The most recent Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA) resource tracking report found that HIV/AIDS-related giving among philanthropic organizations totaled approximately $680 million in 2016 – a 2% increase over the previous year, and the highest amount of disbursements to date.

But where is that funding going?
While FCAA research analyzes the end beneficiary of philanthropic HIV-related funding – by geography, strategy and target population – it has not previously focused on the organizations that receive the support. FCAA recently embarked on an effort to analyze each of the roughly 3,600 grantee organizations in 2016 to determine their entity type – i.e. if the organization is a civil society organization (CSO), a hospital, an academic or research institution, etc. For this analysis, CSOs are defined as an umbrella category that represents all non-governmental, not-for-profit organizations that are not also represented as universities, hospitals, foundations or professional associations.

What follows is a first step to dissect the ecosystem of philanthropic support for HIV
It is FCAA’s hope that it establishes a better understanding of the first chain in philanthropic funding – the recipient organization. Future analyses may address the role of organizations that further regrant funds as a funding or intermediary organization, and the role of identity-based community organizations.

THE ECOSYSTEM OF PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT FOR HIV/AIDS IN 2016
Less than half ($306 mil) of HIV-related philanthropy in 2016 supported civil society organizations, followed closely by 31% ($209 mil) to academic/research institutions. Remaining support was disbursed to funds/foundations, professional & medical associations/CME providers, hospitals, individuals, the private sector, and UN technical partners, among others.

1 For more details on the methodology of this analysis, and for our resource tracking report, please see our website at: www.fcaaid.org/resourcetracking.