This infographic provides an analysis of philanthropy disbursed for HIV-related efforts in 2017 that addressed the needs and rights of sex workers.

Sex workers are 13 times more at risk of HIV compared with the general population, due to an increased likelihood of being economically vulnerable, unable to negotiate consistent condom use, and experiencing violence, criminalization and marginalization.

Yet, this population received only $13.9 million in 2017 – roughly 2% of total HIV philanthropy in 2017, and a 24% decrease from 2016.

Data for this infographic is distilled from the Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA) annual report Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS in 2017. Data analyzed for this includes both grants that specifically address the needs of sex workers, as well as grants that target key populations in areas where sex workers are disproportionately impacted.

In 2017, $13,908,008 of HIV-related philanthropy supported sex workers.

**TOP 10 FUNDERS**

1. M.A.C AIDS Fund and M.A.C Cosmetics
2. Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
3. Aidsfonds
4. Elton John AIDS Foundation
5. Sidaction
6. National Postcode Loterij (Dutch National Postcode Lottery)
7. Red Umbrella Fund
8. UHAI: East African Sexual Health and Rights Initiative
9. American Jewish World Service
10. Johnson & Johnson

95% of HIV philanthropy for sex workers came from the **TOP 10 DONORS**
Almost $900k went to organizations doing work on a global level, often to advocacy/human rights-based programming done by global networks of sex workers.

**TOP 5 FUNDED COUNTRIES**
- **INDIA** $1,735,635
- **KENYA** $1,154,916
- **UNITED STATES** $1,547,362
- **FRANCE** $741,659
- **RUSSIA** 634,491

**TOP 5 INTENDED USE**
- Advocacy
- Prevention
- Social Services
- Treatment
- General Operation/Admin

**IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS**
- A strong trend in advocacy and empowerment programs for sex workers: 62% of funding focused on advocacy and human rights-based programming, while 31% ($4.3 mil) went to capacity building and leadership development among sex workers.
- Funders are supporting access to PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis): Just under $1 mil (or 7%) of this funding supported PrEP-related efforts.

**IMPORTANT PHILANTHROPIC RESOURCES:**
“It’s helpful having sex workers making funding decisions because we understand which projects or groups will really be effective towards positive change. Bottom line, it’s our bodies, our lives, and we should be at the forefront of all decisions affecting us”

Member of the Red Umbrella Fund’s Programme Advisory Committee

**THE RED UMBRELLA FUND:** Created in 2012, the Red Umbrella Fund is the first participatory grantmaking entity guided by and for sex workers. The Fund exists to mobilize resources to help strengthen and sustain the movement in achieving human rights for sex workers.

www.redumbrellafund.org

**THE THIRD WAVE FUND’S SEX WORKER GIVING CIRCLE (SWGC):** Launched in April of 2018, the SWGC is the first sex worker-led fund housed at a U.S. foundation, with the dual goal of funding a diverse range of sex worker-led groups throughout the country and bringing current and former sex workers to the philanthropic decision-making table.

www.thirdwavefund.org/sex-workers-giving-circle.html

**GRANTCRAFT’S PARTICIPATORY GRANTMAKING GUIDE:** Funders are increasingly looking to engage the communities they serve in the grantmaking process, but there are few resources about how to do so. This suite of GrantCraft resources addresses this gap by exploring the what, how, and why of participatory grantmaking—an approach to philanthropy that cedes decision-making authority to the very communities affected by funding decisions.

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