



2025 FCAA Global Philanthropy Summit

*Funding for the Future:
Uniting at the Intersection of HIV, Health and Human Rights*

January 27-28, 2025
Washington Plaza Hotel
Washington, D.C.

CALL FOR SESSIONS

Applications due: 9 August 2024

Funders Concerned About AIDS is honored to welcome HIV, health, and human rights donors from around the world to join us in Washington, DC for our 2025 Global Philanthropy Summit from January 27-28, 2025!

With more than half of the world’s population heading to the ballot box in 2024, a rising tide of authoritarianism uniting anti-rights and anti-gender actors around the world, and a steady decline in philanthropic and government resources – FCAA’s 2025 Global Philanthropy Summit will serve as a critical moment for reflection and collective planning.

We finally have the medical knowledge and tools to bring an end to AIDS in our lifetimes. Yet intersecting structural and societal barriers – including stigma and discrimination, economic disparities, racial injustice, gender inequality, criminalization, migration, geopolitical conflict, and inequitable access to healthcare – conspire to keep the vision of a post-AIDS future out of reach. Indeed, the experiences of people living with and vulnerable to HIV bring to light what is often hiding in the shadows. For example, we commonly see new HIV transmissions climb within countries impacted by political repression, anti-LGBTQ+ policies, war, and other crises.

FCAA’s earliest advocacy highlighted how broader philanthropy could and should play a role in responding to HIV. Our messages included the reminder that regardless of what you funded, you too could fight HIV. It is time once again to call on the sector to work collectively and to urge a more integrated, united response to today’s shared threats.

To that end, we are inviting session ideas and workshop proposals to help curate the Summit agenda. We welcome submissions from FCAA members and other philanthropic institutions, and will also consider proposals from donor governments, multilaterals, and partnering philanthropy-serving organizations. We encourage collaborative proposals that engage donors from a range of sectors and expertise.

Proposals should be submitted by 9 August 2024 and will be reviewed by our program committee.

Guiding Questions

We look forward to receiving a wide range of proposals, including those that consider the following guiding questions in relation to the Summit theme - ***Funding for the Future: Uniting at the Intersection of HIV, Health and Human Rights***

1. Post-Elections Analysis & Strategy

- How are you using scenario planning to prepare for how various election outcomes around the world will affect grantmaking and communities impacted by HIV?
- How should philanthropy respond to increased politicization and polarization of HIV funding? What can HIV funders learn from healthcare, SRHR, and LGBTQ funders (and vice versa)?
- How can funders remain responsive to the needs of civil society, regardless of who's in political leadership?

2. Financing

- What does the decline in HIV-specific philanthropy (and stagnant government funding) mean for our movement and progress towards 2030 goals?
- How do we navigate and advocate within domestic and global institutions where there may be a loss of trust or champions? What other spaces of influence do we need to engage?
- What do discussions about "sustainability" and "localization" mean for the philanthropic sector?
- How can we sustain key HIV infrastructure? What future funding mechanisms may be needed in the global HIV response?

3. Intersections

- How are funders integrating HIV-affected populations and issues within intersectional portfolios (e.g., sexual & reproductive health, LGBTQ issues, human rights, health systems, disability rights, democracy, employment, etc.). And, vice versa, how are HIV funders integrating social determinants of health, sexual & reproductive health, LGBTQ issues, human rights, health systems, democracy, employment, etc. in their grantmaking?
- How can funders support a move toward integrated care that addresses the holistic lives of key populations and people living with and at risk of HIV?
- How do you make the case for more and better HIV-inclusive funding within your institutions?
- How do you measure success when funding HIV work that intersects with other underlying drivers or barriers (e.g. addressing homelessness/stigma as a vehicle to achieve better HIV outcomes)?

4. People and Places

- What are practical recommendations for funders interested in funding hard-to-reach or criminalized communities?
- What does "let communities lead" look like in practice versus theory?
- How can we better engage and support the next generation of HIV-informed champions in philanthropy, including people living with HIV?
- What geographies or communities should be at the forefront of philanthropy's attention?

ADDITIONAL TOPICS OF INTEREST

In addition to responding to the questions above, sessions that address these following issues will also be prioritized:

- Needs of key populations and disproportionately impacted groups – including gay and bisexual men, women and girls, people who inject drugs, transgender people, LGBTQ populations, and sex workers, as well as people in closed settings (prisons, detention and refugee camps), and people on the move (climate migrants, refugees, and people living in areas experiencing humanitarian crises).
- Racial justice and decolonizing practices in philanthropy
- Decriminalization and harm reduction efforts
- The role of narrative change and messaging in the current response to HIV
- Practical grantmaking tips
- Funding advocacy and/or responding to harmful policies
- HIV in the U.S. South and Global South
- Impact of evolving science around prevention, treatment, and cures on funding priorities.

SESSION CRITERIA

Our goal is to design an agenda that balances skills building, best practices, issue/landscape exploration, and real-time strategizing sessions.

In your application, please indicate what kind of session you are proposing: Plenary Session, Workshop/Break-out Session, or Affinity Group/Working Group meeting.

The session format is up to the organizer(s)/sponsor(s) though abstracts including multiple presenters and interactive components will be given preference. Priority consideration will be given to submissions that:

- Raise underrepresented and new perspectives and include a diverse range of speakers. Panelists representing marginalized groups, experienced implementers, and/or affected populations are encouraged. Please note, for the purposes of the Summit, we will be looking at diversity across HIV status, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, geography, and economic status.
- Feature at least one community-based panelist.
- Offer unique facilitation and audience participation opportunities (e.g. real-time polling, small group discussions) as appropriate. Proposed sessions that primarily showcase (i.e. “show and tell”) the work of individual organizations or single initiatives will not be prioritized. Find a few examples of innovative session formats [HERE](#).
- Integrate exploration of issues **and** related grantmaking strategies and practices and encourage and help participants to think through the relevance, transferability, and applicability of the session content to their own work as grantmakers.

Additional Considerations

- We seek sessions focused on the global HIV response, including the domestic U.S., and crosscutting issues.
- Your audience will be comprised of funders and others working in the philanthropic sector.
- All session types must include at least one funder; however, panelists/framers/moderators need not all be funders. A mix of grantmakers, activists/advocates working in the field, scholars, etc. can bring critical, multi-disciplinary perspectives and expertise. HIV-positive perspectives will be prioritized

SESSION STRUCTURE

Below are three possible structures to follow when submitting an abstract. Additional creative formats are welcome, but please describe in detail any alternative structures and any space/technical/and other requirements. Content can be drawn from the perspective of the grantmaker OR community representative (i.e. innovations from a funded or partner organization). **However, implications or learnings for grantmakers must be a key component of every session.** This is a competitive process and roughly 8-10 sessions will be accepted.

1. **1.5-hour Plenary Session** for the entire conference community. Likely audience: 150-200
2. **1-hour Skills building sessions/workshops** on HIV-related grantmaking or community practices that require some level of technical expertise or address a new or emerging area of practice where there is limited expertise or experience to draw on. These sessions should include interaction and learning opportunities for the audience. (Examples: diversifying funding/ accessing government funds, integrating PrEP into prevention work, addressing power dynamics in HIV grantmaking). Likely audience: 30-60
3. **1-hour Facilitated discussions or affinity group/working groups** on an issue of relevance to the conference theme featuring a facilitator and expert stakeholders, but no formal presentations. Time for audience interaction is recommended. (Examples: private donor response to declining HIV funding in middle-income countries, how to prepare for setbacks in countries with a history of significant HIV investments). Likely audience: 30-60

WHO CAN SPONSOR/ORGANIZE A SESSION?

Any funder or philanthropic infrastructure support organization is invited to submit an abstract individually or in concert with others. **FCAA strongly encourages foundations (and philanthropy serving organizations) to partner with one another on abstracts** to pool their creativity and expertise and share the financial responsibilities of session sponsorship (see below). Submissions from FCAA members will be given priority in the selection process.

LOGISTICAL AND FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES

If the submission is selected for the upcoming Summit, organizers/sponsors are responsible for:

- Inviting and prepping speakers (including holding at least one conference call with your panel).
- Collecting and sharing all speaker information (bios and pictures) with FCAA in a timely manner.
- Making arrangements for speakers' travel, lodging, and registration.
- Covering travel, accommodation, and honoraria for community/non-funder speakers. Please note we recommend a minimum honorarium of \$500 for community/non-funder speakers, and community-based speakers are exempt from registration fees.
- Ensuring all funders participating in the session can attend. All funders are responsible for covering their own registration and travel fees. If a funder cannot cover their own travel or registration, it becomes the responsibility of the session sponsor to do so.
- Informing invited speakers who are not funders – or otherwise not eligible for FCAA membership – of conference policies concerning non-solicitation and attendance. *[Please note that non-funders who are presenting are welcome to stay for and participate in the entire summit, unless specific sessions are designated as “funder-only” spaces.]*

For budgeting purposes, please note:

- Lodging: FCAA has arranged for a room rate of \$179/night at the Washington Plaza Hotel from Sunday the 26th through Tuesday the 28th.
- Registration Fees:
 - Members from high-income countries: \$600
 - Non-members from high-income countries: \$850
 - Members and non-members from [low- and middle-income countries](#): \$400
 - Funder Speakers: \$150 discount
 - Community/Non-Funder Speakers: Free

Please note, FCAA cannot commit to supporting speakers but are hoping to have a limited number of scholarships to support participation for those who might not be able to otherwise attend. If you have concerns about meeting the financial responsibilities of sponsoring a session, please note that on the form.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT

1. Please submit your abstract [online](#) no later than **9 August 2024**.
2. Abstracts will be reviewed by FCAA staff and program committee members and decisions will be made by **29 August**.
3. If your abstract is selected, FCAA will require you to fill out a session form with a finalized speaker list and refined session description to be used in Summit marketing materials. **Those materials will be due by 1 October**
4. We will also arrange a planning call with the organizers to share the feedback of the advisory committee and discuss additional suggestions and details.

FCAA staff is available with support during every part of the process. We encourage you to contact Sarah Hamilton (sarah@fcaaid.org) with any questions on your session concept prior to submission. You can also visit the call for [sessions Q&A](#).