Total Annual LGBTQ Grant Dollars, 2009–2018

Foundation funding for LGBTQ issues totaled $202.3 million in 2016 — a new record high. This total represents a notable increase of $24.6 million dollars, or 13 percent, from the $177.7 million reported in 2017. This year marks the second time in the history of philanthropy that funding for LGBTQ issues surpassed the $200 million mark.

Top 10 Funders of LGBTQ Issues, by Total Dollar Amount

In 2018, the top ten funders of LGBTQ issues awarded nearly $92.2 million, accounting for 46 percent of all funding for LGBTQ issues from U.S.-based foundations. Support from this leading group of donors increased by $15 million dollars.

Distribution of LGBTQ Grant Dollars, by Geographic Focus

In 2018, approximately 77 percent of funding from U.S.-based foundations focused on LGBTQ communities and issues within the United States while the remaining 23 percent focused on LGBTQ issues globally or outside the United States.

Notable Changes in 2018

Despite overall increases, funding for LGBTQ communities and issues outside of the United States declined by two percent in 2018, accounting for 23 percent of all funding from U.S. Foundations.

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

For the second year in a row, the South received the largest share of grant dollars, posting a total of $31.8 million, a 40 percent increase from 2017.

Sources of LGBTQ Grant Dollars, by Fund Type

While foundation giving to LGBTQ issues increased in 2018, this growth was not uniform across foundation types. Non-LGBTQ Private Foundations awarded the largest share of support for LGBTQ issues in 2018.

Inflation numbers are based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index.

For every $100 dollars continued to support LGBTQ issues, 28 cents specifically support LGBTQ issues.

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