

# FCAA DATA SPOTLIGHT

## US HIV PHILANTHROPY FOR FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES



This infographic, distilled from FCAA's annual resource tracking report, *Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS in 2016*, provides a first attempt to analyze HIV-related philanthropy that supported food and nutrition efforts in the US.

According to the Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation, the "Food is Medicine" movement asserts that nutrition-based interventions offer a low-cost way to improve health outcomes. This is particularly true in the case of people living with HIV and AIDS, where data has shown that food insecure PLWHA are more likely to forgo medical care, and to have a detectable viral load which increases the risk of spreading the virus to others. Proper nutrition can help PLWHA to maintain a healthy body weight, withstand the side effects of medications, and improve their immune system functioning and overall quality of life. Proper nutrition can also help make PLWHA less likely to develop comorbidities such as Diabetes 2, that complicate HIV.

**Yet, food and nutrition services only received roughly 4% of total HIV philanthropy in the US in 2016.**

This infographic is intended to complement FCAA's May 2018 webinar, co-sponsored by Grantmakers in Health: Innovations in the Field of "Food is Medicine."

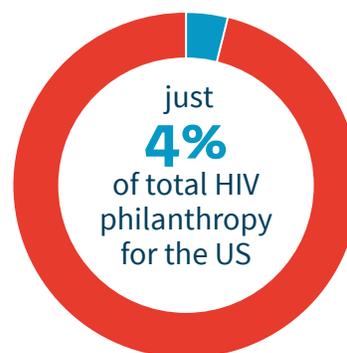
### IN 2016:

HIV Philanthropy in the US disbursed

# \$6,433,991

for food & nutrition services.

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### GENERAL FUNDING DISBURSMENT



**49** FUNDERS



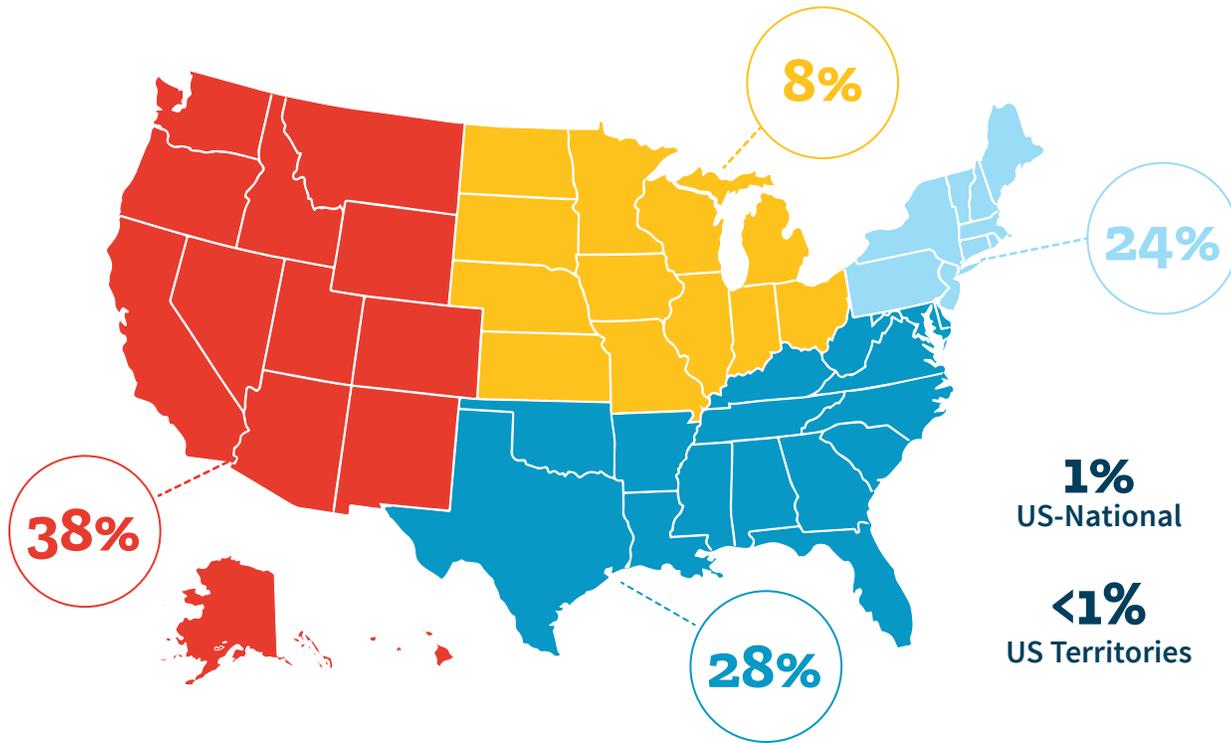
**345** GRANTS GIVEN



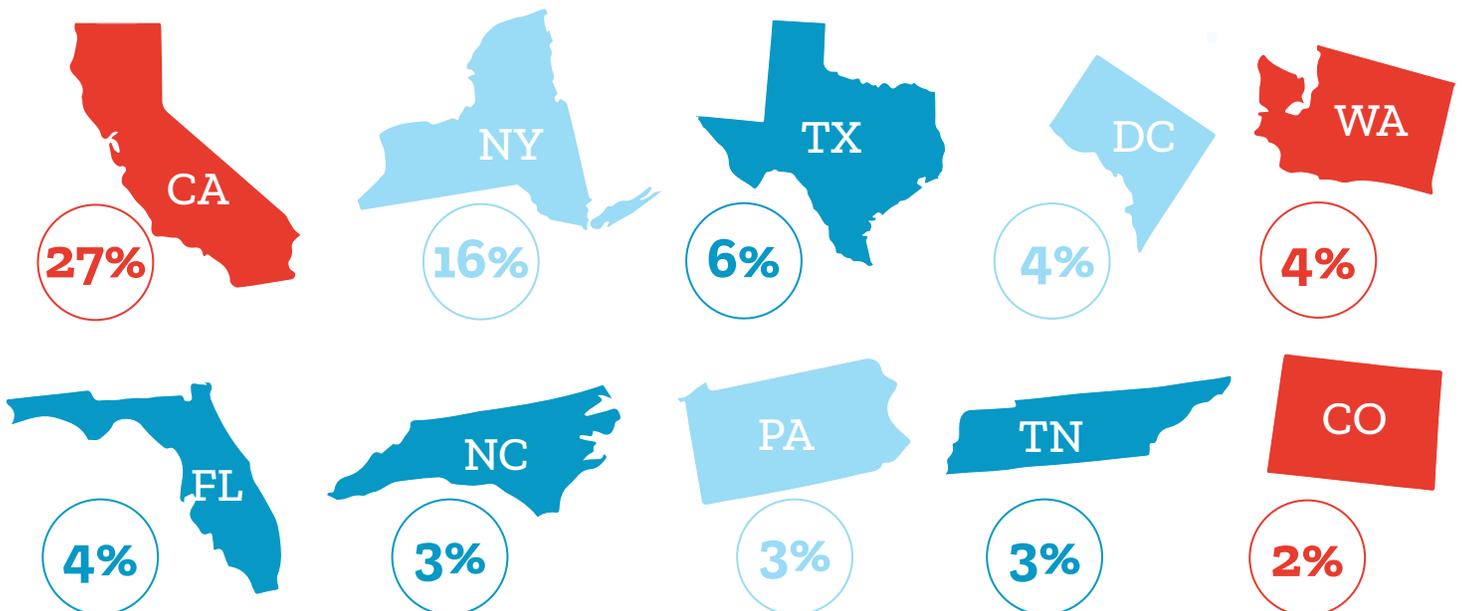
**205** GRANTEE ORGANIZATIONS

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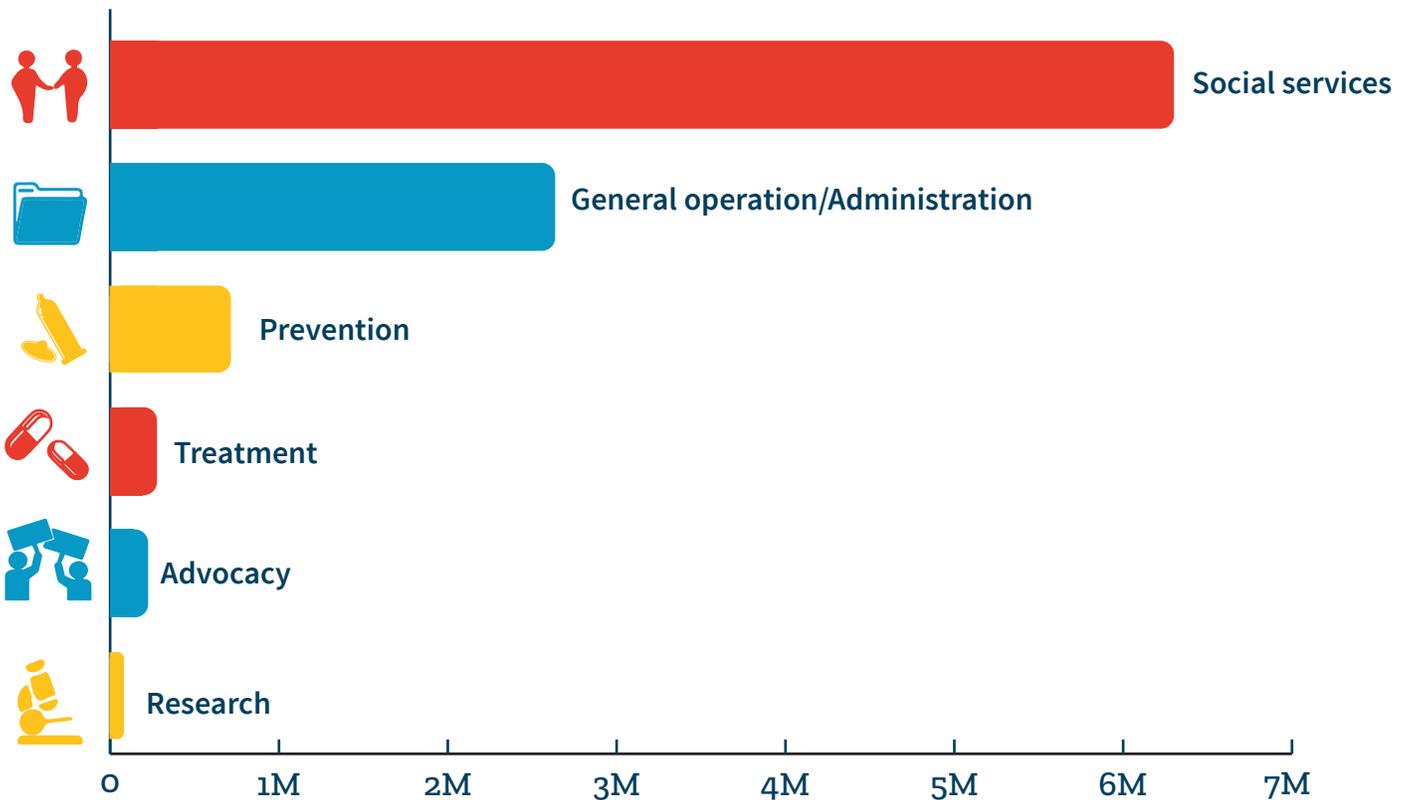
## HIV-RELATED PHILANTHROPY FOR FOR FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES BY US REGION



## TOP 10 STATES RECEIVING HIV-RELATED PHILANTHROPY FOR FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES



# INTENDED USE OF HIV-RELATED PHILANTHROPY FOR FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES



*“As the epidemic has evolved, so have the needs of those affected. Yet for the most marginalized, underserved populations at the highest risk of infection, keeping the disease in check is often overshadowed by a lack of access to necessities such as food, transportation and housing. Our response is to fund community programs and services that provide daily support and essential poverty-based direct services, helping people living with HIV/AIDS to reprioritize their health.”*

- M.A.C AIDS FUND

## Food & Nutrition support can come in a variety of forms:

**1) Food banks/pantries** for economically disadvantaged or homeless PLWHA and their families



**2) Meal delivery programs** for people who are homebound, live in rural areas, or have little/no access to transportation



**3) Medical nutrition therapy** and medically tailored meals for PLWHA and others to help manage the impacts of symptoms, allergies, medication and side effects



**A NOTE ON TARGET POPULATIONS:** Food and nutrition services impact a number of populations, including economically disadvantaged/homeless, PLWHA, people with disabilities, older adults, families and rural populations among many others. As such, we chose not to include our data on populations impacted as many of the grants do not specify the true reach of populations being served.

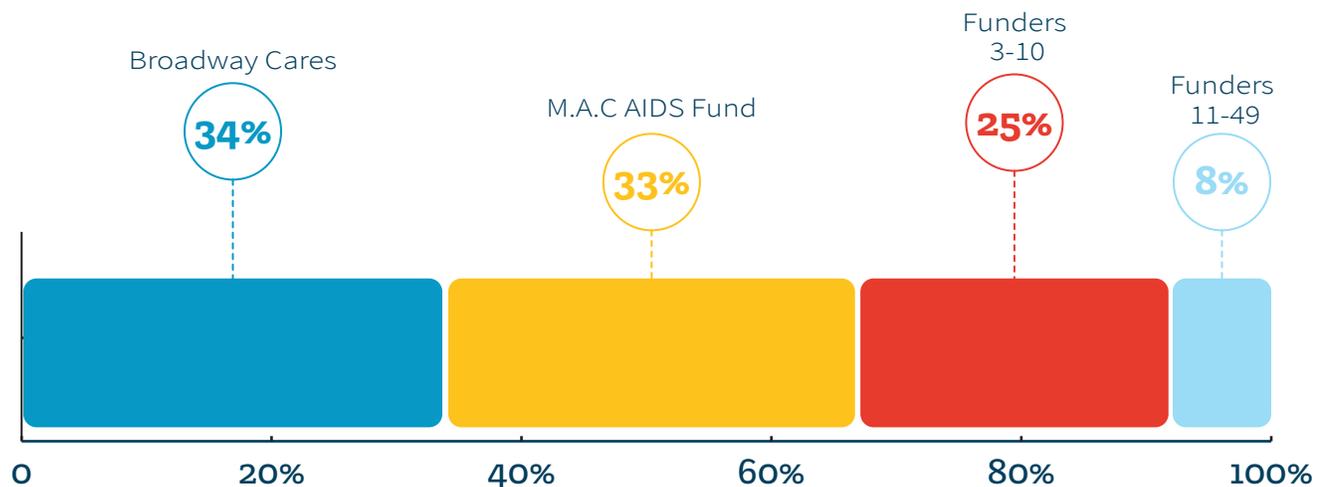
## TOP 10 FUNDERS

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1. Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS
2. M.A.C AIDS Fund and M.A.C Cosmetics
3. Gilead Sciences, Inc.
4. Kaiser Permanente
5. Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA)
6. Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation
7. United Way of Greater Greensboro, Inc.
8. Weingart Foundation
9. Wells Fargo Foundation
10. Seattle Foundation

*“In addition to giving hope and opportunity to people in major metropolitan areas, Broadway Cares supports those living far from other resources... For Kaylee and her son, Dawson, who live in rural Alaska, obtaining everything from necessary medication to everyday items is a challenge. ‘It’s not just the HIV medicine,’ Kaylee explains. ‘It’s getting transportation to cities for checkups and routine surgeries. It’s having food on the table for my son. When you live far from everything, it gets so much harder.’”*

- Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS



**The top 10 funders** represented **92%** of HIV-related funding for Food & Nutrition Services in the US, with the **top two funders** alone accounting for **67%**.

## How are Food & Nutrition Services funded?

According to the Food is Medicine Coalition, funding for food and nutrition services (FNS) for PLWHA is supported through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) - the U.S.'s comprehensive system of care that includes primary medical care and essential support services for PLWHA who are uninsured or underinsured. However, despite an emphasis on comprehensive coverage of FNS, RWHAP funding is still not enough to fully support the needs of agencies who provide FNS, often leaving them to reduce services or implement waiting lists for their clients. This is further exacerbated in states where Medicaid Expansion has not taken place. Finally, while the 2020 update to the National HIV/AIDS Strategy stressed the importance of structural support systems that keep PLWHA in care, there is no specific prioritization around increased access to FNS.

**Learn more at:** <http://www.fimcoalition.org/ryan-white/>