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2019-2020 RESOURCE TRACKING REPORT

LGBTQ Grantmaking by U.S. Foundations

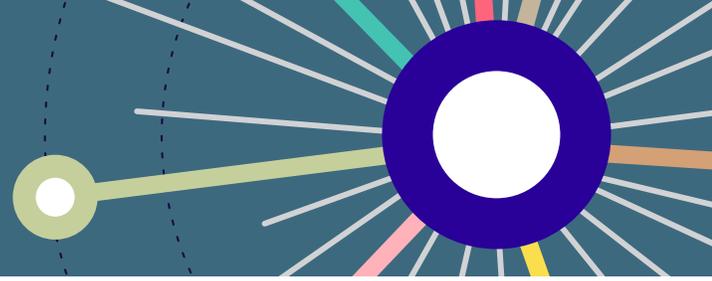


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INTRODUCTION



Since 2002, Funders for LGBTQ Issues has published an annual fund tracking report that aggregates giving to LGBTQ communities and issues from foundations, corporations, and funding institutions in the United States, which includes both domestic and global giving.

Funders for LGBTQ Issues has more than 85 partners in our network, with many more that directly submit data about their LGBTQ grantmaking. The LGBTQ funding sector has grown dramatically since the inception of our fund tracking work. Our first report in 2002 had fewer than 1,600 grants representing \$30 million in LGBTQ funding; in 2020, we analyzed 5,707 grants representing over \$200 million in LGBTQ funding. The partnerships we have built with our members and other submitting donors, as well as the hard work of our research team, have culminated in publications that many in the field rely on for LGBTQ funding data.

We are pleased to share with you the **2019–2020 Resource Tracking Report: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Grantmaking by U.S. Foundations**. This report represents the next iteration of work from Funders for LGBTQ Issues in our ongoing effort to document the scale of philanthropic support for LGBTQ communities and issues.

In partnership with Strength in Numbers, an LGBTQ-led research firm with expertise in philanthropic strategy and evaluation, our team worked to adapt our research program to address the growth in the sector and the changes to how foundations are funding. **Our new approach has been guided by a commitment to sustainability, transparency, and durability to develop consistent systems and methodologies that can grow with Funders for LGBTQ Issues and respond to the changing needs of the sector.** The changes we've made will enable us to more efficiently and systematically analyze the grant data, better detect

funding trends over time, and pursue new and novel analyses.

While we strove to maintain continuity with our established reporting methods and practices, this year's report – the 18th edition in our *Tracking Report Series* – differs from our past model in ways that are worth highlighting. For starters, this is the first time in our *Tracking Report Series* that we are reporting on two years of grantmaking data in a single publication. The work we have done to ensure that the fund tracking process is sustainable and that we can better respond to the future research needs of the sector took time. As a result, we determined that a publication combining 2019 and 2020 data was our best option to provide timely data to the field.

This report offers an overview of funding trends and highlights for calendar years 2019–2020, and presents a deeper analysis of 2020 data. In the methods

section, you can read more about new strategies we piloted to improve efficiency and accuracy of the grant coding process to address the increasingly unwieldy size – in both total funding and number of grants – of the annual data set of known grants awarded to LGBTQ communities and issues. There are several important analyses that we were not able to complete in this iteration of the report, including geographic distribution of funding. We anticipate returning to a detailed analysis by calendar year, and will also add more complex analyses in response to sector needs in future iterations of this report.

The LGBTQ funding landscape is dominated by a set of foundations that are dedicated to this work and represent the majority of the funding for the sector. Funding from the top 10 foundations has consistently accounted for nearly two-thirds of all foundation support for LGBTQ communities and issues, according to our research. We have strong relationships with the majority of these funders and have been careful to include quality submissions from them in this report. However, we also want to acknowledge that this year's report has fewer foundations represented than in previous years.

The reason for having fewer foundations included is complicated and multifaceted—COVID-19 and cuts in resources for government systems resulted in delays in the availability of 990s and other public sources of grants data. At the same time, bandwidth for submitting and processing data has been impacted by the global pandemic, which affected us and our members and foundation supporters. Our priority in gathering data and producing these findings was to compile a purposeful data set representative of the vast majority of philanthropic support for LGBTQ communities and issues, and we believe we have achieved that goal.

Finally, readers should remember that this report includes only funding from U.S.-based foundations and corporations, not from individuals or government agencies. This reminder feels particularly pertinent given the fast pace of change in our sector and beyond. The report begins with an overview of all funding for LGBTQ communities and issues, but the bulk of the

report focuses on the approximately 80 percent of funding U.S. foundations awarded for activities in the United States. I encourage readers interested in the global LGBTQ funding landscape to consult the Global Resources Report, published by our close partners at the Global Philanthropy Project.

Our team is proud to share this report with you and stands committed to continuing to improve this resource for the field in the coming years. It is our hope that this report will continue to serve as a tool for foundation staff, sector advocates, and movement partners in our shared mission to increase philanthropic resources to support LGBTQ organizations and movements.

Sincerely,

Andrew Wallace

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Funders for LGBTQ Issues*

OVERVIEW

This report describes United States-based foundation funding in support of LGBTQ communities and issues awarded in calendar years 2019-2020.

In 2019, we documented 6,027 grants awarded by 186 foundations for a total of \$193 million, excluding funds awarded for the purpose of regranting. In 2020, we found 5,707 grants awarded by 211 foundations for a total of \$201 million, excluding funds awarded for the purpose of regranting. In both years, nearly 80 percent of U.S.-based foundation support for LGBTQ communities and issues was awarded for efforts in the United States, while the remaining 20 percent of funding supported efforts around the globe. We found that U.S.-based foundations awarded grants to 4,459 unique organizations in the United States and abroad.

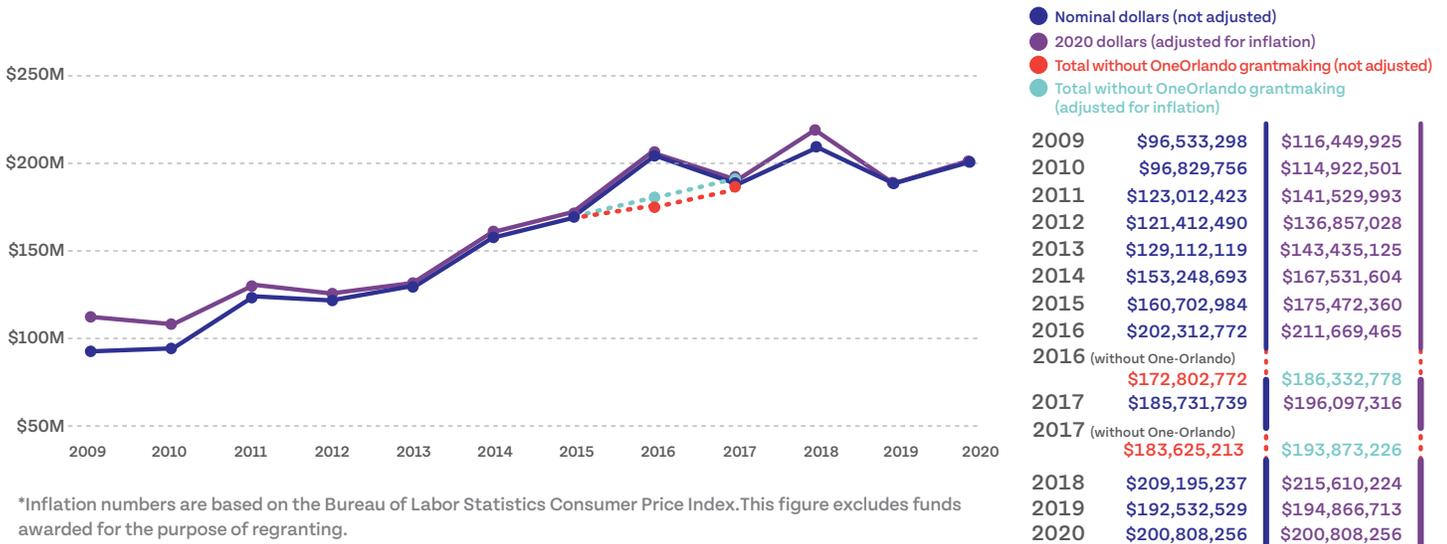
This report describes a decrease in support compared to our 2018 findings and paints a complex picture of the state of foundation support for LGBTQ

communities at a moment of continued turmoil and upheaval related to COVID-19 and escalating political unrest.

As noted in the introduction, the number of foundations included in the 2019-2020 edition of the report is lower than in previous years and reflects the impact of delays in the availability of data from previously available sources, as well as the impacts of COVID-19 on all aspects of work in the sector. This difference in sample size should be kept in mind as you compare growth over time, and we should focus on broad trends rather than year-to-year comparisons.

The field of LGBTQ funding continues to be driven by a small group of leading funders. In 2020, the top 10 funders of LGBTQ communities and issues in the United States accounted for 60 percent of all reported funding. If we were to extend this list to the top 20 donors, we would describe over 75 percent of all funding for LGBTQ communities in the U.S.

Total Annual LGBTQ Grant Dollars, 2009-2020



*Inflation numbers are based on the Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index. This figure excludes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.

Over half of the top 20 donors in 2020 decreased their giving compared to 2018; however, five donors (Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, Ford Foundation, Gilead Sciences, Tides Foundation, and a single anonymous donor) increased their giving in 2020 compared to 2018, and this helped to lift the 2020 total.

Gilead Sciences, a corporate donor, once again increased investment and continues to hold the top spot on our list, a position it has held since 2018. In 2020, Gilead Sciences awarded \$34.5 million in support of LGBTQ communities and issues.

Compared to overall giving by U.S. foundations, support directed to LGBTQ communities and issues remains small. **For every \$100 awarded by U.S. foundations in 2020, only 23 cents specifically supported LGBTQ issues.**

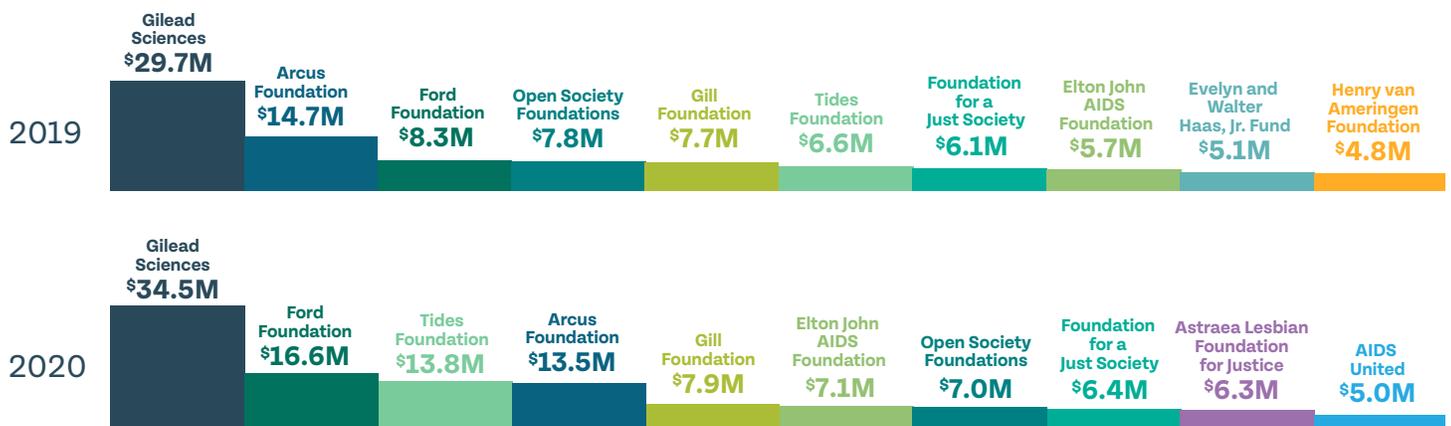
LGBTQ Funding by U.S. Foundations



Top Grantmakers 2019-2020

The field of LGBTQ funding continues to be driven by a small group of leading funders. The leading grantmakers for calendar years 2019-2020 are visualized in the graphic below.²

Top Ten Funders By Total Dollar Amount, 2019-2020



(2) In contrast to other sections of this report, these lists of top funders – and all subsequent top funder lists – include dollars awarded for regranting, so as to capture the full amount of funding flowing from (or through) each funder.

Top Grantmakers: 2019

In 2019, the top ten funders of LGBTQ issues awarded \$122.5 million, accounting for 57 percent of all funding for LGBTQ communities and issues from U.S.-based foundations. The top twenty funders combined awarded \$155.6 million, accounting for 72 percent of the year's total.

In 2019, five of the top twenty foundations were LGBTQ-specific funders, down from eight in 2018, and the majority of the top twenty funders were private foundations.

Top 20 Funders of LGBTQ Issues, by Total Dollar Amount (2019)³

1	Gilead Sciences Foster City, CA \$29,662,791	11	Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice New York, NY \$4,307,436
2	Arcus Foundation New York, NY \$14,725,000	12	Wells Fargo San Francisco, CA \$3,980,335
3	Ford Foundation New York, NY \$8,261,961	13	The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Menlo Park, CA \$3,070,000
4	Open Society Foundations New York, NY \$7,810,497	14	AIDS United Washington, DC \$2,991,250
5	Gill Foundation Denver, CO \$7,670,000	15	M.A.C. AIDS Fund New York, NY \$2,907,763
6	Tides Foundation San Francisco, CA \$6,606,126	16	Groundswell Fund Oakland, CA \$2,884,550
7	Foundation for a Just Society New York, NY \$6,075,000	17	California Endowment Los Angeles, CA \$2,823,817
8	Elton John AIDS Foundation New York, NY \$5,747,814	18	Borealis Philanthropy Minneapolis, MN \$2,742,560
9	Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund San Francisco, CA \$5,072,000	19	ViiV Healthcare Research Triangle, NC \$2,515,087
10	Henry van Ameringen Foundation New York, NY \$4,847,000	20	Horizons Foundation San Francisco, CA \$2,225,814

**This table includes funds awarded for the purpose of regranteeing.*

Top 10 Funders of LGBTQ Issues, by Total Grants (2019)

1	Horizons Foundation San Francisco, CA 469
2	Pride Foundation Seattle, WA 450
3	Our Fund Wilton Manors, FL 305
4	Tides Foundation San Francisco, CA 257
5	Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice New York, NY 230
6	Point Foundation Los Angeles, CA 206
7	Gilead Sciences Foster City, CA 192
8	Wells Fargo San Francisco, CA 185
9	Trans Justice Funding Project San Francisco, CA 184
10	Borealis Philanthropy Minneapolis, MN 142

**This table includes funds awarded for the purpose of regranteeing.*

(3) This list excludes anonymous donors. Had we included them, a single anonymous donor would top the list of 2019 donors, awarding \$30,901,400 in 2019.

Top Grantmakers: 2020

In 2020, the top ten funders of LGBTQ communities and issues awarded \$147.9 million and accounted for 63 percent of all reported funding. The top twenty funders combined awarded \$182.5 million, accounting for 78 percent of the year's total.

In 2020, four of the top twenty foundations were LGBTQ-specific funders.

Top 20 Funders of LGBTQ Issues, by Total Dollar Amount (2020)⁴

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|---|--|
| 1 Gilead Sciences
Foster City, CA
\$34,491,477 | 11 Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund
San Francisco, CA
\$4,764,000 |
| 2 Ford Foundation
New York, NY
\$16,588,400 | 12 Groundswell Fund
Oakland, CA
\$3,758,901 |
| 3 Tides Foundation
San Francisco, CA
\$13,827,476 | 13 M.A.C. AIDS Fund
New York, NY
\$3,308,287 |
| 4 Arcus Foundation
New York, NY
\$13,460,000 | 14 Borealis Philanthropy
Minneapolis, MN
\$3,243,010 |
| 5 Gill Foundation
Denver, CO
\$7,880,000 | 15 Horizons Foundation
San Francisco, CA
\$3,149,063 |
| 6 Elton John AIDS Foundation
New York, NY
\$7,149,732 | 16 The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
Menlo Park, CA
\$3,128,524 |
| 7 Open Society Foundations
New York, NY
\$6,973,248 | 17 John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
Chicago, IL
\$2,890,000 |
| 8 Foundation for a Just Society
New York, NY
\$6,415,000 | 18 The California Endowment
Los Angeles, CA
\$2,823,037 |
| 9 Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice
New York, NY
\$6,292,717 | 19 Wells Fargo
San Francisco, CA
\$2,507,505 |
| 10 AIDS United
Washington, DC
\$4,950,000 | 20 San Francisco Foundation
San Francisco, CA
\$1,942,817 |

**This table includes funds awarded for the purpose of regranteeing.*

Top 10 Funders of LGBTQ Issues, by Total Grants (2020)⁵

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| 1 Horizons Foundation
San Francisco, CA
547 |
| 2 Tides Foundation
San Francisco, CA
355 |
| 3 Pride Foundation
Seattle, WA
328 |
| 4 Our Fund
Wilton Manors, FL
305 |
| 5 Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice
New York, NY
299 |
| 6 Trans Justice Funding Project
San Francisco, CA
261 |
| 7 Gilead Sciences
Foster City, CA
183 |
| 8 Borealis Philanthropy
Minneapolis, MN
172 |
| 9 Groundswell Fund
Oakland, CA
152 |
| 10 OutRight Action International
New York, NY
125 |

**This table includes funds awarded for the purpose of regranteeing.*

(4) This list excludes anonymous donors. Had we included them, a single anonymous donor would top the list of 2020 donors, awarding \$34,861,250 in 2020.

(5) If named in this list, a single anonymous donor would appear as number ten on this list, with 139 grants in 2020.

Top Grant Recipients 2019-2020

In 2019, the top 20 recipients of LGBTQ funding received a total of \$42.3 million, accounting for 22 percent of all LGBTQ dollars reported in that calendar year. In 2020, the top 20 recipients of LGBTQ funding received a total of \$47.3 million, accounting for 24 percent of all LGBTQ dollars reported in that calendar year.

The majority of the top 20 grantees in both years were nonprofit organizations focused specifically on LGBTQ communities and issues. In 2019, 15 of the top 20 organizations were LGBTQ-focused, and in 2020, 16 of the top organizations were LGBTQ-focused.

Top grantees were mostly based in the United States. Only one of the top-funded organizations between 2019-2020 was located outside of the United States.

Top 20 Grantees Receiving Foundation Support for LGBTQ Issues (2019)⁶

1	GLAAD New York, NY \$7,227,833	8	GLBTQ Legal Advocates Defenders Inc Boston, MA \$1,664,650	15	The East African Sexual Health And Rights Initiative (UHAI EASHRI) Nairobi, Kenya \$1,475,000
2	Transgender Law Center Oakland, CA \$3,753,421	9	Movement Strategy Center Oakland, CA \$1,650,285	16	National Center For Transgender Equality Washington, DC \$1,426,000
3	National Center For Lesbian Rights (NCLR) San Francisco, CA \$2,780,740	10	AIDS United Washington, DC \$1,638,600	17	Movement Advancement Project Boulder, CO \$1,410,000
4	The Trevor Project West Hollywood, CA \$2,607,250	11	Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice New York, NY \$1,621,000	18	Social Good Fund Richmond, CA \$1,341,850
5	Funders For LGBTQ Issues New York, NY \$2,564,947	12	Neo Philanthropy New York, NY \$1,614,750	19	Lambda Legal New York, NY \$1,283,974
6	Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) New York, NY \$2,194,500	13	San Francisco AIDS Foundation San Francisco, CA \$1,538,100	20	Williams Institute Los Angeles, CA \$1,270,750
7	Freedom For All Americans Washington, DC \$1,686,500	14	Southerners On New Ground (SONG) Atlanta, GA \$1,526,500		

**This table excludes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.*

(6) In 2019, multiple anonymous grantees received a total of \$4.2 million benefitting LGBTQ communities. If we combined anonymous grantees, they would be #2 on this list.

Top 20 Grantees Receiving Foundation Support for LGBTQ Issues (2020)⁷

1	GLAAD New York, NY \$6,531,033	8	Funders For LGBTQ Issues New York, NY \$2,212,250	15	Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) New York, NY \$1,468,660
2	Wake Forest University Winston-Salem, NC \$5,000,000	9	National Center For Lesbian Rights (NCLR) San Francisco, CA \$1,930,400	16	Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice New York, NY \$1,401,800
3	Transgender Law Center Oakland, CA \$4,014,468	10	Southerners On New Ground (SONG) Atlanta, GA \$1,845,833	17	Common Counsel Foundation Oakland, CA \$1,350,000
4	Freedom For All Americans Washington, DC \$3,147,398	11	Marsha P. Johnson Institute Columbus, OH \$1,841,900	18	AIDS United Washington, DC \$1,332,700
5	National LGBTQ Task Force Washington, DC \$2,972,795	12	National Black Justice Coalition Washington, DC \$1,693,000	19	Fresh Meat Productions San Francisco, CA \$1,272,120
6	The Trevor Project West Hollywood, CA \$2,488,730	13	Practice Point Communications Oldsmar, FL \$1,624,000	20	Los Angeles LGBTQ Center Los Angeles, CA \$1,268,167
7	GSA Network Oakland, CA \$2,350,000	14	New York City Anti Violence Project New York, NY \$1,600,100		

⁷This table excludes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.

(7) In 2020, multiple anonymous grantees received a total of \$3.4 million benefitting LGBTQ communities. If we combined anonymous grantees, they would be #4 on this list.

Sources of LGBTQ Funding 2019-2020

Consistent with established trends, funding from private foundations accounted for the largest share of U.S. foundation support for LGBTQ communities and issues in 2019 and 2020. Support from private foundations decreased by 21 percent from 2018 to 2020, but still accounted for 36 percent of all funding for LGBTQ communities.

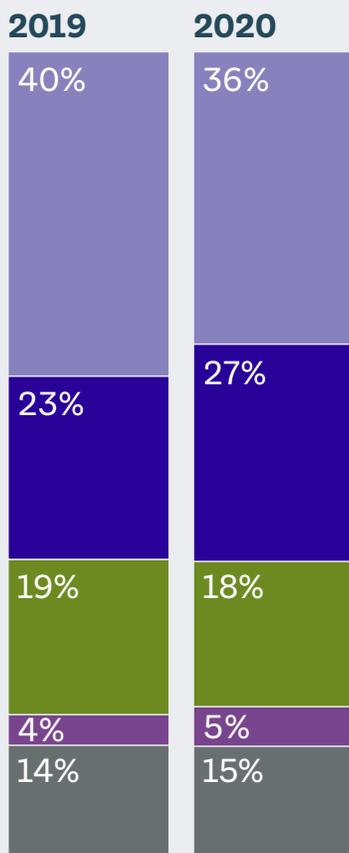
Support from public foundations grew between 2018-2020 to account for 27 percent of all funding in 2020.

Public foundations were the second largest source of funding for LGBTQ communities.

Giving from corporate foundations grew from the \$37.7 million reported in 2018 to \$42.2 million in 2020, accounting for 18 percent of all funding in 2020. This increase is largely driven by the growth of one funder, Gilead Sciences, which in 2020 was the top named funder of LGBTQ communities and issues.

Funding from community foundations remained consistent at 5 percent of funding in 2020, and support from a single anonymous donor continued to grow, accounting for 15 percent of all funding in 2020.

Sources of LGBTQ Funding by Funder Type (2019-2020)

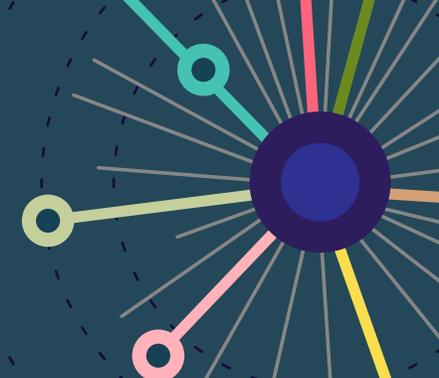


	2019		2020	
Private	\$86,679,991	40%	\$83,211,335	36%
Public	\$49,557,669	23%	\$63,109,519	27%
Corporate	\$40,650,469	19%	\$42,236,719	18%
Community	\$8,998,298	4%	\$10,737,813	5%
Anonymous	\$30,955,700	14%	\$34,861,250	15%
Total	\$216,807,127		\$234,156,636	

*This table includes funds awarded for the purpose of regranteeing.

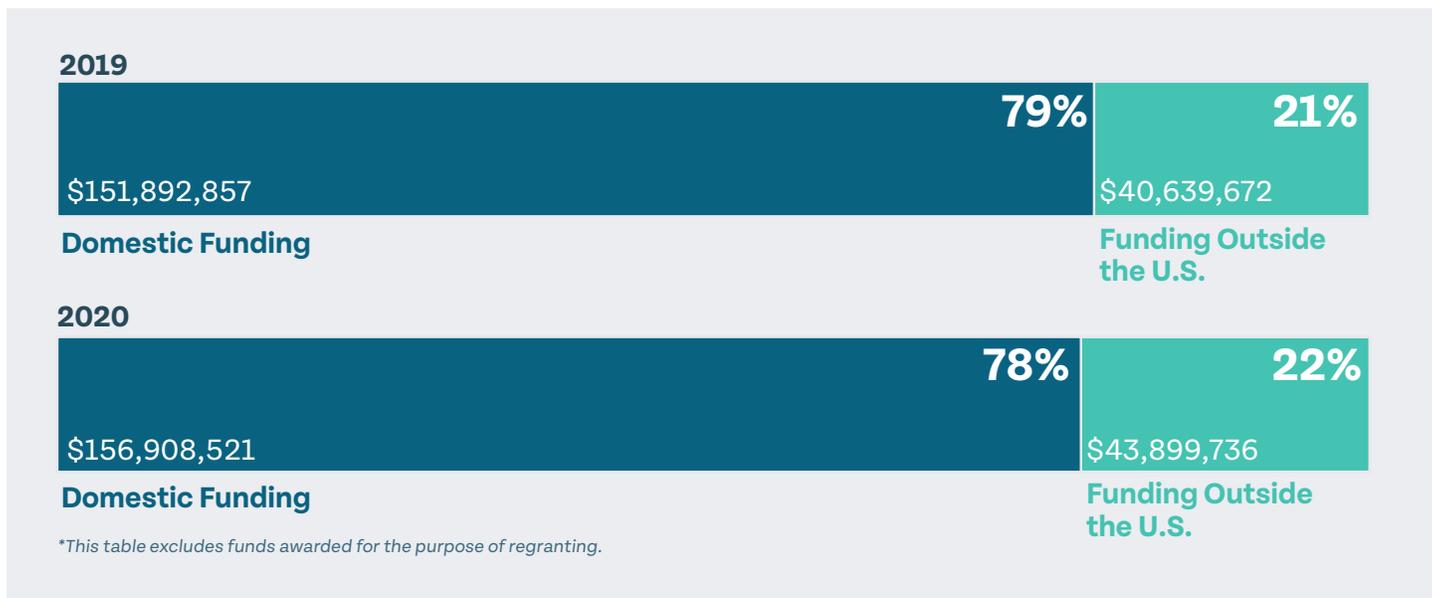
● PRIVATE ● PUBLIC ● CORPORATE
● COMMUNITY ● ANONYMOUS

DOMESTIC FUNDING OF LGBTQ ISSUES



This section of the report provides an analysis of grantmaking supporting LGBTQ communities and issues inside the United States, which represented a full 79 percent of all funding awarded by U.S.-based foundations in 2019 and 78 percent in 2020. In 2019, U.S. foundation funding for LGBTQ communities and issues in the United States totaled \$152 million. In 2020, funding for LGBTQ communities and issues in the United States increased by 3 percent to \$156 million.

Geographic Distribution of Funding (2019-2020)



For a detailed look at funding for LGBTQ communities outside of the United States, consult the **2019-2020 Global Resources Report** produced by the Global Philanthropy Project. The Global Resources Report offers a comprehensive analysis of grantmaking awarded by U.S. foundations for activities outside the United States alongside funding from international donors, governments, and multilateral agencies. Visit <https://globalresourcesreport.org> for more information.

Top Domestic Funders and Grantees 2019

In 2019, the top 20 funders of U.S. LGBTQ communities and issues accounted for over 69 percent of all reported funding.

Top 20 Domestic Funders of LGBTQ Issues, by Total Dollar Amount (2019)⁹

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| 1 Gilead Sciences
Foster City, CA
\$26,425,743 | 11 The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation
Menlo Park, CA
\$3,070,000 |
| 2 Arcus Foundation
New York, NY
\$8,887,000 | 12 AIDS United
Washington, DC
\$2,991,250 |
| 3 Gill Foundation
Denver, CO
\$7,210,000 | 13 Groundswell Fund
Oakland, CA
\$2,869,550 |
| 4 Elton John AIDS Foundation
New York, NY
\$5,747,814 | 14 California Endowment
Los Angeles, CA
\$2,823,817 |
| 5 Ford Foundation
New York, NY
\$5,356,961 | 15 Borealis Philanthropy
Minneapolis, MN
\$2,642,560 |
| 6 Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund
San Francisco, CA
\$5,072,000 | 16 ViiV Healthcare
Research Triangle, NC
\$2,411,469 |
| 7 Henry van Ameringen Foundation
New York, NY
\$4,847,000 | 17 M.A.C. AIDS Fund
New York, NY
\$2,279,786 |
| 8 Tides Foundation
San Francisco, CA
\$4,457,015 | 18 Horizons Foundation
San Francisco, CA
\$2,195,814 |
| 9 Wells Fargo
San Francisco, CA
\$3,979,075 | 19 John Steven Kellett Foundation
Houston, TX
\$2,132,589 |
| 10 Foundation for a Just Society
New York, NY
\$3,575,000 | 20 Pride Foundation
Seattle, WA
\$2,128,740 |

**This table includes funds awarded for the purpose of regranteeing.*

Top 20 Domestic Grantees Receiving Foundation Support for LGBTQ Issues (2019)¹⁰

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| 1 GLAAD
New York, NY
\$7,227,833 | 11 Southerners On New Ground (SONG)
Atlanta, GA
\$1,526,500 |
| 2 Transgender Law Center
Oakland, CA
\$3,753,421 | 12 National Center For Transgender Equality
Washington, DC
\$1,426,000 |
| 3 National Center For Lesbian Rights (NCLR)
San Francisco, CA
\$2,780,740 | 13 Movement Advancement Project
Boulder, CO
\$1,410,000 |
| 4 The Trevor Project
West Hollywood, CA
\$2,607,250 | 14 Social Good Fund
Richmond, CA
\$1,341,850 |
| 5 Funders For LGBTQ Issues
New York, NY
\$2,564,947 | 15 Lambda Legal
New York, NY
\$1,283,974 |
| 6 Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)
New York, NY
\$2,194,500 | 16 Williams Institute
Los Angeles, CA
\$1,270,750 |
| 7 Freedom for All Americans
Washington, DC
\$1,686,500 | 17 GSA Network
Oakland, CA
\$1,268,518 |
| 8 Movement Strategy Center
Oakland, CA
\$1,650,285 | 18 Destination Tomorrow
New York, NY
\$1,197,148 |
| 9 AIDS United
Washington, DC
\$1,638,600 | 19 National Gay And Lesbian Task Force Foundation
Washington, DC
\$1,147,700 |
| 10 Neo Philanthropy
New York, NY
\$1,614,750 | 20 Human Rights Campaign
Washington, DC
\$1,065,000 |

**This table excludes funds awarded for the purpose of regranteeing.*

(9) If included in this list of top donors, a single anonymous donor would appear as the second-largest donor on this list, with \$19.7 million in domestic funding in 2019.

(10) In 2019, multiple anonymous grantees received a total of \$2.2 million benefiting LGBTQ communities in the United States. If we combined anonymous grantees, they would be sixth on this list.

Top Domestic Funders and Grantees 2020

In 2020, the top 20 funders of U.S. LGBTQ communities and issues accounted for 76 percent of all reported funding.

Top 20 Domestic Funders of LGBTQ Issues, by Total Dollar Amount (2020)¹¹

1	Gilead Sciences Foster City, CA \$32,258,193	11	Borealis Philanthropy Minneapolis, MN \$3,240,010
2	Tides Foundation San Francisco \$10,548,798	12	The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation Menlo Park, CA \$3,128,524
3	Ford Foundation New York, NY \$8,408,400	13	Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice New York, NY \$3,127,272
4	Gill Foundation Denver, CO \$7,880,000	14	John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Chicago, IL \$2,890,000
5	Arcus Foundation New York, NY \$7,465,000	15	The California Endowment Los Angeles, CA \$2,823,037
6	AIDS United Washington, DC \$4,950,000	16	M.A.C. AIDS Fund New York, NY \$2,759,116
7	Foundation for a Just Society New York, NY \$4,840,000	17	Horizons Foundation San Francisco, CA \$2,537,752
8	Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund New York, NY \$4,764,000	18	Wells Fargo San Francisco, CA \$2,507,505
9	Elton John AIDS Foundation San Francisco, CA \$3,901,361	19	San Francisco Foundation San Francisco, CA \$1,942,817
10	Groundswell Fund Oakland, CA \$3,758,901	20	Our Fund Foundation Wilton Manors, FL \$1,852,519

**This table includes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.*

Top 20 Domestic Grantees Receiving Foundation Support for LGBTQ Issues (2020)

1	GLAAD New York, NY \$6,531,033	11	Marsha P. Johnson Institute Columbus, OH \$1,841,900
2	Wake Forest University Winston-Salem, NC \$5,000,000	12	National Black Justice Coalition Washington, DC \$1,693,000
3	Transgender Law Center Oakland, CA \$4,014,468	13	Practice Point Communications Oldsmar, FL \$1,624,000
4	Freedom For All Americans Washington, DC \$3,147,398	14	New York City Anti Violence Project New York, NY \$1,600,100
5	National LGBTQ Task Force Washington, DC \$2,972,795	15	Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC) New York, NY \$1,468,660
6	The Trevor Project West Hollywood, CA \$2,488,730	16	Common Counsel Foundation Oakland, CA \$1,350,000
7	GSA Network Oakland, CA \$2,350,000	17	AIDS United Washington, DC \$1,332,700
8	Funders For LGBTQ Issues New York, NY \$2,198,500	18	Fresh Meat Productions San Francisco, CA \$1,272,120
9	National Center For Lesbian Rights (NCLR) Washington, DC \$1,930,400	19	Los Angeles LGBTQ Center Los Angeles, CA \$1,268,167
10	Southerners On New Ground (SONG) Atlanta, GA \$1,845,833	20	Lambda Legal New York, NY \$1,188,036

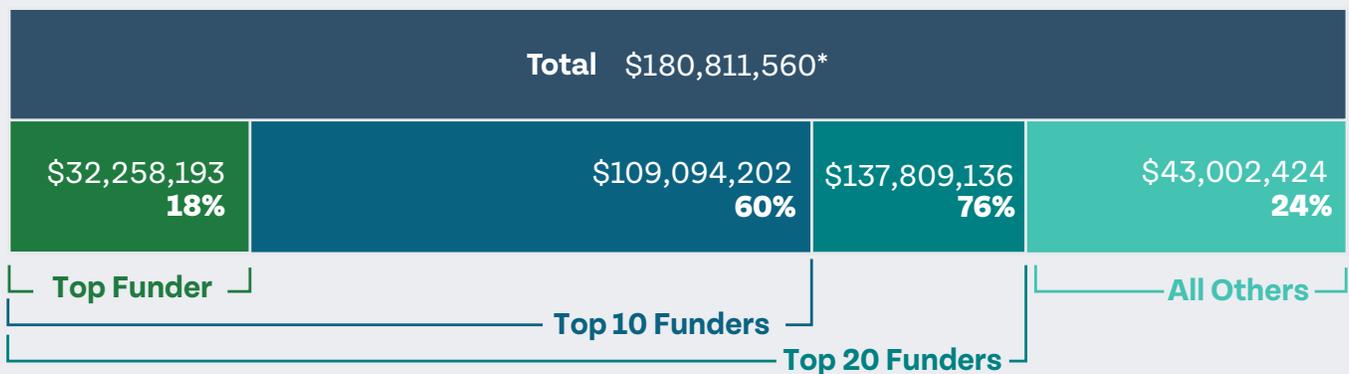
**This table excludes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.*

(11) If included in this list of top donors, a single anonymous donor would appear as the second-largest donor on this list, with \$24.1 million in domestic funding in 2020.

The field of LGBTQ foundation support in the United States is growing increasingly top-heavy, led by a small group of leading funders.

In 2020, a single foundation, **Gilead Sciences**, accounted for **18 percent of total foundation support for U.S. LGBTQ communities and issues**. The top ten largest funders (including Gilead Sciences) are responsible for over 60 percent of funding, and the top 20 funders accounted for more than 75 percent of all U.S. foundation support for LGBTQ communities and issues in the United States.

Funding By Relative Amount of Domestic LGBTQ Funding (2020)



*The total and the accompanying calculations on this page include the \$23.9 million that U.S. foundations awarded for the sole purpose of regranting.

Population Focus 2019-2020

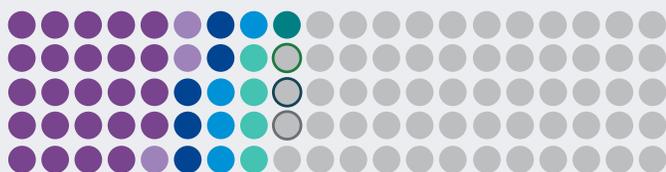
Distribution of Domestic Grant Dollars by Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Sex Characteristics

Consistent with historical trends, the majority of funding went to the LGBTQ community broadly. **In 2019, \$90.1 million, or 59 percent of all U.S.-based foundation support for LGBTQ communities and issues, was allocated to the general LGBTQ community. In 2020, this increased to \$107.1 million, or 68 percent of overall LGBTQ funding.**

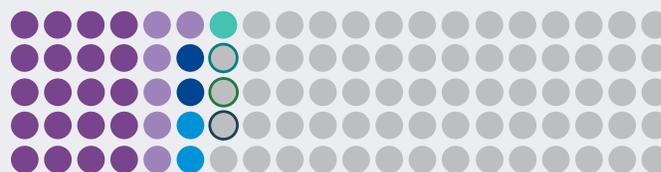
While total foundation giving to LGBTQ communities in the United States has decreased from its record high in 2018, nominal giving to transgender communities has held steady, even reaching a record high of \$36.1 million in 2019. However, this accounts for a very small amount of total foundation giving. **For every \$100 awarded by U.S. foundations, less than 5 cents supported transgender communities in both 2019 and 2020.**

Distribution of Domestic Grant Dollars by Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and Sex Characteristics, 2019-2020

2019



2020



● TRANS PEOPLE
 ● GAY MEN / QUEER MEN / MSM
 ● LESBIANS/QUEER WOMEN
 ● GNC/NONBINARY
 ● ALLIES
● INTERSEX PEOPLE
 ● TWO SPIRIT PEOPLE
 ● BISEXUAL PEOPLE
 ● ASEQUAL PEOPLE

	2019		2020	
Trans People	\$36,121,652	24%	\$30,996,642	20%
Gay Men/Queer Men/MSM	\$4,720,338	3%	\$9,386,675	6%
Lesbians/Queer Women	\$7,738,595	5%	\$3,737,266	2%
GNC/Nonbinary People	\$5,376,891	4%	\$3,483,995	2%
Allies	\$5,409,019	4%	\$1,343,434	1%
Intersex People	\$2,057,195	1%	\$746,500	<1%
Two Spirit People	\$63,913	<1%	\$90,227	<1%
Bisexual People	\$301,608	<1%	\$58,333	<1%
Asexual People	\$10,000	<1%	\$0	0%

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Distribution of Domestic Grant Dollars Among People of Color

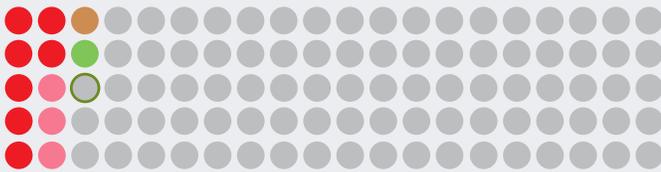
Consistent with historical trends, the majority of U.S. foundation funding to LGBTQ communities of color in the United States went not to a specific group, but to communities of color broadly. In 2019, \$34.9 million, 23 percent of overall LGBTQ funding, was allocated to LGBTQ communities of color broadly. In 2020, this fell to \$25.7 million, or 16 percent of overall LGBTQ funding.

There was a notable increase in funding for Black LGBTQ communities in 2020, reaching a record high of \$18.7 million. This is a 71 percent increase from 2019, and may be reflective of philanthropic response to racial justice uprisings in 2020.

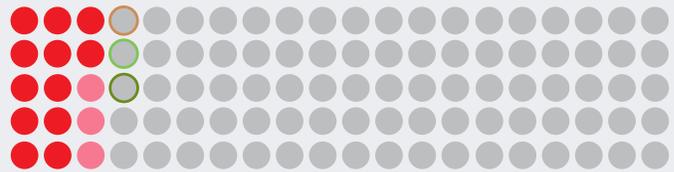
However, funding for all other specific LGBTQ communities of color fell from 2019 to 2020.

Distribution of Domestic Grant Dollars Among People of Color, 2019-2020

2019



2020



● BLACK ● LATINX ● AAPI ● INDIGENOUS ● MIDDLE EASTERN

	2019		2020	
Black	\$10,963,303	7%	\$18,712,616	12%
Latinx	\$4,136,840	3%	\$3,929,947	3%
AAPI	\$953,368	1%	\$732,549	<1%
Indigenous	\$1,135,912	1%	\$357,770	<1%
Middle Eastern	\$56,174	<1%	\$1,000	<1%

*This table excludes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.

Distribution of Domestic Grant Dollars Among Other Populations

Funding for LGBTQ children and youth, historically the most funded subpopulation, reached a new record high of \$40.4 million in 2019. This was in large part driven by giving from Gilead Sciences, which accounted for more than 30 percent of total giving to LGBTQ children and youth. In 2020, total giving to LGBTQ children and youth dropped to \$27.9 million, which is more in line with previous levels.

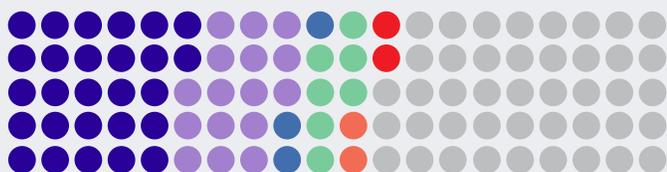
Similarly, the high level of funding for homeless and marginally housed LGBTQ communities in 2019 can largely be attributed to \$13.3 million from Gilead

Sciences (56 percent of total giving to homeless and marginally housed LGBTQ communities). In 2020, total funding for marginally housed LGBTQ communities dropped by more than 50 percent from 2019, to \$10.5 million (22 percent of which is from the top funder of this community, Gilead Sciences).

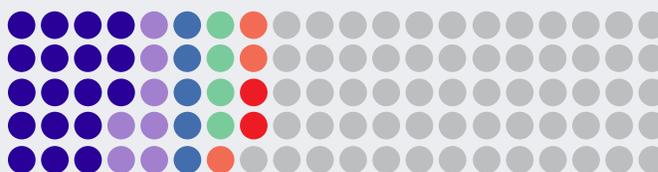
From 2019 to 2020, there is also a decrease in funding to LGBTQ immigrants and refugees, and LGBTQ sex workers. However, funding to LGBTQ people of faith and LGBTQ older adults increased.

Distribution of Domestic Grant Dollars Among Other Populations, 2019-2020

2019



2020



● CHILDREN & YOUTH
 ● HOMELESS & MARGINALLY HOUSED PEOPLE
 ● PEOPLE OF FAITH
 ● IMMIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
● OLDER ADULTS
 ● SEX WORKERS

	2019		2020	
Children and Youth	\$40,415,356	27%	\$27,869,088	18%
Homeless and Marginally Housed People	\$23,569,514	16%	\$10,531,155	7%
People of Faith	\$3,949,837	3%	\$7,567,408	5%
Immigrants and Refugees	\$10,702,767	7%	\$6,724,860	4%
Older Adults	\$3,453,658	2%	\$4,720,824	3%
Sex Workers	\$3,598,549	2%	\$3,122,645	2%

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Deeper Dive Analysis of 2020 Funding for LGBTQ Communities in the United States

In this section, we offer additional analysis of U.S. foundation support for LGBTQ communities and issues in the United States for the calendar year 2020. We anticipate returning to a detailed analysis by calendar year in future iterations of the report, adding more complex analysis as our work progresses.

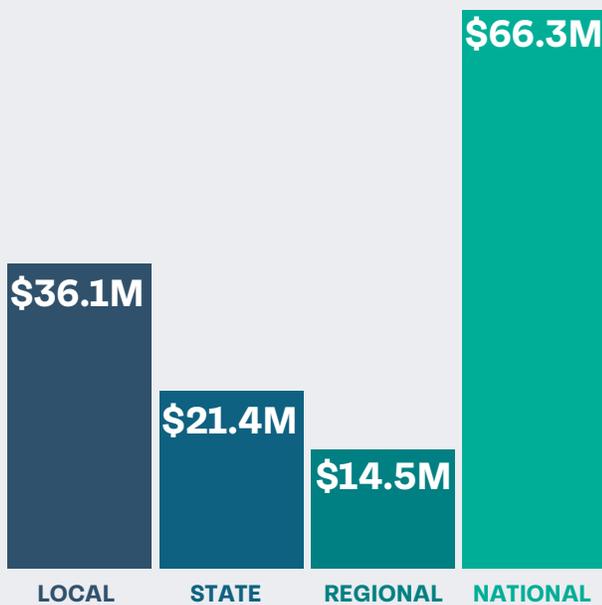
Geographic Level of Domestic Funding

Funds awarded for work inside the United States were primarily directed to efforts at the national level, accounting for 42 percent of support for LGBTQ communities and issues in the United States, or \$66.3 million in 2020. Activities at the local level received 23 percent, or \$36 million, followed by efforts focused on the state level, which accounted for 14 percent of

all funding. Percentages reported here are of the total grant dollars awarded in the U.S., including those for which geographic focus could not be ascertained.

In previous reports, we found a higher percentage of grants focused on work at the local level. For this report, we only coded grants as local in focus if the geographic target was specified in the grant.

Distribution of Domestic Funding for LGBTQ Issues, by Geographic Level (2020)



Local	\$36,074,036	23%
State	\$21,447,094	14%
Regional	\$14,459,688	9%
National	\$66,265,304	42%

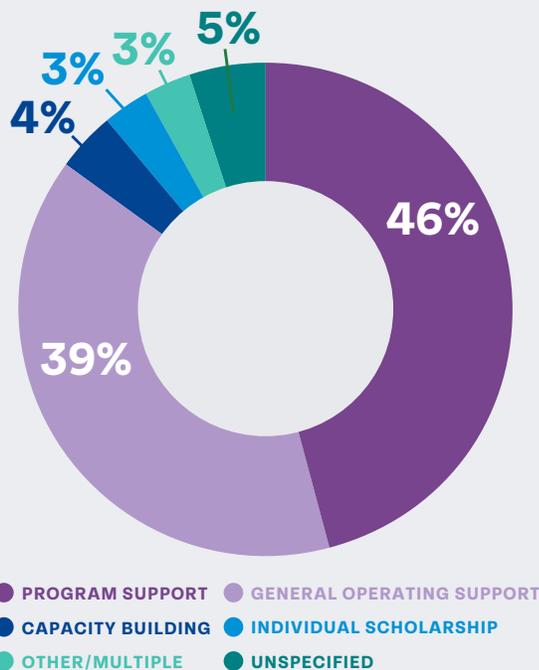
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Funding for U.S. LGBTQ Communities and Issues by Type of Support

Consistent with established trends, funding for program or project-specific support continued to be the most common type of support type among grants for U.S. LGBTQ communities and issues in 2020, accounting for 46 percent of all domestic support awarded by U.S. foundations.

General operating support accounted for nearly 40 percent of all funding. No other support type category accounted for more than 5 percent of grants awarded in 2020.

Distribution of Funding for U.S. LGBTQ Communities and Issues, by Type of Support (2020)



Program Support	\$71,651,210	46%
General Operating Support	\$61,838,041	39%
Capacity Building	\$6,435,922	4%
Scholarship, Fellowship, Awards To Individuals	\$4,483,792	3%
Other or Multiple	\$5,315,077	3%
Unspecified	\$7,184,479	5%

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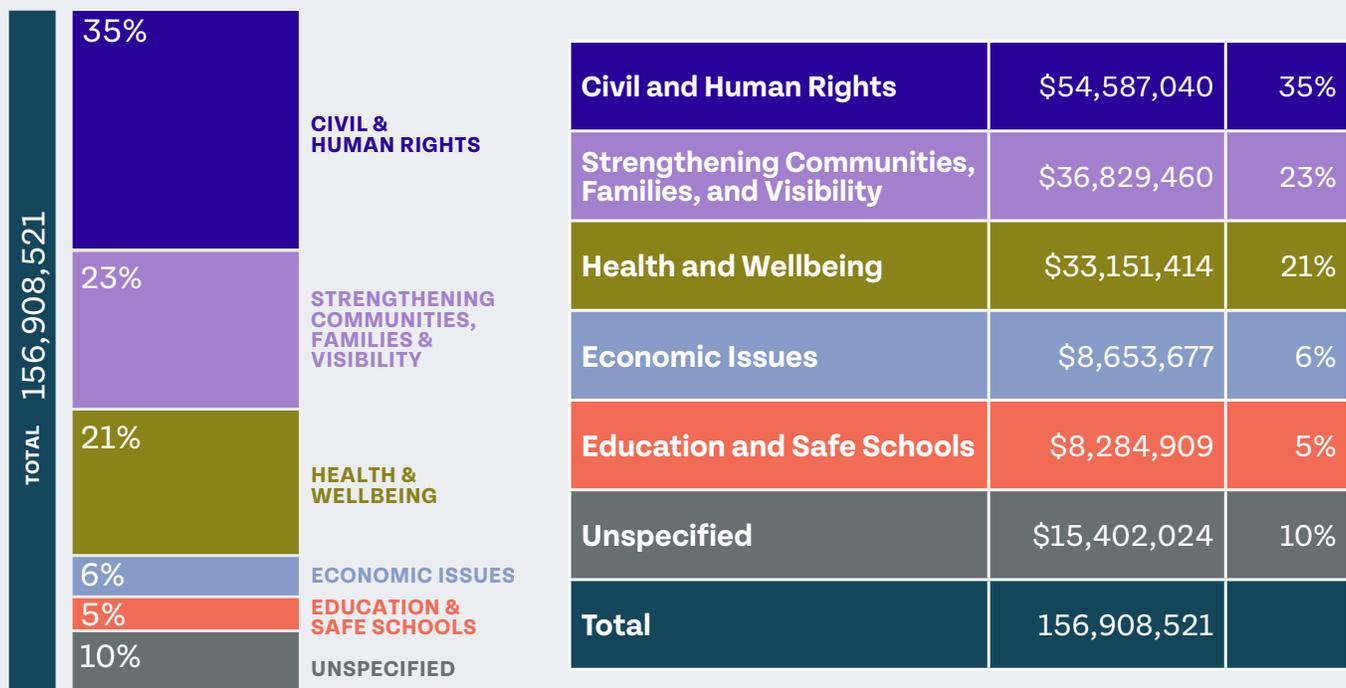
Issues Addressed in Domestic Funding

Funding for civil and human rights continued to garner the largest share of funding in 2020, accounting for 35 percent of all grant dollars from U.S.-based foundations in support of LGBTQ communities and issues in 2020.

Funding to support strengthening communities, families, and visibility was the next most funded

category. This issue area, encompassing a broad range of activities including community-building programs, pride celebrations, and visibility initiatives, accounted for 23 percent of all funding. Support for health and wellbeing closely followed, accounting for 21 percent of all domestic funding in 2020, up slightly from the 20 percent reported in 2018.

Distribution of Funding for U.S. LGBTQ Communities and Issues, by Issues Addressed (2020)¹²



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Funding for COVID-19 in 2020

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in March 2020 had a profound impact on every aspect of society. Our analysis of U.S. foundation funding for LGBTQ communities and issues in 2020 found nearly **\$16 million in grantmaking – 10 percent of all reported grantmaking in our dataset – was related to COVID-19.**



(12) For 10 percent of grants, we were not able to identify an issue area through automated coding or manual review. Grants coded to multiple issues were weighted with the inverse of the number of issues to which they were coded; for example, if a grant was coded to economic issues and to education and safe schools (2 issues), each category included ½ (50%) of the funding for that grant. COVID funding is not included in this weighting; for example, if a grant was coded to economic issues, education and safe schools, and COVID, then economic issues and education and safe schools would each include ½ (50%) of the funding for that grant and COVID would receive 100% of funding for that grant.

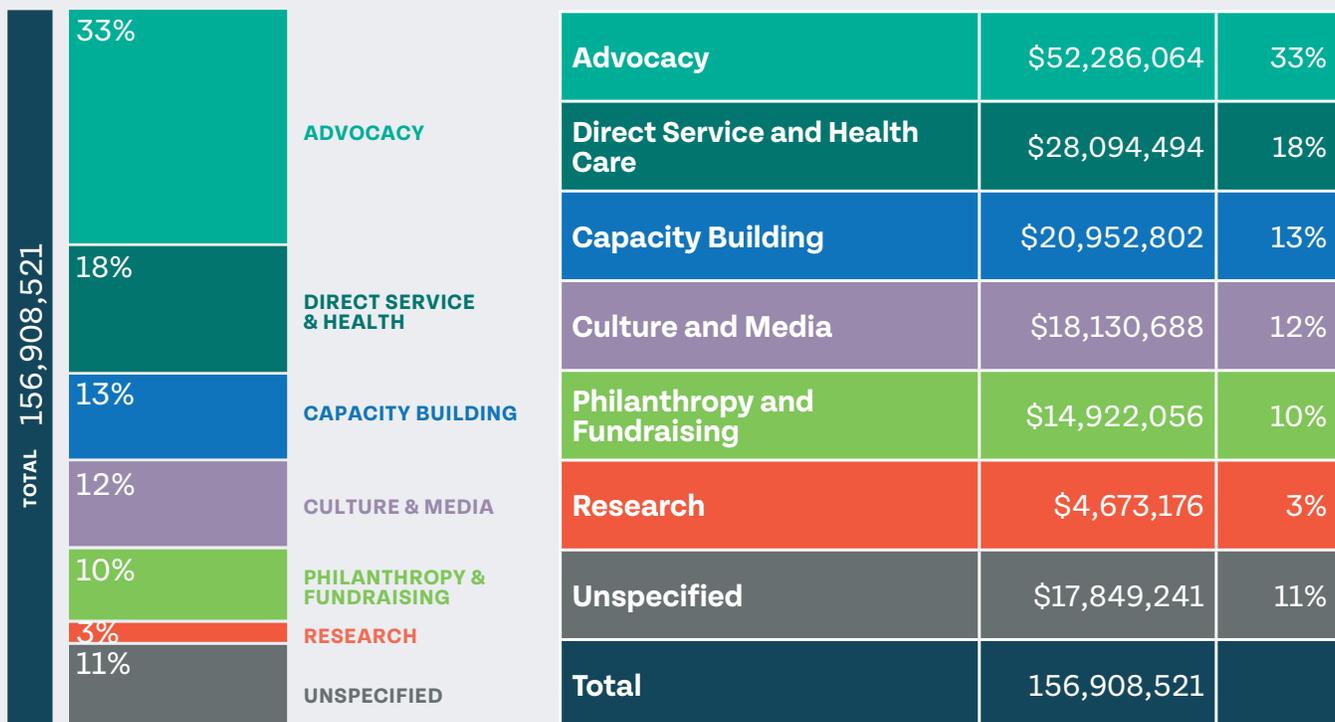
Strategies Supported in Domestic Funding

In 2020, support for advocacy in support of LGBTQ communities and issues garnered the largest share of funding, accounting for 33 percent of all U.S. foundation support for LGBTQ communities and issues in 2020. This support strategy includes funding for governmental advocacy, community organizing, public education efforts, and/or litigation to influence policy

and/or the allocation of resources in support of LGBTQ communities.

Following advocacy, support for direct services and health care received 18 percent of all support, nearly \$30 million in funding in 2020. The remaining funds were distributed for capacity building, culture and media, philanthropy and fundraising, and research.

Distribution of Funding for U.S. LGBTQ Communities and Issues, by Strategy (2020)¹³



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(13) For 11% of grants, we were not able to identify a strategy through automated coding or manual review. Grants coded to multiple strategies were weighted with the inverse of the number of strategies to which they were coded; for example, if a grant was coded to advocacy and to capacity building (2 issues), each category included ½ (50%) of the funding for that grant.

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANTMAKING FOR U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL LGBTQ COMMUNITIES & ISSUES



In 2019, community foundations awarded \$9.0 million (4 percent) to LGBTQ communities and issues (or \$8.1 million, 4 percent, after funds awarded for the purpose of regranting are excluded).

Top Community Funders (2019)

- 1 **Chicago Community Trust**
Chicago, IL
\$1,668,592
- 2 **Oregon Community Foundation**
Portland, OR
\$1,395,168
- 3 **California Community Foundation**
Los Angeles, CA
\$752,318
- 4 **The Community Foundation of Broward**
Fort Lauderdale, FL
\$697,973
- 5 **Boston Foundation**
Boston, MA
\$529,678
- 6 **Community Foundation of Northeast Florida**
Jacksonville, FL
\$471,500
- 7 **Seattle Foundation**
Seattle, WA
\$451,500
- 8 **Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan**
Detroit, MI
\$382,703
- 9 **Cleveland Foundation**
Cleveland, OH
\$369,750
- 10 **Stonewall Community Foundation**
New York, NY
\$340,966

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Top Community Grantees (2019)

- 1 **Heartland Alliance For Human Needs & Human Rights**
Chicago, IL
\$445,000
- 2 **The Trevor Project**
West Hollywood, CA
\$285,000
- 3 **Equality Ohio Education Fund**
Columbus, OH
\$280,250
- 4 **Jacksonville Area Sexual Minority Youth Network (JASMYN)**
New York, NY
\$259,750
- 5 **Rush University Medical Center**
Chicago, IL
\$240,000
- 6 **Equality Michigan**
Detroit, MI
\$195,286
- 7 **Positive Results Corporation**
Gardena, CA
\$138,000
- 8 **Center On Halsted**
Chicago, IL
\$136,535
- 9 **Outfront Kalamazoo**
Kalamazoo, MI
\$132,100
- 10 **Equality California Institute**
Los Angeles, CA
\$126,000

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In 2020, community foundations awarded \$10.7 million (5 percent) to LGBTQ communities and issues (or \$10.1 million, 5 percent, after funds awarded for the purpose of regranting are excluded).

Top Community Funders (2020)

- 1 **San Francisco Foundation**
San Francisco, CA
\$1,942,817
- 2 **The Chicago Community Trust**
Chicago, IL
\$1,174,491
- 3 **Oregon Community Foundation**
Portland, OR
\$899,846
- 4 **Seattle Foundation**
Seattle, WA
\$863,040
- 5 **California Community Foundation**
Los Angeles, CA
\$751,850
- 6 **Philadelphia Foundation**
Philadelphia, PA
\$648,822
- 7 **Boston Foundation**
Boston, MA
\$535,028
- 8 **Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan**
Detroit, MI
\$530,195
- 9 **Greater Seattle Business Association**
Seattle, WA
\$500,000
- 10 **Community Foundation of Broward**
Fort Lauderdale, FL
\$485,632

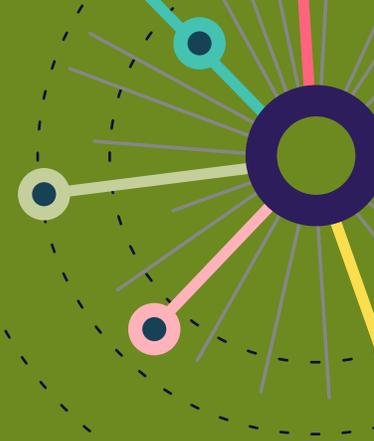
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Top Community Grantees (2020)

- 1 **Community Initiatives**
Oakland, CA
\$815,530
- 2 **Los Angeles LGBT Center**
Los Angeles, CA
\$459,100
- 3 **Athlete Ally**
New York, NY
\$300,000
- 4 **Chinese For Affirmative Action**
San Francisco, CA
\$269,787
- 5 **Center On Halsted**
Chicago, IL
\$221,450
- 6 **Equality Illinois Institute**
Chicago, IL
\$220,250
- 7 **Equality Michigan**
Detroit, MI
\$216,866
- 8 **Center For Community Solutions**
San Diego, CA
\$200,000
- 9 **Ingersoll Gender Center**
Seattle, WA
\$195,000
- 10 **St James Infirmary**
San Francisco, CA
\$175,000

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CORPORATE FOUNDATION GRANTMAKING FOR U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL LGBTQ COMMUNITIES & ISSUES



In 2019, corporate foundations awarded \$40.7 million (19 percent) to LGBTQ communities and issues (or \$39.9 million, 21 percent, after funds awarded for the purpose of regranting are excluded).

Top Corporate Funders (2019)

- 1 **Gilead Sciences**
Foster City, CA
\$29,662,791
- 2 **Wells Fargo**
San Francisco, CA
\$3,980,335
- 3 **M.A.C. AIDS Fund**
New York, NY
\$2,907,763
- 4 **ViiV Healthcare**
Research Triangle, NC
\$2,515,087
- 5 **Levi Strauss Foundation**
San Francisco, CA
\$970,000
- 6 **Citi Foundation**
Long Island City, NY
\$250,000
- 7 **Polk Brothers Foundation**
Chicago, IL
\$180,000
- 8 **Grindr for Equality**
Los Angeles, CA
\$100,000
- 9 **Bristol Myers Squibb**
New York, NY
\$72,244
- 10 **Ideal Industries Foundation**
Sycamore, IL
\$12,000

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Top Corporate Grantees (2019)

- 1 **GLAAD**
New York, NY
\$7,201,001
- 2 **Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)**
New York, NY
\$2,040,500
- 3 **San Francisco AIDS Foundation**
San Francisco, CA
\$1,515,000
- 4 **Transgender Law Center**
Oakland, CA
\$1,461,854
- 5 **Movement Strategy Center**
Oakland, CA
\$1,340,285
- 6 **Social Good Fund**
Richmond, CA
\$1,116,850
- 7 **Destination Tomorrow**
New York, NY
\$1,108,148
- 8 **Amida Care**
New York, NY
\$800,000
- 9 **Multicultural AIDS Coalition**
Roxbury, MA
\$750,000
- 10 **Abounding Prosperity**
Dallas, TX
\$569,600

**This table excludes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.*

In 2020, corporate foundations awarded \$42.2 million (18 percent) to LGBTQ communities and issues (or \$37.4 million, 19 percent, after funds awarded for the purpose of regranting are excluded).

Top Corporate Funders (2020)

- 1 **Gilead Sciences**
Foster City, CA
\$34,491,477
- 2 **M.A.C. AIDS Fund**
New York, NY
\$3,308,287
- 3 **Wells Fargo**
San Francisco, CA
\$2,507,505
- 4 **Bristol Myers Squibb**
New York, NY
\$1,232,929
- 5 **The Estee Lauder Companies Charitable Foundation**
New York, NY
\$281,970
- 6 **Polk Brothers Foundation**
Chicago, IL
\$170,000
- 7 **Blue Shield of California Foundation**
San Francisco, CA
\$100,000
- 8 **Dow Jones Foundation**
New York, NY
\$65,000
- 9 **Synchrony Foundation**
Stamford, Connecticut
\$23,750
- 10 **The Centene Charitable Foundation**
Saint Louis, MO
\$20,000

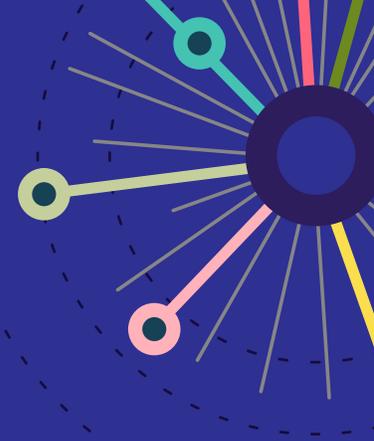
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Top Corporate Grantees (2020)

- 1 **GLAAD**
New York, NY
\$6,350,000
- 2 **Wake Forest University**
Winston-Salem, NC
\$5,000,000
- 3 **Practice Point Communications**
Oldsmar, FL
\$1,624,000
- 4 **Gay Men's Health Crisis (GMHC)**
New York, NY
\$1,468,660
- 5 **Transgender Law Center**
Oakland, CA
\$1,411,050
- 6 **Postgraduate Institute For Medicine**
Englewood, CO
\$814,955
- 7 **The Trevor Project**
West Hollywood, CA
\$775,000
- 8 **Human Rights Campaign Foundation**
Washington, DC
\$640,000
- 9 **The Translatin@ Coalition**
Los Angeles, CA
\$600,000
- 10 **GLSEN**
New York, NY
\$500,000

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PRIVATE FOUNDATION GRANTMAKING FOR U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL LGBTQ COMMUNITIES & ISSUES



In 2019, private foundations awarded \$86.7 million (40 percent) to LGBTQ communities and issues (or \$75.4 million, 39 percent, after funds awarded for the purpose of regranting are excluded).

Top Private Funders (2019)

- 1 **Arcus Foundation**
New York, NY
\$14,725,000
- 2 **Ford Foundation**
New York, NY
\$8,261,961
- 3 **Open Society Foundations**
New York, NY
\$7,810,497
- 4 **Gill Foundation**
Denver, CO
\$7,670,000
- 5 **Foundation for a Just Society**
New York, NY
\$6,075,000
- 6 **Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund**
San Francisco, CA
\$5,072,000
- 7 **Henry van Ameringen Foundation**
New York, NY
\$4,847,000
- 8 **The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation**
Menlo Park, CA
\$3,070,000
- 9 **The California Endowment**
Los Angeles, CA
\$2,823,817
- 10 **John Steven Kellett Foundation**
Houston, TX
\$2,132,589

*This table includes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.

Top Private Grantees (2019)

- 1 **Funders For LGBTQ Issues**
New York, NY
\$1,898,000
- 2 **Freedom For All Americans**
Washington, DC
\$1,495,000
- 3 **Southerners On New Ground (SONG)**
Atlanta, GA
\$1,125,000
- 4 **GSA Network**
Oakland, CA
\$1,100,518
- 5 **Transgender Law Center**
Oakland, CA
\$1,078,500
- 6 **Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice**
New York, NY
\$1,010,000
- 7 **National Center For Lesbian Rights (NCLR)**
San Francisco, CA
\$951,000
- 8 **Movement Advancement Project**
Boulder, CO
\$905,000
- 9 **Unite For Reproductive And Gender Equity (URGE)**
Washington, DC
\$845,000
- 10 **Regents Of The University Of California**
Oakland, CA
\$820,000

*This table excludes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.

In 2020, private foundations awarded \$83.2 million (36 percent) to LGBTQ communities and issues (or \$69.4 million, 35 percent, after funds awarded for the purpose of regranteeing are excluded).

Top Private Funders (2020)

- 1 **Ford Foundation**
New York, NY
\$16,588,400
- 2 **Arcus Foundation**
New York, NY
\$13,460,000
- 3 **Gill Foundation**
Denver, CO
\$7,880,000
- 4 **Open Society Foundations**
New York, NY
\$6,973,248
- 5 **Foundation for a Just Society**
New York, NY
\$6,415,000
- 6 **Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund**
San Francisco, CA
\$4,764,000
- 7 **The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation**
Menlo Park, CA
\$3,128,524
- 8 **John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation**
Chicago, IL
\$2,890,000
- 9 **The California Endowment**
Los Angeles, CA
\$2,823,037
- 10 **The Colorado Health Foundation**
Denver, CO
\$1,387,513

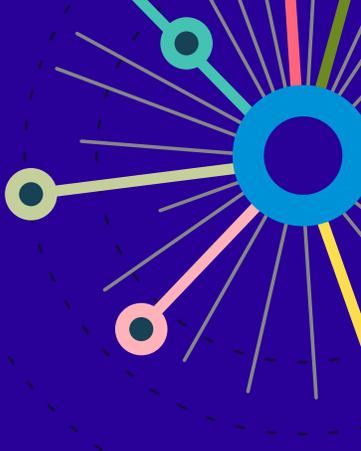
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Top Private Grantees (2020)

- 1 **National LGBTQ Task Force**
Washington, DC
\$2,760,500
- 2 **Freedom For All Americans**
Washington, DC
\$2,493,000
- 3 **Transgender Law Center**
Oakland, CA
\$2,072,500
- 4 **Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice**
New York, NY
\$1,281,800
- 5 **Funders For LGBTQ Issues**
New York, NY
\$1,243,500
- 6 **GSA Network**
Oakland, CA
\$1,240,000
- 7 **Fresh Meat Productions**
San Francisco, CA
\$1,210,000
- 8 **Southerners On New Ground (SONG)**
Atlanta, GA
\$1,065,000
- 9 **National Center For Lesbian Rights (NCLR)**
San Francisco, CA
\$1,005,500
- 10 **Sociedad Mexicana Pro Derechos De La Mujer, A.C.**
Mexico City, Mexico
\$1,000,000

**This table excludes funds awarded for the purpose of regranteeing.*

PUBLIC FOUNDATION GRANTMAKING FOR U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL LGBTQ COMMUNITIES & ISSUES



In 2019, public foundations awarded \$49.6 million (23 percent) to LGBTQ communities and issues (or \$44.0 million, 23 percent, after funds awarded for the purpose of regranting are excluded).

Top Public Funders (2019)

- 1 **Tides Foundation**
San Francisco, CA
\$6,606,126
- 2 **Elton John AIDS Foundation**
New York, NY
\$5,747,814
- 3 **Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice**
New York, NY
\$4,307,436
- 4 **AIDS United**
Washington, DC
\$2,991,250
- 5 **Groundswell Fund**
Oakland, CA
\$2,884,550
- 6 **Borealis Philanthropy**
Minneapolis, MN
\$2,742,560
- 7 **Horizons Foundation**
San Francisco, CA
\$2,225,814
- 8 **Pride Foundation**
Seattle, WA
\$2,128,740
- 9 **American Jewish World Service**
New York, NY
\$1,695,815
- 10 **Our Fund**
Wilton Manors, FL
\$1,454,583

**This table includes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.*

Top Public Grantees (2019)¹⁴

- 1 **The Trevor Project**
West Hollywood, CA
\$1,602,500
- 2 **AIDS United**
Washington, DC
\$1,058,600
- 3 **Human Rights Campaign**
Washington, DC
\$920,000
- 4 **The Future Perfect Project**
Kingston, NY
\$750,000
- 5 **The Human Rights Campaign Foundation**
Washington, DC
\$610,000
- 6 **Hetrick-Martin Institute (HMI)**
New York, NY
\$488,750
- 7 **Racial Justice Action Center (RJAC)**
Atlanta, GA
\$421,500
- 8 **Southerners On New Ground (SONG)**
Atlanta, GA
\$400,500
- 9 **Freedom, Inc**
Madison, WI
\$337,850
- 10 **Funders For LGBTQ Issues**
New York, NY
\$299,947

**This table excludes funds awarded for the purpose of regranting.*

(14) In 2019, multiple anonymous grantees received a total of \$4.2 million from public foundations. If we combined anonymous grantees, they would be #1 on this list.

In 2020, public foundations awarded \$63.1 million (27 percent) to LGBTQ communities and issues (or \$55.9 million, 28 percent, after funds awarded for the purpose of regranteeing are excluded).

Top Public Funders (2020)

- 1 **Tides Foundation**
San Francisco, CA
\$13,827,476
- 2 **Elton John AIDS Foundation**
New York, NY
\$7,149,732
- 3 **Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice**
New York, NY
\$6,292,717
- 4 **AIDS United**
Washington, DC
\$4,950,000
- 5 **Groundswell Fund**
Oakland, CA
\$3,758,901
- 6 **Borealis Philanthropy**
Minneapolis, MN
\$3,243,010
- 7 **Horizons Foundation**
San Francisco, CA
\$3,149,063
- 8 **American Jewish World Service**
New York, NY
\$1,857,977
- 9 **Our Fund Foundation**
Wilton Manors, FL
\$1,852,519
- 10 **Pride Foundation**
Seattle, WA
\$1,831,850

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Top Public Grantees (2020)¹⁵

- 1 **Marsha P. Johnson Institute**
Columbus, OH
\$1,841,900
- 2 **National Black Justice Coalition**
Washington, DC
\$1,643,000
- 3 **The Trevor Project**
West Hollywood, CA
\$1,397,120
- 4 **Human Rights Campaign**
Washington, DC
\$975,000
- 5 **AIDS United**
Washington, DC
\$720,700
- 6 **Southerners On New Ground (SONG)**
Atlanta, GA
\$676,500
- 7 **Belong To Youth Services**
Dublin, Ireland
\$566,691
- 8 **All Out Action Fund**
New York, NY
\$495,961
- 9 **Freedom, Inc**
Madison, WI
\$449,900
- 10 **Williams Institute**
Los Angeles, CA
\$434,415

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(15) In 2020, multiple anonymous grantees received a total of \$3.4 million from public foundations. If we combined anonymous grantees, they would be #1 on this list.

METHODOLOGY



This report describes the amount and type of giving by U.S. foundations for LGBTQ communities and issues, including subsets of the community (e.g. transgender women, LGBTQ youth). The report does not include grants to organizations or projects that are generally inclusive of LGBTQ people.

The data were collected in three ways: foundations could submit grant-level information for each year using a template provided by Funders for LGBTQ Issues, grants could be found through a keyword search of a dataset of approximately 62,000 990 submissions for the years 2019 and 2020 (obtained from Open990), or grants could be identified using published annual reports. The dataset was deduplicated by funder name; in other words, if funders submitted directly, their grants were not included in searches of 990s or online searches. Multi-year grants are counted in full in the year they were awarded. This method best reflects a foundation's priorities in the year of reporting, though does contribute to fluctuations from year to year.

Grants were included in the dataset if foundations indicated in the grant description (or by selecting LGBTQ population categories in the 2020 template) that they were awarded for the specific purpose of supporting LGBTQ communities or issues. Grants that lacked specificity in their grant description could also be included in the dataset if they were awarded to an organization whose mission was solely focused on LGBTQ communities or issues (methods for identifying these missions were slightly different in 2019 vs. 2020).

Grants were assigned to LGBTQ populations (e.g. asexual, lesbian etc.), other populations (e.g. Black, youth), issues, and strategies using keyword searches of grant descriptions and grantee missions. Where keywords indicated that grants had multiple LGBTQ populations, multiple other populations, multiple issues, or multiple strategies, grant amounts were weighted by the inverse of the number of populations (or issues or strategies) the grant addressed. For details on how population, issue, and strategy weights were created, please contact the authors of the report.

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Mission

Funders for LGBTQ Issues works to increase the scale and impact of philanthropic resources aimed at enhancing the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer communities, promoting equity, and advancing racial, economic and gender justice.

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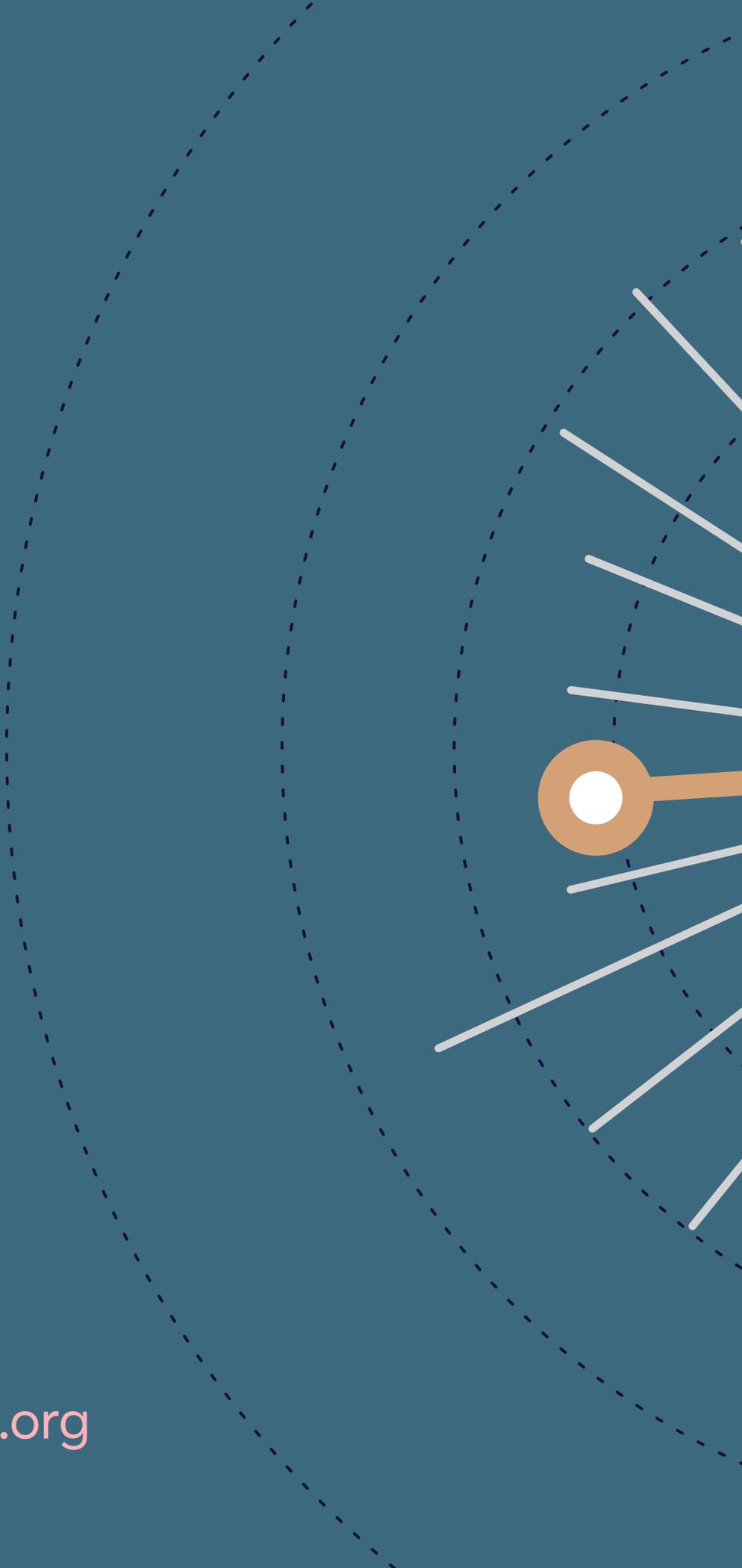
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