# Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender <br> Grantmaking by U.S. Foundations 

## A report by Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues



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## introduction

This report provides information on the status of LGBT-related giving by U.S. foundations in calendar year 2003. Contained within its pages is information about the richness of the LGBT community's non-profit infrastructure and the range of issues, populations and strategies being addressed and funded.

The giving tracked in 2003 speaks volumes about the commitment of grantmakers to support LGBT youth and to create safe and affirming school environments; to empower organizations working to counter the attacks on LGBT civil and human rights through litigation, public education, advocacy and community organizing; and to help the LGBT community protect, care for, affirm and celebrate our lives and relationships.

The information in this report also reveals some of the field's vulnerabilities and challenges: it illustrates a dependence on a handful of foundations and a continued lack of growth in the overall share of the giving pie allocated to LGBT issues.

- The total dollars granted to LGBT issues in 2003 was, once again, $0.1 \%$, the same percentage of total giving by foundations reported by the Foundation Center in 1989 (the first year they tracked LGBT giving).
- Additionally, the top 10 foundations, by dollars granted, accounted for $46 \%$ of all giving to the field. While this is a decrease of $12 \%$ from the total provided by the top 10 funders in 2002, it still accounts for a disproportionately high percentage of the dollars granted. It should certainly alert us to the potential for far-reaching effects on grantees should any of these funders curtail or shift their funding priorities.

This report is set within a challenging economic climate. Giving in 2003 was in its second year of decline, with the Foundation Center reporting a drop of $0.4 \%$ in total giving from 2002 levels ( $\$ 30.4$ billion in 2002 to $\$ 30.3$ billion in 2003). The decline in giving to LGBT issues was even more severe with a drop of $4.0 \%$, from $\$ 30$ million in 2002 to $\$ 28.7$ million in 2003.

Earlier this year (January 2005), Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues published the first-ever report tracking LGBT giving by U.S. foundations establishing calendar year 2002 as a benchmark. Although it is not possible to identify trends based on two years of data, there are some significant differences to be noted between the two years:

- The 2003 data includes 1,657 grants made by 154 grantmakers; 2002 included 1,570 grants made by 139 grantmakers. In spite of the increase in the number of grantmakers and the number of grants made, there was still a $4 \%$ decrease in the total dollars granted.
- In 2002, project-specific support accounted for $57 \%$ of the dollars granted and general support accounted for $35 \%$; in 2003, the amount allocated to project support declined by more than ten percentage points (to $47 \%$ ) and the share going to general support increased by eleven percentage points (to $46 \%$ ).
- In 2002, local organizations received $42 \%$ of all grant dollars; in 2003, they received $36 \%$ of all grant dollars, a six percentage point decrease. In 2002, national organizations received $39 \%$ of the dollars granted; in 2003, they received $46 \%$, an increase of seven percentage points.
- In 2002, independent foundations accounted for $69 \%$ of all dollars granted; in 2003 they accounted for $61 \%$ of the total. The share of the dollars granted by public foundations grew by ten percentage points, from $8 \%$ of the total granted to $18 \%$ of the total granted.

Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues is publishing these reports as a tool for grantmakers concerned about developing, refining and assessing their support of LGBT issues and organizations, and as a resource for philanthropic and community activists working to advocate for an increase in, or more strategic allocation of, support for LGBT issues, organizations and programs.

Finally, we offer these reports with a deep sense of gratitude and respect for the commitment, creativity, generosity and determination of those grantmakers that have stepped forward with their support, and to the hundreds of organizations and thousands of individuals working for the civil, human and cultural rights of LGBT people world-wide.

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## 2003 Report Highlights

1. In calendar year 2003, 154 U.S. grantmakers made 1,657 grants and spent $\$ 28.7$ million dollars in support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues and organizations.
2. Independent foundations provided the majority of the funding to the field.
3. The combined funding of the top ten foundations, by dollars granted, accounted for $46 \%$ of the total funding, a twelve percentage point decrease in the total share reported in 2002.
4. The top ten foundations, by number of grants made, accounted for $46 \%$ of the total grants made.
5. Of the fifty largest U.S. foundations by asset size, eight made LGBT-related grants.
6. Almost one-third of all grant dollars went to ten organizations.
7. Organizations doing national work received the largest share of grantmakers' support.
8. General support and project support was almost evenly divided.
9. Children and Youth were the population sub-group receiving the greatest amount of support from grantmakers.
10. Grantmakers supported a wide range of strategies employed by nonprofit organizations in accomplishing their work.
11. Civil Rights and Human Rights, including Marriage/Civil Unions, were the issue areas receiving the largest percentage of funding to the field.

## at a glance

## Shifts in Funding From 2002 to 2003

Two years of data does not provide enough information to determine or predict funding trends. Nonetheless, the data reveals shifts that are worth noting as we look for trends in future years.

- The 2003 data includes information on 1,657 grants made by 154 grantmakers; 2002 included 1,570 grants made by 139 grantmakers. In spite of the increase in the number of grantmakers and the number of grants made, there was still a $4 \%$ decrease in the total dollars granted.
- In 2002, local organizations received $42 \%$ of all grant dollars; in 2003 they received $36 \%$ of all grant dollars, a six percentage point decrease.
- In 2002, national organizations received 39\% of the dollars granted; in 2003, they received $46 \%$, an increase of seven percentage points.
- In 2002, project-specific support accounted for $57 \%$ of the dollars granted and general support accounted for $35 \%$; in 2003, the amount allocated to project support declined by more than ten percentage points and the share going to general support increased by eleven percentage points.
- In 2002, independent foundations accounted for $69 \%$ of all dollars granted; in 2003, they accounted for $61 \%$ of the total.
- The share of the dollars granted by public foundations grew by ten percentage points, from $8 \%$ of the total dollars granted in 2002 to $18 \%$ of the total granted in 2003.
- In 2002, independent foundations established by lesbians and gay men accounted for $42 \%$ of the total dollars granted by independent foundations; in 2003, they accounted for $38.6 \%$ of the total dollars granted by independent foundations.

1. In calendar year 2003, 154 U.S. institutional grantmakers spent just under $\$ 28.7$ million dollars in support of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender issues and organizations.

- A total of 239 grantmakers were reviewed by us for this report; 85 of those grantmakers reported doing no LGBT funding in 2003.
- The 154 grantmakers reporting support for LGBT specific organizations and issues included 68 independent (non-corporate) foundations, 31 community foundations, 41 public foundations, 11 corporate giving programs/corporate foundations, 2 nonprofit organizations and 1 "other."'
- These 154 grantmakers made 1,657 grants totaling $\$ 28,690,715$.
- The average grant amount was $\$ 17,315$; the median grant amount was $\$ 10,000$. The fact that the average is higher than the median reflects the upward pull of the largest grants.
- A total of 62 grants were made equal to or exceeding $\$ 100,000$. There were two grants of $\$ 500,000$. In 2002 , there were five grants above $\$ 500,000$ - including one grant of $\$ 1,000,000$.
- There were additional grants totaling $\$ 1,100,000$ (California Endowment: $\$ 300,000$; Anonymous: $\$ 810,000$ ) for regranting by public foundations.
- Twenty-eight (28) of the grantmakers reporting LGBT grants in 2003 were new to our list this year (i.e. not reviewed in 2002); 7 grantmakers reporting 2003 LGBT grants made no LGBT grants in 2002 (but were reviewed in 2002); 18 of the grantmakers reporting LGBT grants in 2002 reported no LGBT grants in 2003.
- The total dollars granted accounts for just under $0.1 \%$ (one-tenth of one percent) of the $\$ 30.3$ billion in grants tracked by the Foundation Center for the same time period.


## 2. Independent foundations provide the majority of the funding to the field.

- Independent foundations gave $61 \%$ of all dollars awarded to the field, a decrease of seven percentage points from the total awarded in 2002. The average grant amount $(\$ 31,622)$ was more than three times larger than the average grants from any of the other foundation types. The median grant was $\$ 15,000$.
- Public foundations increased their share of both the number of grants funded (from $28 \%$ to $48 \%$ ) and the total dollars granted (from $8 \%$ to $18 \%$ ). The average grant was $\$ 6,613$; the median grant was $\$ 3,000$.

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- Of the $\$ 5,244,268$ granted by public foundations, LGBT foundations accounted for $55 \%$ of all public foundation dollars granted, progressive foundations accounted for $29 \%$ and women's and religious foundations accounted for $8 \%$ each.
- Donor-advised grants accounted for $50 \%$ of the combined funding reported by public and community foundations. Overall, donor-advised grants represented $24 \%$ of the total number of grants made and $9 \%$ of the total dollars funded.
- Thirty-one (31) community foundations gave a total of $\$ 2,098,241$, accounting for $7 \%$ of the total dollars granted and $13 \%$ of the grants.
- Twenty-five (25) of the 31 community foundations reporting grants were National Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership sites. ${ }^{2}$ The average grant was $\$ 9,669$; the median grant was $\$ 3,000$.



2. The National Lesbian and Gay Community Funding Partnership, a project of Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues, promotes and supports the development of LGBT funds within community foundations.

- Independent foundations established by lesbians and gay men accounted for $23.6 \%$ of the total grants made and $38.6 \%$ of the total dollars granted by independent foundations. ${ }^{3}$


## 3. The combined funding of the top ten foundations accounted for $46 \%$ of all dollars granted, a twelve percentage point decrease in the total share reported in 2002.

- The top ten foundations combined awarded 490 grants totaling $\$ 13,121,212-46 \%$ of all dollars and $30 \%$ of the grants going to the field. The average grant from this group was $\$ 26,777$. The median grant was $\$ 10,000$.
- The remaining 144 grantmakers awarded 1,167 grants totaling $\$ 15,569,503$. The average grant was $\$ 13,341$. The median grant was $\$ 5,000$.
- Eighty-three (83) of the 154 grantmakers gave less than $\$ 50,000$ in grants ( $54 \%$ of our sample); 50 grantmakers gave less than $\$ 25,000$.
- The top four foundations combined awarded 199 grants totaling $\$ 8,971,439-30 \%$ of all grant dollars. These four were the only grantmakers giving more than $\$ 1$ million for LGBT issues.
- Seven of the ten foundations on this list are independent. Three are public foundations.
- The largest funder of LGBT issues was the Gill Foundation with 125 grants totaling $\$ 2,648,863,9 \%$ of all dollars granted in 2003.
- Three of the top ten are independent foundations started by gay white men: Gill Foundation, Arcus Foundation and the H. van Ameringen Foundation.

TEN LARGEST FUNDERS OF LGBT ISSUES \& ORGANIZATIONS BY DOLLARS GRANTED

| Foundation | Total \$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| Gill Foundation | $2,648,863$ |
| California Endowment | $2,241,576$ |
| Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund | $2,086,000$ |
| Ford Foundation | $1,995,000$ |
| Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice | 977,504 |
| H. van Ameringen Foundation | 708,000 |
| Stonewall Community Foundation | 680,286 |
| Funding Exchange | 669,983 |
| Mertz-Gilmore Foundation | 585,000 |
| Arcus Foundation | 529,000 |

3. These figures are based on limited available information from "out" donors and does not necessarily reflect the full scope of funding by LGBT people through their foundations.

## 4. The top ten foundations, by number of grants

 made, accounted for $46 \%$ of all the grants made.- The top ten foundations, by numbers of grants made, gave 756 grants totaling $\$ 6,839,886,46 \%$ of the grants made and $24 \%$ of the dollars. The average grant was $\$ 9,047$. The median grant was $\$ 5,000$
- Four foundations on this list are also on the list of the ten largest foundations by dollars granted.
- Seven of the ten foundations are public foundations; five of the seven are public LGBT foundations.
- The three independent foundations in this group were all founded by gay white men.

|  <br> ORGANIZATIONS BY NUMBER OF GRANTS |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Foundations |  |
| \# |  |
| Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice | 134 |
| Gill Foundation | 125 |
| Pride Foundation | 117 |
| Equity Foundation | 87 |
| Funding Exchange | 71 |
| Horizons Foundation | 64 |
| Stonewall Community Foundation | 45 |
| David Bohnett Foundation | 39 |
| The Paul Rapoport Foundation | 38 |
| Global Fund for Women |  |

## 5. Of the fifty largest U.S. foundations by asset size, eight made LGBT grants.

- The combined LGBT giving of the fifty largest U.S. foundations by asset size was $17.6 \%$ of the total given to the field, 7.4 percentage points less than reported in 2002.
- The combined giving of the top two foundations in our database from that list (California Endowment and Ford) accounted for $15 \%$ of all giving to the field, a decrease of six percentage points from the previous year.
- Three of the eight foundations awarded one grant.


## 6. Almost one-third of all dollars granted went to ten

 organizations.- The top ten organizations, by dollars granted, received $\$ 9,368,358-32.6 \%$ of the total.

TOP TEN ORGANIZATIONS BY DOLLARS GRANTED

| Organizations | Total \$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| National Gay \& Lesbian Task Force | I,672,450 |
| Lambda Legal Defense \& Education Fund | I,335,866 |
| Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network | $1,227,765$ |
| Funders for Lesbian and Gay Issues | $1,025,750$ |
| Gay \& Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation | 923,077 |
| National Center for Lesbian Rights | 739,350 |
| American Civil Liberties Union/LGBT Rights Project | 659,750 |
| Horizons Foundation | 645,500 |
| Freedom to Marry | 607,250 |
| International Gay \& Lesbian Human Rights Commission | 531,600 |

## 7. Organizations doing national work received the largest share of foundation support.

- Local LGBT organizations received $36.3 \%$ of all grant dollars, a decrease of almost six percentage points from 2002 funding. National organizations received $46.3 \%$, an increase from 2002 of more than seven percentage points of all dollars granted.


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AVERAGE / MEDIAN GRANT SIZE BY GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

| Local Organizations | $=\$ 11,900 / \$ 5,000$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| Statewide Organizations | $=\$ 15,000 / \$ \$ 7,500$ |
| Multi-State Organizations | $=\$ 18,000 / \$ 10,000$ |
| National Organizations | $=\$ 27,000 / \$ 10,000$ |
| International Organizations | $=\$ 23,500 / \$ 7,000$ |

- Forty-four percent (44\%) of the dollars awarded for international work went to U.S.-based groups.
- Eighty-three percent ( $83 \%$ ) of the grants and $89 \%$ of grant dollars for national work went to organizations based in three states: New York (36.5\%), the District of Columbia (25\%) and California (19.5\%).
- Four states (CA, NY, OR, WA) accounted for $62 \%$ of all local grants and $32 \%$ of all grants made. Local groups in California and New York accounted for $69 \%$ of all the local dollars and $25 \%$ of the total dollars granted.
- Eight states received no funding at all - Alabama, Delaware, Hawaii, Kansas, Maryland, Mississippi, North Dakota and South Dakota.


## 8. General support and project support were almost evenly divided.

- General operating support made up $52 \%$ of all grants made and $46 \%$ of all dollars awarded.



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ALL "OTHER" TYPES OF SUPPORT BY DOLLARS GRANTED


## 9. Children and Youth were the population sub-group receiving the greatest amount of support from grantmakers. ${ }^{\text {s }}$

- Over fifty-eight percent (58.6\%) of all grant dollars awarded sought to serve or affect LGBT people generally rather than any specific demographic subgroup.
- Youth-serving organizations or programs received $23.1 \%$ of all grant dollars and 24.3\% of all grants made.
- Of the grants targeting specific gender/sexual orientation populations, lesbians received the largest share ( $7 \%$ of dollars/ 174 grants). Fifty percent of those grants came from lesbian and women's foundations.
- People of color communities and organizations received 3.1\% of the total dollars granted.
- The primary constituencies identified in the "Other Named Group" category were religious groups and clergy, funders, and other professionals including social workers, teachers and journalists.

4. There was an additional $\$ 1,100,000$ awarded for regranting to other foundations that is not included in these numbers. The money is reflected in the grants lists of the foundations that did the regranting.
5. In order to be included in the database, a grant had to target LGBT specific issues, organizations or people. Therefore, when coding grants by population, non-LGBT defining characteristics were always given preference.

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FUNDING BY STRATEGY

| Strategy Grants | \$ Value | \% of Total of Grants | \# of Dollars Granted |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Multi-Strategy ${ }^{8}$ | 4,377,223 | 15.2 | 186 |
| Direct Services | 4,289,910 | 14.7 | 352 |
| Community Organizing | 3,830,498 | 13.3 | 161 |
| Advocacy | 2,657,749 | 9.3 | 131 |
| Philanthropy | 2,574,406 | 9.0 | 60 |
| Litigation | 2,121,381 | 7.4 | 86 |
| Organizational Capacity Building | 2,112,438 | 7.3 | 73 |
| Research | 1,011,146 | 3.5 | 37 |
| Culture | 881,693 | 3.0 | 143 |
| Public Education | 870,924 | 3.0 | 46 |
| Conferences \& Seminars | 568,535 | 2.0 | 38 |
| Leadership Development | 557,304 | 1.9 | 74 |
| Film/Video/Radio Production | 534,650 | 1.8 | 36 |
| Training/Technical Assistance | 429,559 | 1.5 | 25 |
| Electronic Media/Online Services | 224,447 | 0.8 | 9 |
| Fundraising Events | 176,720 | 0.6 | 48 |
| Publications | 85,024 | 0.3 | 14 |
| Curriculum Development | 73,031 | 0.2 | 3 |
| Match | 39,150 | 0.1 | 5 |
| Other | 317,030 | 1.1 | 24 |
| Unspecified | 862,896 | 3.0 | 105 |

## 11. Civil and Human Rights, including Marriage/Civil Unions, were the issue areas receiving the largest percentage of funding to the field.

- Almost $32 \%$ of all dollars and $16.5 \%$ of the grants supported civil rights, human rights and marriage rights, with an average grant amount of $\$ 29,250$ - more than $\$ 12,000$ above the overall average. Some of the issues, beyond marriage, categorized as Civil Rights and Human Rights include: LGBT immigration and asylum, employment discrimination, and fighting anti-gay ballot initiatives.
- Organizations doing Community Building work received $19.2 \%$ of all grant dollars and $30 \%$ of all grants, the second largest issue area funded. Included in this category were community centers, cultural projects, film festivals, organizations providing social networking or non-health related social services and community organizing projects.

8. This category includes organizations doing some combination of litigation, public education, advocacy, and direct service.

- The "Other" category included projects serving indigent youth, youth in foster care, research on specific topics such as electoral campaigns, attitudinal issues and support for sports-related projects such as the gay games.

FUNDING BY PRIMARY ISSUE

| Primary Issue | \$ Value <br> of Grants | \% of Total <br> Dollars Granted | \# of <br> Grants |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Civil Rights | $6,907,60$ I | 24.0 | 242 |
| Community Building | $4,956,990$ | 17.1 | 500 |
| Health | $3,447,05$ I | 12.0 | 166 |
| Education/Safe Schools | $2,986,580$ | 10.4 | 135 |
| Philanthropy | $2,359,406$ | 8.2 | 60 |
| Homophobia | $1,491,442$ | 5.2 | 120 |
| Human Rights | $1,095,134$ | 3.8 | 46 |
| Marriage/Civil Unions | $1,079,980$ | 3.8 | 31 |
| Other | 877,109 | 3.1 | 37 |
| Anti-Violence | 483,966 | 1.7 | 46 |
| Gender-Identity | 473,027 | 1.6 | 51 |
| Unspecified | 455,862 | 1.6 | 44 |
| Religion | 430,570 | 1.5 | 35 |
| Military | 409,000 | 1.4 | 25 |
| Strengthening Families | 378,247 | 1.3 | 50 |
| Multi-Issue | 342,900 | 1.2 | 39 |
| Housing | 281,850 | 1.0 | 19 |
| Labor/Employment | 220,000 | 0.8 | 9 |
| Visibility | 14,000 | 0.0 | 2 |

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## Scope of the Database

We knew when we initiated this research project that it would be impossible to survey the entire universe of grantmakers supporting LGBT organizations and projects. The reasons for this are twofold. First, there is no uniformity in the grants classification systems used by grantmakers. (For example, some foundations classify LGBT as a population, others as an issue; many do not use LGBT as a grants classification category at all and have no way of pulling that information out of their databases). And, second, with a universe of more than 66,000 U.S. foundations, it was not feasible, or even possible, to do a comprehensive search of all grants made by all grantmakers.

Based on these factors, there were essentially two ways to proceed. Our first option was to select a totally random sample of foundations. The advantage of this methodology is that it would provide us with a statistically representative sample and the ability to generalize about the overall state of LGBT funding. The disadvantage is that, given how few funders of LGBT issues there are and the limitations described above regarding grants classification systems, the data would be limited to generalizations and miss the depth and richness of detail around who is funding LGBT issues. The second option was to create a purposive sample that would target grantmakers known to us as funding, or being open to funding, LGBT organizations. We opted for the purposive sample believing that both the quantity and quality of the information would provide greater insight and information about the state of LGBT philanthropy.

## Population surveyed

## Requests for information were sent to:

-Three hundred two (302) foundations listed in Funders for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Programs: A Directory for Grantseekers;

- Seventy-five (75) additional grantmakers identified either through the Foundation Center database or from the funders lists of select LGBT organizations;
- The top 50 foundations by asset size (of which 15 were included as a part of the 377 above).

In total, information was solicited from 412 grantmakers including independent, public, community and corporate foundations, and non-profits with grant programs. This report represents information from 239 (58\%) of those grantmakers.

Information was obtained through self-reporting by foundations and a review of 990s and annual reports as posted on-line and in the Foundation Center's database.

## Criteria for inclusion and/or exclusion of grants

Our goal was to ensure that the data collected focused specifically on LGBT issues and organizations. Therefore, two decisions were made that narrowed the scope of what we did and did not include.

- No HIV/AIDS funding is included in the data, even if the population served is LGBT. However, a grant to an HIV/AIDS organization for an LGBT-focused, non-HIV/AIDS related activity, would be included.
- The data does not include grants to organizations or projects that are generally inclusive of LGBT people if the grant is not specifically targeting an LGBT issue or population. For instance, a women's organization given a grant to develop a sex education curriculum for girls, inclusive of LGBT issues, would not be included. If that same organization was funded to provide sex education specifically to lesbians, it would be included. A state-wide human rights advocacy organization given a grant specifically to fight an anti-gay marriage amendment would be included. However, if that same group was given a general support grant, it was not included.


## Regranting

To avoid double-counting dollars, this report allocates all regranting monies to the institutions actually doing the regranting. In this way, we are able to provide the greatest amount of information about where and for what purposes money was going, thus capturing the intent of the primary funder and the regranting institution. While this system avoids the double counting, the downside is that it does not accurately present the full funding by those institutions giving regranting money. To address this issue, we have provided information about those foundations and provided the dollar amount of those grants.

## Classification System

In addition to recording basic information about the grantmaker (name, city, state, and type of foundation), the grantee (name, city, state, country), and amount and duration of the grant, the database also provides information on the following five areas:

- Geographic focus (local, state, multi-state, national, international) of the grantee;
- Population addressed or served by the grant;
-Type of support (general, program, research, scholarships, capital campaigns, etc.);
-Strategies funded (advocacy, public education, culture, community organizing, litigation, leadership development, etc.);


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- Issues addressed (civil rights, community building, health, religion, homophobia, etc.).

While several of these categories are self-evident (Geographic Focus and Type of Support), others need some explanation.

The Population Addressed or Served category is intended to indicate the targeted audience for the grant. Because our criteria dictated that all of the grants target or serve the needs of LGBT people, our goal was to identify the more targeted constituency or group (youth, seniors, people of color, general population, etc.). For example, a grant serving LGBT seniors of color would be coded to indicate that the primary population addressed or served was Seniors and People of Color; a grant addressing LGBT people in the military would be coded to indicate that the primary population served was people in the military; a grant working for the human rights of LGBT people would indicate the population being addressed or served as LGBT; and a public education campaign to create greater acceptance of LGBT people would designate the General Population as the primary audience being addressed.

Strategies Used and Issues Addressed are difficult to assign categories for several reasons. First, the differences in grants classification systems and in the philosophical and political approaches of foundations means that there is no uniformity in the labeling used by reporting foundations. This requires that we make a subjective assignment in order to best fit into our classification system. Second, in many cases, the grants lists we received did not provide any information other than the name of the grantee and the type of support. In these cases, attempts were made to research on-line the work of the grantee to help make an assignment. When this was not possible, the grant was coded as Unspecified. Finally, many grantees use multiple strategies, i.e. litigation, advocacy, public education, and/or address multiple issues.

## Report Timeframe

This report is based on grants authorized during calendar year 2003. This means that if a foundation's board met in December 2002 and authorized a grant for work to be done in 2003, we did not include that grant.

Although we are working with the calendar year, there is a sub-set of grantmakers who operate using a different fiscal year and who were only able to provide grants data based on that fiscal year. We decided to allow for this inconsistency with the understanding that we would remain consistent with the future reporting of those grantmakers over time. This consistency will be important to prevent future double counting of grants or to prevent losing some grants by switching time frames.

Multi-year grants are listed only in the year in which they are authorized, with the full amount of the grant listed in that year along with the duration of the grant. The advantage of tracking all funds authorized in a year is that it best reflects a foundation's priorities in any given time period. The disadvantage is that could present an inflated or under-inflated commitment to an interest in an issue over time.

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| Foundation Name | \# grants | total \$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Funding Exchange | 71 | 669,983.00 |
| Gannett Foundation | 5 | 25,000.00 |
| Geffen Foundation, The David | 15 | 148,000.00 |
| George Gund Foundation, The | 2 | 27,500.00 |
| Getty Trust, J. Paul | 1 | 4,000.00 |
| Gill Foundation | 125 | 2,648,862.90 |
| Girl's Best Friend Foundation | 2 | 30,800.00 |
| Global Fund for Women | 36 | 335,600.00 |
| Gould Charitable Trust, Edward S. | 3 | 180,000.00 |
| Grantee Exchange Fund/Common Counsel Foundation | I | 200.00 |
| Greater Harrisburg Foundation | 7 | 51,838.00 |
| Greater Milwaukee Foundation | 1 | 10,000.00 |
| Guilford Green Foundation | 12 | 30,000.00 |
| Haas Jr. Fund, Evelyn and Walter | 30 | 2,086,000.00 |
| Harry S. Black and Allon Fuller Fund | 4 | 60,000.00 |
| Headwaters Foundation for Justice | 8 | 22,621.00 |
| Hollyfield Foundation | 10 | 33,000.00 |
| Horizons Foundation | 64 | 192,350.00 |
| Houston Endowment | 4 | 18,684.00 |
| Independence Community Foundation | 1 | 7,500.00 |
| International Foundation for Gender Education | 4 | 20,000.00 |
| Ira De Camp Foundation | 1 | 125,000.00 |
| Kalamazoo Community Foundation | 5 | 78,600.00 |
| Kaplan Family Foundation, Rita and Stanley H. | 3 | 27,500.00 |
| Kevin J. Mossier Foundation | 8 | 195,984.00 |
| La Crosse Community Foundation | I | 5,000.00 |
| Larsen Foundation, John | 4 | 33,750.00 |
| League Foundation at AT\&T | 5 | 8,500.00 |
| Levi Strauss \& Co./Foundation | 10 | 189,650.00 |
| Liberty Hill Foundation | 21 | 189,750.00 |
| Lily Auchincloss Foundation | 4 | 40,000.00 |
| List Foundation, Albert A. | 2 | 30,000.00 |
| M.A.C. Global Foundation, The | 2 | 15,000.00 |
| MacArthur Foundation, John D. and Catherine T. | I | 15,000.00 |
| Maine Community Foundation | 1 | 1,500.00 |
| Marin Community Foundation | 12 | 37,750.00 |
| Mertz Gilmore Foundation | 6 | 585,000.00 |
| Meyer Memorial Trust | 1 | 100,000.00 |
| Michael Palm Foundation | 7 | 350,500.00 |
| Minneapolis Foundation | 8 | 204,750.00 |
| Ms. Foundation for Women | 1 | 45,000.00 |
| New Harvest Foundation | 9 | 13,175.00 |
| New York Community Trust | 15 | 491,000.00 |
| New York Foundation | 6 | 222,500.00 |
| North Star Fund | 8 | 22,390.00 |
| Oak Park-River Forest Community Foundation | 4 | 20,330.00 |
| Open Society Institute, The | 8 | 520,000.00 |
| Opler Foundation, Scott | 2 | 85,000.00 |
| Otto Bremer Foundation | 2 | 57,500.00 |
| Overbrook Foundation, The | 10 | 255,000.00 |
| Peace Development Fund | 1 | 7,200.00 |
| Peninsula Community Foundation | 1 | 10,000.00 |




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