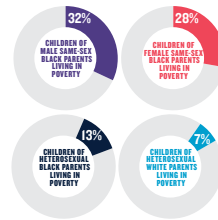


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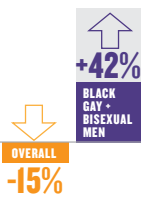
There are nearly 1.4 million lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) Black adults in the United States, totalling 12% of the LGBT population, the equivalent of the entire population of Dallas.¹

PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY, BY RACE AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION OF PARENTS²



Black same-sex couples are nearly twice as likely as white same-sex couples to be raising children. The children of Black same-sex couples are more than 4.5 times more likely to be living in poverty than the children of white heterosexual couples.²

NEW HIV DIAGNOSES IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY, 2010-2017



While overall new HIV diagnoses in the Black community decreased nationally by 15% between 2010 and 2017, new diagnoses among Black gay and bisexual men increased 42% during this time period.³

Black gay and bisexual men face an increased risk for contracting the virus, even though they are more likely to engage in safer sex practices than their white counterparts.⁴

RACIAL & SEXUAL ORIENTATION/ GENDER IDENTITY DISCRIMINATION



Black LGBTQ youth face alarming rates of discrimination on account of both their race and sexual orientation/gender identity.⁵

BLACK TRANS POPULATION EXPERIENCING POLICE MISTREATMENT

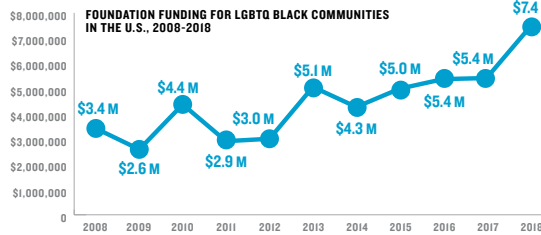


Black LGBTQ people face alarming rates of policing and violence in all aspects of their lives.

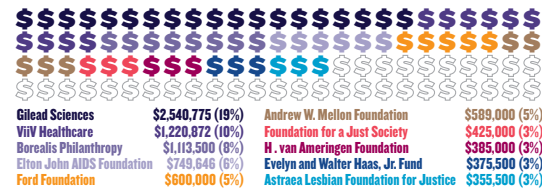
In particular, nearly two-thirds of Black Trans people report experiencing mistreatment from police, ranging from verbal harassment to physical — and at times sexual — assault.⁶

THE FUNDING

White grant dollars for Black LGBTQ communities reached a record high in 2018, funding has never exceeded more than \$7.5 million, or 5 percent of all LGBTQ funding in the United States. This represents less than .01 percent of all foundation funding that year.



THE TOP 10 FUNDERS OF BLACK LGBTQ COMMUNITIES, 2017-2018



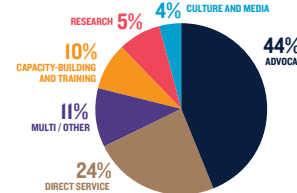
The top ten funders of Black LGBTQ communities accounted for 65 percent of all support over this two-year period.

The two largest funders are both pharmaceutical companies with grantmaking almost exclusively focused on HIV/AIDS.

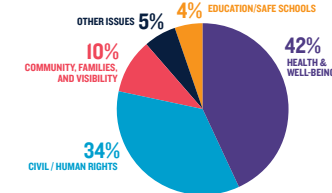
In 2019, there were 24 known murders of trans women, of whom 22 were Black.⁷

Yet Black trans and gender-nonconforming people collectively received <1% of all funding for LGBTQ issues in 2018.

FUNDING BY STRATEGY (2017-2018)



FUNDING BY ISSUE AREA (2017-2018)



THE OPPORTUNITIES



SUPPORT LGBTQ BLACK LEADERS WORKING ACROSS A RANGE OF MOVEMENTS
The capacity-building and leadership development of queer Black leaders is essential to building sustainable movements, from racial justice and economic justice, to LGBTQ rights, reproductive justice and immigrant rights.



INCREASE INVESTMENTS IN BLACK-LED LGBTQ ORGANIZATIONS Organizations led by and for Black LGBTQ communities are crucial to effectively addressing the intersections of anti-Black racism, homophobia, and transphobia. Funders have an opportunity to support this diverse ecosystem, ranging from national organizations such as the Center for Black Equity, the Marsha P. Johnson Center, and the National Black Justice Coalition to grassroots groups such as Black Trans Media in New York, Brave Space Alliance in Chicago, House of GG in Arkansas, The Knights & Orchids Society in Alabama, and TGI Justice Project in California.



CENTER BLACK TRANS EXPERIENCE
In philanthropy, in LGBTQ movements, and in racial justice movements, the experiences and wisdom of Black Trans leaders—especially Black Trans women—are often marginalized and rendered invisible. Work proactively in your foundation and with grantees to center the lived experience of Black Trans people and support Black Trans leaders.



ADDRESS ANTI-BLACK RACISM IN ALL AREAS OF YOUR WORK Engage in an ongoing institution-wide process to name anti-Black racism and white supremacist practices in your work as you embed diversity, equity, and social justice across all aspects of the organization. This includes at the board level, in human resources, grantmaking, communications, thought leadership, organization-wide learning and evaluation, as well as in the development of retention strategies to ensure your organization always includes Black leadership at all levels.



LISTEN AND LEARN FROM BLACK-LED MOVEMENTS Black Lives Matter, the Movement for Black Lives, and other Black-led organizations have developed intersectional policy recommendations on issues ranging from developing economic justice programs to divesting from industries that criminalize Black people. Funders have an opportunity to listen to these movement leaders and integrate their movement frameworks into their own grantmaking and public thought leadership.



SUPPORT QUEER AND TRANS BLACK-LED PHILANTHROPIC INFRASTRUCTURE
There is a growing field of queer and Trans Black-led philanthropic funds, ranging from grassroots local funds such as the Black Trans Travel Fund in New York and Coriño's All Black Lives Fund in Orlando to national and regional ones such as the Black Trans Fund and the Southern Power Fund. Supporting these helps build sustainable funding led by and for Black LGBTQ communities.

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