



## Funders Concerned About AIDS

Supporting HIV-Informed Grant Making  
for Health, Rights, and Justice for All

### **Funders Concerned About AIDS Resource Tracking Security Plan**

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#### ***Background:***

Funders Concerned About AIDS (FCAA) has tracked the field of HIV-related private philanthropy for almost two decades, originally relying on surveys completed by funders, and supplemental review of publicly available data, including from grant databases, such as CANDID, and 990 forms. The resulting data from this effort is published in an annual resource tracking report: *Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS*.

FCAA launched a new strategy in April of 2015 to encourage funders to submit grant lists in lieu of completing the previous survey template. This new strategy has helped to increase the depth of FCAA's analysis and reporting, as well as decrease the burden on the participating organizations. With this increased access to data, FCAA is able to improve reporting on the true nature of HIV-related philanthropy, as well as provide better technical assistance and support to the field. FCAA has now expanded its analyses into additional blogs, infographics, and new online tools. Currently resource tracking data is available via the printed report and online PDF at <https://www.fcaaid.org/inform/philanthropic-support-to-address-hiv-aids/>

While implementing these changes, FCAA realized a need to develop a transparent data security plan to help funders understand how their data will be used and protected. FCAA consulted colleagues and resources such as the [\*\*Human Rights Funders Network\*\*](#) and the [\*\*WINGS Global Philanthropy Data Charter\*\*](#) while developing this policy.

The FCAA resource tracking project currently consists of the following tools:

- The **annual report**: *Philanthropic Support to Address HIV/AIDS*
- **Subsequent analyses** – in the form of blogs, infographics, presentations, and articles – that provide a deep dive on funding for a specific issue, population, or geography. Recent examples can be found at: <https://www.fcaaid.org/inform/data-spotlight/>
- A forthcoming, FCAA members-only **Membership and Grants directory** – that will include a searchable, password protected directory, including funder totals, as well as grant details, including geographic regions, populations of focus, intended use, and grantee name. Full grant descriptions will not be included within the directory.

Directly submitted and publicly identified data will be used to inform the tools listed above.



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### Security Practices

FCAA commits to be responsive to funders' needs and concerns, and to document security issues if and as they arise.

Our work, including this signature resource tracking project, is overseen, and guided by FCAA's [Board of Directors](#). The organization will commit to ensuring that data privacy is an ongoing subject for discussion, and to review this policy on an annual or as-needed basis.

- In 2019 FCAA launched a new grant portal for funders to safely submit their data online for the annual resource tracking project. The online portal is password protected.
  - FCAA also accepts data via e-mail, and reviews publicly available data via databases such as CANDID, 990 forms, and funder websites and annual reports.
- Funders have the option to submit data anonymously or request to remove specific grant information from any of the resource tracking tools.
  - Requests to anonymize specific grants or grantees can be marked as such when submitting via the online grant portal, or by communicating this need to Caterina Gironda ([caterina@fcaids.org](mailto:caterina@fcaids.org)).
  - If you have anonymized previous or current data, FCAA will reach out on how and/or if these grants will appear in the online members-only grant directory.
- FCAA will not share individual grant lists outside of the organization or beyond the use of the three aforementioned tools.
- Grantee names will not be shared in the report or subsequent published infographics but will be available to members via the password protected portal. Full grant descriptions will neither be shown nor affiliated to a grantee or funder within any of the tools. Further yet, funders may also note a grantee as anonymous within grant lists if there are concerns about protecting their identity or location, and/or the funder's activity within a particular issue area or geography.
- The online Membership and Grants Directory will be a password protected online tool, available only to staff of FCAA member organizations. While data will be searchable, full grant descriptions will not be available. Additionally, data cannot be downloaded.

### ***Your feedback:***

This policy represents a start to our commitment and conversation on data privacy. We encourage funders to share their feedback, concerns, or questions on this process, so we can continue to update this policy to meet the needs of the HIV-related philanthropic sector. If your organization has additional concerns with data sharing that are not adequately addressed by this policy, FCAA would be happy to develop an organization-specific policy that would continue to enable your full participation in resource tracking. FCAA encourages you to share your feedback on this process and policy with Caterina Gironda at [Caterina@fcaids.org](mailto:Caterina@fcaids.org).