
Chicago Community Trust	15	\$498,100		\$498,100
Chicago Foundation for Women	7	\$69,000		\$69,000
Cleveland Foundation, The	7	\$110,000		\$110,000
Coca-Cola Foundation, The	3	\$250,000		\$250,000
COIL Foundation	5	\$44,295		\$44,295
Collins Foundation, The	5	\$113,000		\$113,000
Communities Foundation of Texas	2	\$15,670		\$15,670

FOUNDATION NAME	TOTAL GRANTS	DIRECT GRANT DOLLARS	REGRANTING DOLLARS	TOTAL DOLLARS
Community Catalyst	7	\$253,000		\$253,000
Community Foundation for Greater Atlanta	2	\$63,200		\$63,200
Community Foundation for Northeast Florida	23	\$985,600	\$32,000	\$1,017,600
Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan	33	\$253,723	\$18,000	\$271,723
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona	15	\$52,500		\$52,500
Community Foundation for the National Capital Region	11	\$67,202		\$67,202
Community Foundation of Broward	28	\$202,042	\$32,000	\$234,042
Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro	4	\$88,584		\$88,584
Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee	4	\$22,000	\$17,000	\$39,000
Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County	17	\$96,750		\$96,750
Community Foundation Serving Boulder County	18	\$63,600		\$63,600
Con Alma Health Foundation	1	\$1,000		\$1,000
Cone Health Foundation	1	\$30,465		\$30,465
Consumer Health Foundation	1	\$25,000		\$25,000
Crawford Idema Family Foundation, The	1	\$27,500		\$27,500
Cream City Foundation	26	\$96,300		\$96,300
CREDO	1	\$62,462		\$62,462
Crossroads Fund	16	\$41,500		\$41,500
Cummings Foundation	1	\$100,000		\$100,000
Cummings Foundation, Nathan	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
Dallas Women's Foundation	3	\$13,000		\$13,000
Daniels Fund	1	\$35,000		\$35,000
David Schwartz Foundation	1	\$1,200		\$1,200
Day Foundation, Doris and Victor	1	\$1,500		\$1,500
DeCamp Foundation, Ira W.	1	\$30,000		\$30,000
Dechman Foundation, David A.	1	\$50,000		\$50,000
Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA)	12	\$155,000		\$155,000
Disability Rights Advocacy Fund	2	\$94,000		\$94,000
District of Columbia Bar Foundation	1	\$75,000		\$75,000
Dobkin Family Foundation	2	\$15,000		\$15,000
Douty Foundation, Alfred and Mary	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
Druckenmiller Foundation	1	\$75,000		\$75,000
Dwight Stuart Youth Fund	7	\$235,000		\$235,000
Dyson Foundation	3	\$41,000		\$41,000
Elizabeth Firth Wade Endowment Fund	1	\$10,000		\$10,000
Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation	18	\$362,910		\$362,910
Elton John AIDS Foundation	70	\$5,062,500		\$5,062,500
Equity Foundation	59	\$143,226		\$143,226

FOUNDATION NAME	TOTAL GRANTS	DIRECT GRANT DOLLARS	REGRANTING DOLLARS	TOTAL DOLLARS
Esmond Harmsworth 1997 Charitable Foundation	12	\$310,000		\$310,000
Evans Foundation, John D.	4	\$119,321		\$119,321
Fels Fund, Samuel S.	1	\$10,000		\$10,000
Field Foundation of Illinois	2	\$35,000		\$35,000
First Hospital Foundation	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
Ford Foundation	41	\$8,065,014	\$2,155,000	\$10,220,014
Foundation for a Just Society	7	\$2,755,000		\$2,755,000
Foundation for Louisiana	2	\$5,000		\$5,000
Foundation for the Carolinas (Charlotte Lesbian and Gay Fund)	23	\$130,500		\$130,500
Fox Family Foundation, Frieda C.	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
Frankel Family Foundation	1	\$3,000		\$3,000
Frankel Foundation, Julius N.	1	\$20,000		\$20,000
Freedom to Marry	4	\$261,500		\$261,500
Freeman Foundation	16	\$287,500		\$287,500
Fry Foundation, Lloyd A.	2	\$76,000		\$76,000
Fund For Global Human Rights	34	\$566,644		\$566,644
Fund for Santa Barbara	7	\$32,590		\$32,590
G.E. Foundation	43	\$50,052		\$50,052
Gamma Mu Foundation	6	\$36,500		\$36,500
Gay Asian Pacific Alliance (GAPA) Foundation	9	\$22,500		\$22,500
General Mills Foundation	3	\$30,000		\$30,000
Genius Charitable Trust, Elizabeth Morse	1	\$-	\$25,000	\$25,000
George Lucas Family Foundation	1	\$15,000		\$15,000
Gerbic Family Foundation, Edward and Verna	2	\$2,000		\$2,000
Gilead Sciences	55	\$2,106,728	\$25,000	\$2,131,728
Gill Foundation	96	\$8,460,070	\$1,200,000	\$9,660,070
Gilmore Foundation, Irving S.	1	\$35,000		\$35,000
Gilmour-Jirgens Fund	1	\$1,000		\$1,000
Glick Foundation Corporation, Eugene and Marilyn	1	\$1,000		\$1,000
Global Fund for Women	8	\$136,000		\$136,000
Goodwin Family Memorial Trust	2	\$40,000		\$40,000
Grainger Foundation, The	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
Grants for the Arts/San Francisco Hotel Tax Fund	21	\$576,800		\$576,800
Greater Cincinnati Foundation, The	1	\$76,210		\$76,210
Greater Kansas City Community Foundation	6	\$745,000		\$745,000
Greater Milwaukee Foundation	8	\$50,111		\$50,111
Greater Seattle Business Association	1	\$410,000		\$410,000
Greater Twin Cities United Way	7	\$303,000		\$303,000



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Greater Worcester Community Foundation	1	\$18,000		\$18,000
Groundswell Fund	5	\$250,000		\$250,000
Guilford Green Foundation	6	\$25,505		\$25,505
Haas Fund, Walter and Elise	9	\$349,395		\$349,395
Haas Jr. Fund, Evelyn and Walter	45	\$4,047,775	\$1,100,000	\$5,147,775
Hagedorn Fund	2	\$40,000		\$40,000
Hartford Foundation for Public Giving	2	\$40,541		\$40,541
Haring Foundation, Keith	6	\$164,000		\$164,000
Harris Foundation, Irving	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
Harter Charitable Trust, John Burton	3	\$107,000		\$107,000
Hartford Foundation, John A.	1	\$10,000		\$10,000
Harvard Pilgrim Health Care Foundation	1	\$250		\$250
Hayden Foundation, Charles	1	\$75,000		\$75,000
Hazen Foundation, Edward W.	2	\$40,000		\$40,000
Headwaters Fund for Justice	2	\$20,000		\$20,000
Health Foundation of Greater Indianapolis	5	\$432,750		\$432,750
Healthcare Foundation of New Jersey	1	\$65,000		\$65,000
Hermes Foundation	2	\$11,000		\$11,000
Hewlett Foundation, William and Flora	4	\$485,000		\$485,000
Higgins Foundation, Colin	10	\$89,000		\$89,000
Hill-Snowdon Foundation	2	\$280,000		\$280,000
Hollyfield Foundation	12	\$44,250		\$44,250
Horizons Foundation	287	\$2,448,712	\$41,000	\$2,489,712
Hostetter, Mark D. and Habib, Alexander N. Foundation	2	\$222,500		\$222,500
Houston Endowment	1	\$75,000		\$75,000
Huang Foundation, C. J.	1	\$15,000		\$15,000
Human Rights Campaign	13	\$339,917		\$339,917
Hunt Foundation, Roy A.	1	\$10,000		\$10,000
Intuit Foundation	11	\$29,118		\$29,118
Ireland Funds, The	2	\$12,491		\$12,491
Irvine Foundation, James	1	\$500,000		\$500,000
Jewish Communal Fund of New York	11	\$1,280,077		\$1,280,077
Jewish Community Federation of San Francisco, The Peninsula, Marin and Sonoma	18	\$168,255		\$168,255
Johnson Family Foundation	36	\$1,126,365		\$1,126,365
Just Fund Kentucky	16	\$43,000		\$43,000
Kaiser Permanente	7	\$187,500		\$187,500
Kalamazoo Community Foundation	2	\$90,300		\$90,300

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Keith Foundation Trust, Ben E.	1	\$15,500		\$15,500
Kellett Foundation, John Steven	6	\$13,100		\$13,100
Kellogg Foundation, W.K.	1	\$100,000		\$100,000
Kish Foundation, John C.	11	\$226,000		\$226,000
Klein Foundation, Ruth and Seymour	1	\$1,000		\$1,000
Knight Foundation, John S. and James L.	1	\$11,247		\$11,247
Koffman, Betsy and Bates, Lorraine Family Fund	1	\$25,000		\$25,000
Komen Foundation, Susan G	14	\$518,123		\$518,123
Kroger Co. Foundation	2	\$15,000		\$15,000
Larsen Foundation, John	2	\$25,500		\$25,500
Laughing Gull Foundation	22	\$246,462	\$50,000	\$296,462
LEAGUE Foundation	7	\$16,000		\$16,000
Leeway Foundation	13	\$70,000		\$70,000
Left Tilt Fund	4	\$35,000		\$35,000
Levi Strauss Foundation	38	\$2,187,073	\$125,000	\$2,312,073
Liberty Hill Foundation	71	\$531,820	\$25,000	\$556,820
Loeb Family Foundation	1	\$2,000		\$2,000
Logan Foundation, Reva and David	2	\$340,000		\$340,000
Long Foundation, John F.	1	\$2,000		\$2,000
LTR Lewis Cloverdale Foundation	2	\$21,500		\$21,500
M.A.C. AIDS Fund	73	\$5,501,411	\$150,000	\$5,651,411
MacArthur Foundation, John D and Catherine T.	1	\$250,000		\$250,000
Maine Community Foundation	3	\$22,500		\$22,500
Mandel, Amy and Rodis, Katina Fund	33	\$805,020	\$147,000	\$952,020
Marc & Friends Charitable Trust	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
Marcus Foundation, Grace R. and Alan D.	4	\$7,000		\$7,000
Mardag Foundation	1	\$10,000		\$10,000
Marguerite Casey Foundation	9	\$594,150		\$594,150
McCormick Foundation, Robert R.	2	\$27,500		\$27,500
McKenzie River Gathering	4	\$81,000		\$81,000
McKesson Foundation	3	\$1,930		\$1,930
Melnick Foundation, Julius and Evelyn	1	\$500		\$500
Merck Company Foundation	1	\$122,000		\$122,000
MetLife Foundation	8	\$144,765		\$144,765
Meyer Foundation, Eugene and Agnes E.	1	\$25,000		\$25,000
Meyer Memorial Trust	5	\$282,970		\$282,970
Miami Foundation	26	\$302,000		\$302,000
Miller Foundation, Herman and Frieda L.	3	\$90,000		\$90,000

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Miner Foundation, The	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
Minneapolis Foundation	51	\$158,206	\$13,522	\$171,728
Moonwalk Fund, Silva Watson	10	\$205,000		\$205,000
Moore Family Foundation	1	\$25,000		\$25,000
Moores Foundation, Harry C.	1	\$10,000		\$10,000
Moriah Fund	4	\$161,000		\$161,000
Morrison & Foerster Foundation	9	\$78,117		\$78,117
Ms. Foundation for Women	2	\$35,000		\$35,000
MTV Staying Alive Foundation	6	\$74,585		\$74,585
Mukti Fund	7	\$427,000		\$427,000
National Endowment for Democracy	1	\$35,167		\$35,167
NEO Philanthropy	10	\$743,000		\$743,000
New Hampshire Charitable Foundation	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
New Venture Fund	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
New York Community Trust, The	12	\$785,257		\$785,257
New York Foundation	2	\$42,000		\$42,000
New York Life Foundation	1	\$3,500		\$3,500
New York Women's Foundation	17	\$932,500		\$932,500
Newpol Foundation	5	\$48,500		\$48,500
Norman Family Charitable Foundation Trust, The	1	\$3,000		\$3,000
North Star Fund	25	\$164,200	\$10,000	\$174,200
NoVo Foundation	2	\$200,000		\$200,000
Open Meadows Foundation	1	\$1,000		\$1,000
Open Society Foundations	56	\$4,951,780		\$4,951,780
Oregon Community Foundation	18	\$108,909		\$108,909
Our Fund	235	\$1,172,303	\$104,285	\$1,276,588
Overbrook Foundation, The	14	\$801,000	\$275,000	\$1,076,000
Packard Foundation, David and Lucile	2	\$135,000		\$135,000
Palette Fund	31	\$1,388,500	\$75,000	\$1,463,500
Paso del Norte Health Foundation	1	\$132,500		\$132,500
Pfund Foundation	33	\$155,190		\$155,190
Philadelphia Foundation	27	\$262,905	\$38,151	\$301,056
Picotte Family Foundation, John D.	1	\$500		\$500
Pierce Family Charitable Foundation, The	7	\$39,350		\$39,350
Pierce Family Foundation, Leo and Peggy	1	\$5,000		\$5,000
PNC Foundation	1	\$2,500		\$2,500
Point Foundation	1	\$767,013		\$767,013
Polk Bros. Foundation	6	\$223,500		\$223,500

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Pride Foundation	298	\$6,866,959		\$6,866,959
Proteus Fund - Civil Marriage Collaborative	18	\$1,660,000		\$1,660,000
Rauch Family Foundation	1	\$2,000		\$2,000
Richmond Memorial Health Foundation	1	\$100,000		\$100,000
Roaring Fork Gay and Lesbian Community Fund	1	\$7,500		\$7,500
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	2	\$214,472		\$214,472
Robins, Kaplan, Miller and Ciresi, L.L.P. Foundation	7	\$35,500		\$35,500
Roblee Foundation, Joseph H. and Florence A.	1	\$15,000		\$15,000
Rochester Area Community Foundation	15	\$29,840		\$29,840
Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors	1	\$500		\$500
Rocking Moon Foundation	6	\$327,500		\$327,500
Rose Community Foundation	5	\$41,400		\$41,400
Rosen Foundation, Joseph	1	\$250		\$250
Rosenberg Foundation	1	\$750		\$750
Rubin Foundation, Shelley and Donald	2	\$20,000		\$20,000
S. & H. Family Foundation	1	\$100		\$100
Saint Paul Foundation	12	\$34,175		\$34,175
San Diego Foundation	2	\$27,968		\$27,968
San Diego Human Dignity Foundation	41	\$707,418		\$707,418
San Francisco AIDS Foundation	1	\$1,000		\$1,000
San Francisco Arts Commission	23	\$442,223		\$442,223
San Francisco Foundation	15	\$860,195		\$860,195
Sandy River Charitable Foundation	1	\$25,000		\$25,000
Santa Fe Community Foundation	3	\$23,500		\$23,500
Schoeler Foundation, Kevin G.	1	\$1,500		\$1,500
Schott Foundation for Public Education	2	\$75,000		\$75,000
Schusterman Family Foundation, Charles and Lynn	2	\$325,000		\$325,000
Seattle Foundation, The	3	\$2,416		\$2,416
Silicon Valley Community Foundation	19	\$176,244		\$176,244
Simmons Foundation, The	5	\$225,000		\$225,000
Siragusa Foundation	3	\$12,700		\$12,700
Skolnick Family Charitable Trust, The	1	\$2,500		\$2,500
Small Change Foundation	23	\$484,000	\$5,000	\$489,000
Snowdon Foundation, Ted	14	\$416,000		\$416,000
Social Justice Fund Northwest	10	\$148,606		\$148,606
Spearman Foundation, Grace Helen	2	\$57,000		\$57,000
Stonewall Community Foundation	119	\$413,260		\$413,260
Storr Family Foundation, The	1	\$5,000		\$5,000

FOUNDATION NAME	TOTAL GRANTS	DIRECT GRANT DOLLARS	REGRANTING DOLLARS	TOTAL DOLLARS
Surdna Foundation	4	\$379,000		\$379,000
Tawani Foundation	17	\$1,290,000		\$1,290,000
The Burton D. Morgan Foundation	1	\$100		\$100
The Overbrook Foundation	1	\$60,000		\$60,000
Third Wave Fund	11	\$49,500		\$49,500
Tides Foundation	165	\$5,080,744	\$124,300	\$5,205,044
Trans Justice Funding Project	85	\$190,000	\$2,500	\$192,500
Tuttle Fund, Isaac	1	\$40,000		\$40,000
UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women	1	\$99,700		\$99,700
Unitarian Universalist Funding Program	4	\$43,000		\$43,000
United Way of Central Ohio	1	\$151,000		\$151,000
Urgent Action Fund	29	\$140,133		\$140,133
Valentine Perry Snyder Fund	1	\$50,000		\$50,000
Valeo Charitable Foundation, James G. and Marcia H.	1	\$500		\$500
van Ameringen Foundation, H	60	\$3,476,000	\$50,000	\$3,526,000
Vermont Community Foundation	27	\$110,356		\$110,356
ViiV Healthcare	30	\$1,489,670		\$1,489,670
Wallis Foundation	2	\$55,000		\$55,000
Walmart Foundation	7	\$365,027		\$365,027
Washington AIDS Partnership	10	\$1,025,274		\$1,025,274
Weinberg Foundation, Harry and Jeanette	1	\$300,000		\$300,000
Weingart Foundation	1	\$250,000		\$250,000
Wells Fargo	78	\$1,685,500		\$1,685,500
Wild Geese Foundation	19	\$240,800		\$240,800
William A. Kerr Foundation	6	\$72,500		\$72,500
William Maude Pritchard Charitable Trust	1	\$75,000		\$75,000
Williams Sonoma Foundation	3	\$2,877		\$2,877
Wohlford Foundation, Mary	2	\$15,000		\$15,000
Women's Foundation of California, The	16	\$139,750		\$139,750
Women's Foundation of Minnesota	1	\$15,000		\$15,000
Zarrow Family Foundations	2	\$6,500		\$6,500
Zelnick/Belzberg Charitable Trust	1	\$500		\$500
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5,267</b>	<b>\$160,702,985</b>	<b>\$14,044,355</b>	<b>\$174,747,339</b>

# METHODOLOGY & ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

## METHODOLOGY

We surveyed the 2015 grantmaking activity of nearly 1,000 philanthropic entities in search of LGBTQ funding. All types of foundations were surveyed—private, public, community and corporate—as well as nonprofit organizations with grantmaking programs. Information was obtained predominantly through self-reporting by grantmakers, as well as through a review of 990s and annual reports. This report includes all information received as of March 1, 2017.

Our overarching research goal was to ensure that the data we collected focused specifically on LGBTQ issues and organizations. Therefore, the data set does not include grants to organizations or projects that are generally inclusive of LGBTQ people unless they explicitly address an LGBTQ issue or population. For example, a women’s organization awarded a grant to develop a sex education curriculum for girls, open and welcoming to all girls, including LGBTQ girls, would not have been included in the data. If that same organization was funded to provide sex education specifically to LGBTQ girls, it would have been included.

We have included all re-granting dollars in charts that rank individual grantmakers and in the appendix to accurately show the overall level of LGBTQ funding provided by each grantmaker, regardless of whether those dollars are provided in the form of direct grants or through an intermediary that then re-grants those dollars to other organizations and individuals. As a result, the charts that rank grantmakers and the appendix “double-count” re-granting when aggregated. However, for all other tabulations and charts, we have not included dollars awarded for the purpose of re-granting, so as to avoid double counting.

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