

Funders Concerned About AIDS



Explanation of Requested Support Levels

Since 1987 Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA) has worked to mobilize the US philanthropic response to HIV/AIDS. Additionally, FCAA has consistently informed HIV/AIDS grantmakers on important trends in the field, and routinely convened thought leaders to provide opportunities for best practice sharing and to cultivate collaboration.

The recent economic downturn has threatened continued progress in the development of resources vital to the fight against HIV/AIDS both domestically and abroad. Additionally, public awareness on HIV related issues has dropped precipitously while new infections continue unabated. For these reasons, FCAA has undertaken important steps to ensure that its critical work can continue until there is an end to the pandemic.

A staff reduction from 6 to 2, coupled with a move to co-locate with the Council on Foundations has reduced operating costs by roughly 30% with no reduction in programming. But these measures alone cannot provide the assurance of sustainability; that requires the support of our committed circle of supporters.

While FCAA will continue to gratefully accept donations of any amount, we now also provide the attached table with suggested levels of support based on the type of organization as well as the level of giving to HIV/AIDS related issues. The table was developed by looking at current levels of support and, in some cases, asking supporters to increase their support to a level commensurate with their peers. The table provides a range of support which include “base membership,” “sustaining”, the level of support expected from Board members, and “leadership”, the level of support from those organizations which drive our work forward through grant support above and beyond “membership” support. Each level has corresponding benefits and opportunities for recognition. We encourage you to speak with the staff of FCAA to further explore your organization’s support of FCAA. Staff contact information is provided below.

Thank you for helping us to ensure that the important work of FCAA can and will continue with your support.

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Schedule of Requested Support Levels



Foundation (level of HIV/AIDS giving)	Leadership	Sustaining	Member
15 million +	250,000	100,000	50,000
10-15 million	20,000	15,000	10,000
5-10 million	10,000	7,500	5,000
1-5 million	5,000	2,500	1,000
< 1 million	2,500	1,000	500
Corporate (level of HIV/AIDS giving)			
15 million +	50,000	35,000	25,000
10-15 million	30,000	20,000	15,000
1-10 million	20,000	15,000	10,000
<1 million	10,000	5,000	2,500

FCAA welcomes individual support at any level and is approved to receive matching gifts from employers.

As member-supporters of FCAA, you have the opportunity to meet and learn from your peers, as well as to receive recognition as a leader in HIV/AIDS grantmaking. FCAA believes that informing and connecting you with your colleagues will lead to more effective and responsive grantmaking, and thus, an improvement in the field overall. **Benefits include:**

1. Facilitation of, and advisory support in, convening local or regional conversations with other funders;
2. Access to staff expertise and technical assistance services
3. Reactive programs on emerging issues' potential impact on grantmaking
4. Priority invitation to: Networking calls, Working groups, Panel and online discussions, Receptions/conferences
5. Complimentary copies of FCAA publications

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