FUNDERS CONCERNED ABOUT AIDS
MEMBERSHIP GUIDE

ESSENTIAL RESOURCES FOR HIV-INFORMED GRANTMAKERS
WELCOME

Welcome to Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA)! We work to inform, connect, and support HIV-informed funders. Having FCAA’s tools at their fingertips helps ensure that the resources grantmakers mobilize have the greatest impact.

INFORM
Serve as the central source of information about HIV-informed philanthropy.

CONNECT
Connect and convene all leaders in HIV-informed philanthropy.

SUPPORT
Support the visibility and influence of HIV-informed funders.

More than 45 philanthropic foundations and charities currently support FCAA as members. In 2019, those collective organizations accounted for roughly 50% of total HIV-related philanthropy.

As a global network of funders, FCAA welcomes diverse perspectives, facilitates open communication and debate, and promotes racial and gender equity and human rights. We also work with many other philanthropy-serving organizations on the intersecting issues that drive HIV and AIDS.

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN HIV-INFORMED FUNDER

The COVID-19 pandemic made clear that the experience of HIV-informed grantmakers is essential. The world needs philanthropic funders that:

- Understand emergency responses to new epidemics and sustained efforts to bring epidemics to an end;
- Fund across intersecting issues of health, rights, community empowerment, and government funding, accountability, and action;
- Follow evidence, including both “standard” scientific evidence and community-generated evidence, and are willing to challenge stereotypes, stigma, and discrimination.
OUR 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

TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF FCAA’S MEMBER-ONLY OPPORTUNITIES!

All staff of FCAA member organizations have a comprehensive toolkit at their disposal, helping to make the most informed funding decisions. Please be sure to share this with everyone at your organization as membership includes access to critical information, resources, and networking opportunities they won’t want to miss:

- Receive discounted rates and the opportunity for early registration to our annual Summit
- Access our brand-new Membership & Grants Directory (coming Fall 2021)
- Participate in funder-only webinars and briefings
- Request technical assistance, contacts/introductions, or data insights from FCAA staff
- Discounted access to a number of products, subscriptions, and services that benefit the philanthropic sector

Learn more about FCAA’s core programs and resources in the following pages.
FCAA tracks, interprets, and shares information about HIV-informed funding, policies, and programs. Learn about trends and best practices in the HIV-informed funding landscape through FCAA’s:

**Resource Tracking Reports**

FCAA’s signature report, *Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS*, is the most comprehensive study of its kind. Our latest report captures data on more than 5,500 grants, awarded by 264 foundations in 15 countries, and identifies gaps, trends, and opportunities in HIV-related philanthropy.

**Data Spotlights**

FCAA develops data visualizations highlighting areas in need of continued funding and programming in the global response to the epidemic. Each of these data spotlights focus on funding of key issues, geographies, and populations.

**Research Initiatives**

FCAA regularly produces briefings, reports, analyses of challenges and best practices on issues of interest to HIV-informed funders.

**Communication Platforms**

FCAA produces original content through its blog and through philanthropic, global health, mainstream, and social media. FCAA collaborates, where appropriate, with co-authors and a diversity of funders to highlight a range of perspectives.
FCAA convenes regular gatherings and facilitates collaboration, sharing of information, engaging in dialogue, and reinforcing relationships for effective grantmaking. Connect and align with other funders by:

**Accessing our Membership & Grants Directory**

Coming Fall 2021! Add your organization to our centralized database of members and gain new levels of access to our annual resource tracking data. These tools are intended to inform and support your grantmaking and help identify new opportunities to connect and collaborate with your peers.

**Attending a Networking Event or Webinar**

We hold many events, both large scale meetings and more intimate discussions, throughout the year. For example, at our **Annual Summit**, we mobilize members to share good practices and strategies to increase the amount and impact of HIV-informed philanthropy, while also providing space for networking and community building. At our annual **Spring Funder Forum**, we gather a diverse group of stakeholders to assess the landscape and identify concrete action steps to ensure continued progress in funding the HIV fight. FCAA also organizes regular **FCAA Connect webinar** discussions among members about developments and challenges in global health and human rights.

**Joining a Working Group**

FCAA **working groups** are member-driven platforms that provide learning and networking opportunities among funders looking to mobilize resources and bring heightened awareness to specific issues in HIV-related philanthropy. While topics are fluid and responsive to member interests, current 2021 working groups include:

- The Racial Justice Working Group coordinates philanthropy’s funding, monitoring, and improvement of transparency in racial justice efforts to alleviate race-based health disparities.
- The COVID-19 Funders Learning Group coordinates data, resources, best practices, and other support for people and communities living with and vulnerable to HIV, as they face the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.
FCAA promotes existing HIV-informed funding mechanisms, while catalyzing new initiatives and partnerships to increase interest and engagement. For example:

Southern HIV Impact Fund

The Southern HIV Impact Fund seeks to coordinate a philanthropic response and mobilize attention and resources to address HIV in the southern US in partnership with community-based organizations.

FCAA Advocacy Network

The Network monitors the rapidly evolving political landscape in the US and other leading international donor countries. It also produces regular updates for the FCAA list-serv and social media followers.
GET STARTED WITH FCAA

We want to hear about your work and collaborate with you!

Sign up for the Annual FCAA Summit or Spring Funder Forum

FCAA Summit Registration opens in the summer each year for the late fall event. Find more information in the Summit section of the website and in member emails.

Registration for the FCAA Spring Funder Forum opens in March and typically takes place in April. Find more information in the Calendar of Events section of the website and in member emails.

Utilize Resources

Sign Up for our List-Serv

Register For a Webinar
Check out our Calendar of Events to find the appropriate registration link.

View our most recent resource tracking report

Get Involved

Submit an Idea for a blog or webinar

Submit your annual HIV-related grants data

Join a Working Group

Follow us on Social Media

#FundHIVFight

AND SHARE NEWS OR RESOURCES!
OUR TEAM

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History shows that efforts against HIV and AIDS will be needed for many decades to come. HIV-informed funding and activism must be sustained to end the epidemic and to build investments in health, rights, and justice to remove the conditions that still fuel preventable epidemics today.

Now is the time to protect the gains, push to end epidemics, and keep alive the promise of a better world. Let us know how FCAA can support your organization in pursuing this collective mission.

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