



Funders Concerned About AIDS

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Funders Concerned About AIDS Data Privacy Policy UPDATED: February 2018

Background:

Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA) has tracked the field of AIDS-related private philanthropy for more than a decade, relying on surveys completed by funders, with supplemental review of data from grant databases and funders' grant lists. The resulting data from this effort is published in an annual resource tracking report: *Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS*.

FCAA launched a new strategy in April of 2015 to encourage funders to submit grant lists in lieu of completing the previous survey template. This new strategy has helped to increase the depth of FCAA's analysis and reporting, as well as decrease the burden on the participating organizations. With this increased access to data, FCAA is able to improve reporting on the true nature of AIDS-related philanthropy, as well as provide better technical assistance and support to the field. FCAA has now expanded its analyses into additional blogs, infographics and online tools. Currently resource tracking data is available via the printed report and online PDF at [HTTP://BIT.LY/2LMFZED](http://bit.ly/2LMFZED).

While implementing these changes, FCAA realized a need to develop a transparent data privacy policy to help funders understand how their data will be used and protected within this new resource tracking policy. FCAA consulted colleagues and resources such as the [Human Rights Funders Network](#) and the [WINGS Global Philanthropy Data Charter](#) while developing this policy.

Data Policy:

The FCAA resource tracking project consists of the following tools:

1. The **annual report**: *Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS*
2. A forthcoming, members-only **online portal** – that will include a searchable, password protected database, including funder totals, as well as breakdowns by geographic regions, target populations, intended use, and grantee name & type.
3. **Subsequent analyses** – in the form of blogs, infographics, presentations, and articles – that provide a deep dive on funding for a specific issue, population or geography. A recent example can be found at: [HTTP://WWW.FCAAIDS.ORG/INFOGRAPHICS/](http://www.fcaaid.org/infographics/)

Submitted data will be used to inform the tools listed above.

Additional details:

1. Individual organization grant lists will never be shared outside of FCAA
2. Grantee names will not be shared in the report or subsequent published infographics, but may be available to members via the password protected portal. Funders may also note a grantee as anonymous within grant lists if there are concerns about protecting their identity or location, and/or the funder's activity within a particular geography.
3. If funders do NOT want their data included in the full set of resource tracking tools (see above), they must express their desire to opt-out when they submit their data. As an alternative, they can also anonymize any data they do not wish to be shared publicly.



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FCAA's work, including this signature resource tracking project, is overseen and guided by an 18-member [Board of Directors](#). The organization will commit to ensuring that data privacy is an ongoing subject for discussion, and to review this policy on an annual or as-needed basis.

Your feedback:

This policy represents a start to our commitment and conversation on data privacy. We encourage funders to share their feedback, concerns, or questions on this process, so we can continue to update this policy to meet the needs of the AIDS philanthropic sector. If your organization has additional concerns with data sharing that are not adequately addressed by this policy, FCAA would be happy to develop an organization-specific policy that would continue to enable your full participation in resource tracking. FCAA encourages you to share your feedback on this process and policy with Caterina Gironda at Caterina@fcaaid.org.