The need

90% of trans people report having been harassed or discriminated against at work

1 in 5 trans people have experienced homelessness

49X Transgender women are 49 times more likely to acquire HIV than the general population

41% of transgender people have reported attempting suicide compared to 1.6 percent of the general population

The funding

0.015%

In the last decade, foundation funding for trans issues increased more than eightfold – growing to a record high of $8.3 million in 2013. However, trans communities only received 0.015 percent of all foundation funding, or a penny for every $100 foundations awarded.

The top five funders of trans issues currently provide more than 55 percent of all trans funding.

1. Open Society Foundations, New York, NY
   $3,190,078

2. Arcus Foundation, New York, NY
   $2,896,975

3. Anonymous, Various Locations
   $2,395,000

4. Tawani Foundation, Chicago, IL
   $1,350,000

5. Tides Foundation, San Francisco, CA
   $885,800

Domestically, civil rights was the most funded issue, with health and well-being coming in second. Domestically, advocacy was the most funded strategy, with research coming in second.

Recommendations

1) Support a diverse ecology of transgender organizations.
2) Build the capacity of grassroots transgender groups working at the local level.
3) Provide support for increasing transgender cultural competence of mainstream service providers and systems.
4) Nurture transgender participation in philanthropy at all levels.
5) Support efforts to improve data collection on gender identity.