Bearing an ever-growing burden of the domestic HIV epidemic, the U.S. South has, for some time now, been the epicenter of it. In 2016, fifty-two percent of all new HIV infections in the U.S. occurred in the South, while the region accounts for just one-third of the nation’s overall population. A group of funders has come together to change that.

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People living in the U.S. South experience tremendous gaps in access to health insurance and care, caused by structural barriers such as poverty, inadequate education, stigma, racism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia. These issues, in turn, pose significant obstacles to accessing treatment and support for HIV and AIDS.

Yet, annually, the region receives less than a quarter of total HIV-related philanthropy for the U.S., just $67 per person living with HIV in the South, compared to $181 nationally.

PRIVATE FUNDERS ARE ACTING TO FOSTER CHANGE

In 2017 a group of partners, brought together by Funders Concerned About AIDS and including Gilead Sciences, Ford Foundation, the Elton John AIDS Foundation, ViiV Healthcare and Johnson and Johnson, launched the Southern HIV Impact Fund. The Fund is managed by AIDS United – the nation’s leading organization advocating for a coordinated response to HIV in partnership with community-based groups around the country to end the HIV epidemic in the U.S.

THE SOUTHERN HIV IMPACT FUND IS FOCUSED ON:

- **Social justice.** HIV exists at the center of many social justice issues. To end the epidemic in the South, we must work in coalition with these other movements, with HIV as a central pivot point.

- **New resources.** Comprised of over 2.5 million private dollars, the Southern HIV Impact Fund is a coordinated approach among funders. It is a newly-established and pooled fund with a strategic focus on HIV in the U.S. South.

- **Leadership development.** The Southern HIV Impact Fund offers meaningful leadership development of Southerners who represent the HIV epidemic in the region, particularly those who are members of the Black, Latinx, queer, and/or transgender communities.

We must dismantle the structural barriers preventing progress against HIV and AIDS and other health conditions in the U.S.

Learn more at southernfund.org
TO DATE THE SOUTHERN HIV IMPACT FUND HAS:

- Made an initial investment of $2.65 million in support of 37 grantee organizations.
- Reached nine deeply impacted states: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas.
- Mobilized $150,000 in emergency support for people living with HIV in hurricane-impacted areas in Texas and Florida.

By the end of the grant year, the Fund will mobilize an additional $150,000 in rapid response grantmaking to address urgent needs across the region.

STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

This first round of Southern HIV Impact Fund grants is outpacing overall HIV-related philanthropy in the U.S. South* in three key areas of strategic investment: people of color, LGBTQ communities, and in leadership development and capacity building. In addition, the Fund has offered an average grant size that is more than double that of overall HIV-related Philanthropy in the U.S. South.

* HIV-related philanthropy for the U.S. South totaled $28,983,425 in 2016. Learn more at: http://www.fcaaids.org/infographics/

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Please consider becoming a Southern HIV Impact Fund partner. Visit us at www.southernfund.org/about to learn more.

CURRENT GRANTEEs INCLUDE:

- Birmingham AIDS Outreach Inc., Birmingham, AL
- Collaborative Solutions, Inc., Birmingham, AL
- Southern AIDS Coalition, Birmingham, AL
- Basic NWFL, Panama City, FL
- Equality Florida Institute, St. Petersburg, FL
- Freedom Fund Network, Inc., Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- Prevention305, Miami Beach, FL
- Rural Women’s Health Project, Gainesville, FL
- Atlanta Harm Reduction Coalition, Atlanta, GA
- Counter Narrative Project, Atlanta, GA
- Equality Foundation of Georgia, Atlanta, GA
- NAESM, Atlanta, GA
- Positive Impact Health Centers, Duluth, GA
- Racial Justice Action Center, Atlanta, GA
- Southerners On New Ground, Atlanta, GA
- THRIVE SS, Atlanta, GA
- BIBAC Metro Health, Baton Rouge, LA
- BreakOUT!, New Orleans, LA
- Capital Area Reentry Program, Baton Rouge, LA
- Frontline Legal Services, Inc., New Orleans, LA
- HEROES, Columbia, LA
- Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center, Lake Charles, LA
- The Right Choice Project, LaPlace, LA
- Jackson Medical Mall Foundation, Jackson, MS
- Mississippi Center for Justice, Jackson, MS
- Mississippi Positive Network, Ridgeland, MS
- Latino Commission on AIDS, Inc., Durham, NC
- North Carolina AIDS Action Network, Raleigh, NC
- North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition, Greensboro, NC
- Western North Carolina AIDS Project, Asheville, NC
- Affinity Health Center, Rockhill, SC
- Choices: Memphis Center for Reproductive Health, Memphis, TN
- Positively Living, Inc., Knoxville, TN
- Abounding Prosperity, Dallas, TX
- Alamo Area Resource Center, San Antonio, TX
- East Texas Cares Resource Center, Tyler, TX
- Valley AIDS Council, Harlingen, TX

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Managed by: AIDS United

Convened by: FCAA

The Southern HIV Impact Fund is a first-of-its-kind collaborative of the nation’s leading private and corporate funders of HIV-related programming. These funders will work jointly and leverage their collective efforts to promote a more coordinated and effective response to the disproportionate impact of HIV in the U.S. South. www.southernfund.org