

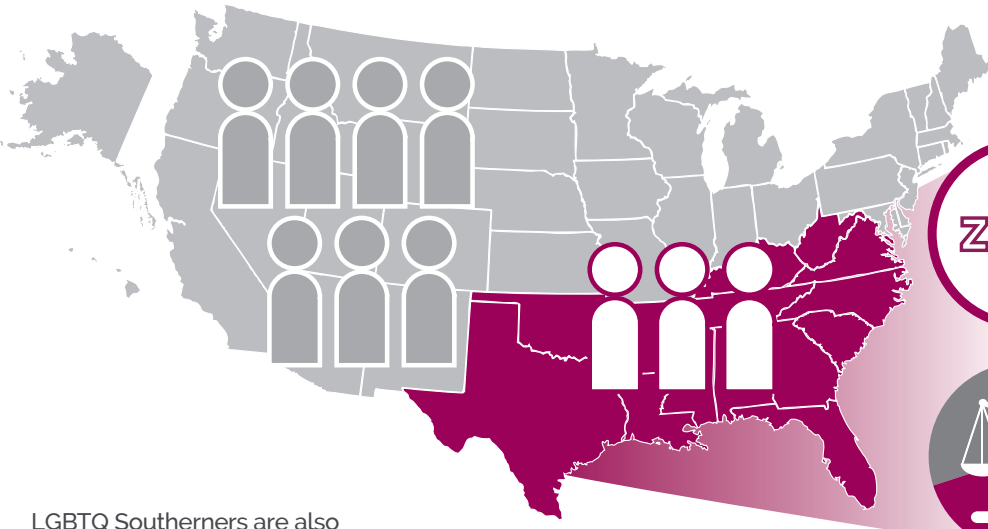
# OUT IN THE SOUTH

AN INITIATIVE OF FUNDERS FOR LGBTQ ISSUES

# AN UPDATE ON FOUNDATION FUNDING FOR LGBTQ ISSUES IN THE U.S. SOUTH

## THE NEED

The South is home to more LGBT adults than any other region in the country, with **more than 1 in 3 LGBT adults** calling the region home.<sup>1</sup> However, **LGBTQ Southerners lack proper legal protections and are under attack.**



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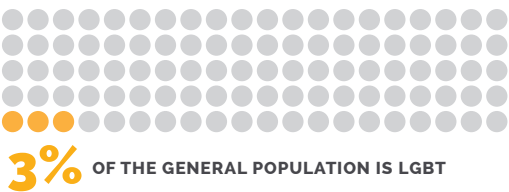
**SOUTHERN STATE HAS STATEWIDE NON-DISCRIMINATION PROTECTIONS<sup>2</sup>**

**71%**

**OF ANTI-LGBTQ LAWS INTRODUCED IN STATEHOUSES ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN 2017 WERE INTRODUCED IN THE SOUTH<sup>3</sup>**

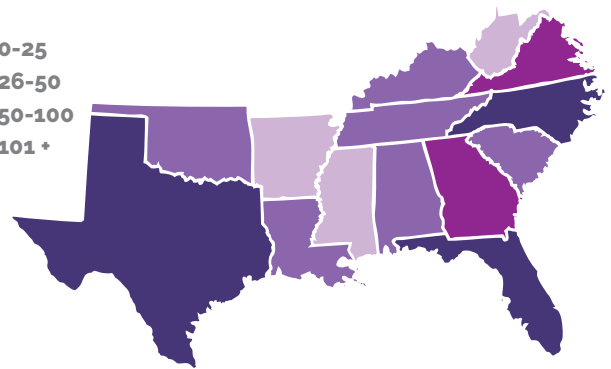
LGBTQ Southerners are also **disproportionately poor** and **suffer alarming health disparities.**<sup>4</sup>

### LGBT SHARE OF THE POPULATION IN THE U.S. SOUTH

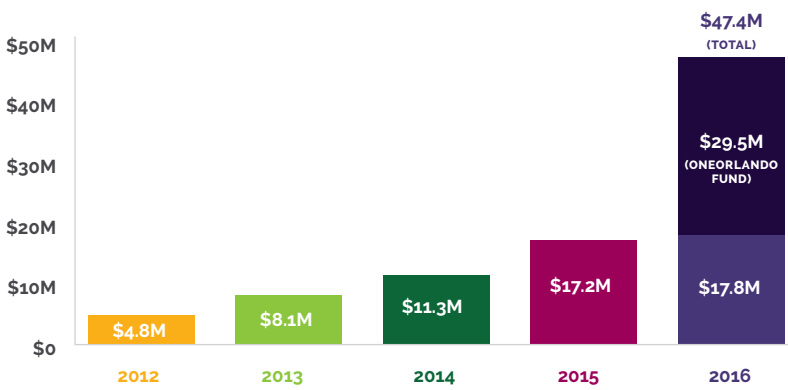


Luckily, the South is rich with LGBTQ community assets. **There are more than 750 LGBTQ community assets in the region.**<sup>5</sup>

**SMALL BUT POTENT** 0-25  
**GRASSROOTS** 26-50  
**BURGEONING** 50-100  
**ROBUST** 101+



## THE FUNDING<sup>6</sup>



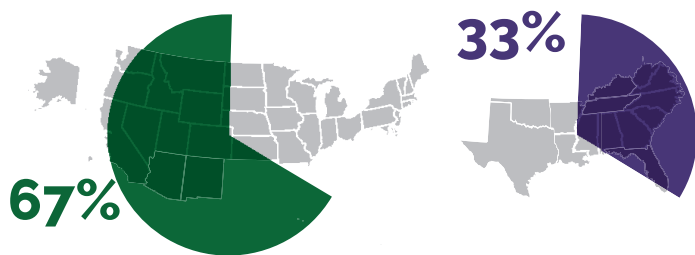
Over the last five years, funding for LGBTQ issues in the U.S. South has **increased dramatically**, with the most recent surge attributable to the philanthropic response to the Pulse Nightclub Massacre in Orlando, Florida.

### TOP 10 FUNDERS OF LGBTQ ISSUES IN THE U.S. SOUTH (2015-16) (INCLUDING ONEORLANDO GRANTMAKING)

1.	STRENGTHEN ORLANDO - ONEORLANDO FUND	\$29,510,000
2.	EQUALITY FLORIDA INSTITUTE	\$9,445,045
3.	GILL FOUNDATION	\$4,585,833
4.	ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION	\$3,618,312
5.	FORD FOUNDATION	\$1,795,000
6.	ASTRAEA LESBIAN FOUNDATION FOR JUSTICE	\$1,637,100
7.	OUR FUND	\$1,503,431
8.	GILEAD SCIENCES	\$1,466,633
9.	EVELYN AND WALTER HAAS, JR. FUND	\$1,414,000
10.	COMMUNITY FOUNDATION FOR NORTHEAST FLORIDA	\$1,366,034

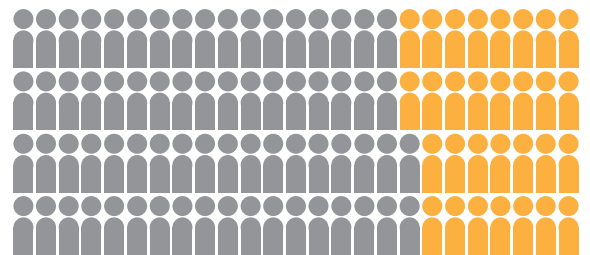
However, whether you include or exclude direct financial assistance for survivors and victims' families provided by the OneOrlando Fund, **the top ten funders over the two-year period of 2015-2016 still account for more than half of all LGBTQ funding for the U.S. South.**

### LGBTQ FUNDING FOR THE U.S. SOUTH BY FUNDER LOCATION (2016)



Moreover, when excluding OneOrlando Fund funding, **two-thirds of funding for LGBTQ communities in the U.S. South comes from outside the region.**

### FUNDING SUPPORT FOR LGBTQ SOUTHERNERS OF COLOR (2015-16)



Excluding the OneOrlando Fund grantmaking, only **30 percent of funding supported LGBTQ Southerners of color.**

## RECOMMENDATIONS



**BUILD THE CAPACITY OF SOUTHERN LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS INDIVIDUAL LEADERS.**



**INCREASE LGBTQ-INCLUSIVE PROGRAMMING AT "MAINSTREAM" ORGANIZATIONS AND PROVIDE TRAINING IN CULTURAL COMPETENCY FOR HEALTH, YOUTH, AND HIV SERVICE PROVIDERS.**



**STRENGTHEN SOUTHERN ORGANIZING THAT IS LOCALLY-ROOTED AND COMMUNITY-LED.**



**BUILD AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL SOUTHERN FUNDERS, INCLUDING LGBTQ FUNDS.**



**STRENGTHEN LGBTQ POLICY, ADVOCACY, AND SERVICE PROVISION ACROSS AREAS OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, AND HOUSING.**



**SUPPORT EFFORTS TO CHANGE THE NARRATIVE ABOUT LGBTQ SOUTHERNERS AND INCREASE VISIBILITY THROUGH DATA-COLLECTION, PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND CULTURAL WORK.**

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