MISSION

FCAA informs, connects, and supports philanthropy to mobilize resources to end the global HIV pandemic and build the social, political and economic commitments necessary to attain health, human rights, and justice for all.

VISION

FCAA envisions a world without AIDS, facilitated by philanthropy for:

- Empowerment, equity and justice for marginalized and neglected communities
- Innovation in health services and other programming to promote health, human rights and social and economic opportunity
- Government responsiveness and accountability to people’s needs

Read FCAA’s new 2021-2025 Strategic Plan online at https://www.fcaaids.org/about-us/mission-and-vision/
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Dear Colleagues,

At the start of 2020, Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA) was exploring what it means to be an HIV funder - balancing the need to prioritize HIV with the need to integrate it into broader healthcare and human rights efforts.

Then, the world was upended by COVID-19.

I should say, the world was upended for some of us. For others – the communities and individuals most impacted by HIV – COVID-related challenges and stresses were heightened versions of what they have long experienced. This new pandemic has only deepened existing inequalities and vulnerabilities, reflecting the systemic and social issues that have always driven the HIV epidemic.

FCAA quickly realized that HIV-informed grantmaking would play a critical role. To respond to COVID-19 and sustain progress against HIV and AIDS, grant makers would need to apply the experience and approaches learned from the HIV response in funding effective research, community education, advocacy for rights and justice, and scaled-up testing, treatment, and prevention.

I am proud and humbled to say that HIV-informed grantmakers have done just that. In FCAA’s membership roster alone, funders have shifted to general operating support, started or increased rapid response mechanisms, prioritized community-led responses, simplified grant processes and reporting, and importantly, they have called upon others to do the same.

FCAA pivoted its own operations as well. In 2020, like many of you, we took all programs online and moved to a 100% virtual office. At first, we hesitated to continue our strategic planning process thinking we should focus exclusively on responding to the crisis at hand. But we were quickly buoyed by the engagement of both member and partner organizations in our responsive programming and working groups and their encouragement to carry on with the planning process.

Ultimately, we launched our new strategic plan on World AIDS Day 2020. Whereas our last strategy contemplated the intersections at which we needed to work, in this new plan the intersections are the focus of our work. We cannot eliminate an epidemic if we don’t address the social drivers that fuel it.

We don’t yet know how the current COVID-19 pandemic will change our world or our work. We do know that HIV-informed philanthropy will continue to play a critical role.

Thank you for all you do, and for your continued membership and belief in FCAA.

Warmest Regards,

John L. Barnes
Executive Director
IN 2020 FCAA:

- Hosted 431 program participants at 8 virtual events throughout the year
- Published three data infographics on: Eastern Europe and Central Asia, BIPOC communities, and transgender communities
- Published 15 FCAA Blogs and 5 external media pieces
- Launched the 17th edition of Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS
- Launched two new funder working groups in response to new challenges
- Launched FCAA’s Instagram account and activated FCAA’s YouTube channel.
- Partnered with Avert and ViiV Healthcare Positive Action to convene a virtual discussion on funding for community-led responses on the HIV2020 global stage
- Strengthened communications, including through the video blog series: What does it mean to be an HIV funder?
- Launched a new 5-yr strategic plan, website and FCAA brand
HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WORK IN 2020

SPRING

As COVID-19 fundamentally altered our environment, FCAA quickly pivoted to virtual meetings, launching a new “FCAA Connect” virtual platform.

FCAA launched the COVID-19 Funder Learning Group to share data, resources, and best practices as well as to coordinate funding and advocacy initiatives, with particular emphasis on supporting marginalized communities and under-resourced geographies disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

SUMMER

FCAA partnered with AIDS United to amplify the work of Southern HIV Impact Fund grantees in national and local media for Southern HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

FCAA co-sponsored the session "The Dollars and Sense of HIV Grantmaking" with Avert and ViiV Healthcare Positive Action on the HIV2020 conference’s global stage, reaching hundreds of attendees with a frank conversation around the impacts of COVID-19 on the HIV response, and the importance of participatory grantmaking and community-led (and funded) responses.
Throughout 2020, FCAA used the data we collect as part of our annual resource tracking initiative to inform philanthropic advocacy. In particular, two new infographics provided tools to analyze and discuss the level of resources allocated to community-led and representative work for Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) and transgender communities.

FCAA also launched the Racial Justice Working Group, which aims to advocate for more funding for, and increased transparency in, racial justice efforts so that grant making can be adequately resourced, monitored and improved.

On World AIDS Day, FCAA launched a new 5-year strategic plan that outlines the value of HIV-informed grantmaking, which includes: putting those most impacted by the disease at the center of the response; using a rights-based approach to grantmaking; and, addressing the social drivers that create epidemics.

The December FCAA Connect - Gender Justice is Trans Justice - was our highest attended webinar to date, with more than 50 attendees. This session - the first in a two-part series on funding for transgender and gender nonconforming communities (TGNC) – represented an important opportunity to collaborate with the Women’s Funding Network, Funders for Reproductive Equity and Funders for LGBTQ Issues, and reach across funder networks to help support TGNC communities on the path to liberation.
As a global network of funders, FCAA welcomes diverse perspectives, facilitates open communication and debate, and promotes racial and gender equity and human rights.

This list of FCAA member-supporting organizations represented roughly 50% of total HIV-related grantmaking in 2019.
FCAA ended 2020 in a strong financial position through grant revenue, strong membership retention (90% retention rate) and by receiving Paycheck Protection Program funding to help offset losses in program revenue and membership. Finally, by pivoting quickly to virtual programming and a 100% remote office, FCAA also prioritized and reallocated budget lines to ensure seamless operations.

**Total Income: $772,318**

- Grants (62%)
- Membership (22%)
- Sponsorship/Registration/Other (2%)
- PPP Funding (8%)
- Investment Gains/Other (6%)

**Total Expenses: $609,888**

- Program (82%)
- Admin (11%)
- Fundraising (7%)
HIV-INFORMED GRANT MAKING

Experience in funding responses to epidemics
Committed to health, rights & justice
Working together for a better world