Foundation funding for trans communities has continued to increase dramatically since we released Transformational Impact: Foundation Funding for Trans Communities in 2015. In the past five years alone, the funding increased more than four fold.

Moreover, the top 10 funders of U.S. trans communities accounted for more than 70 percent of the funding.

Funding for trans communities is awarded to all types of organizations, including trans-specific organizations, LGBTQ-specific organizations, and non-LGBTQ-specific organizations. The funding supports all kinds of issues.

- Increase the scale and scope of philanthropic resources supporting the wellbeing of trans communities.
- Elevate the dialogue regarding trans funding, by providing information and research to the field of philanthropy, and connecting funders committed to trans issues.
- Support, increase, and diversify the trans people working in philanthropy.

Grandmakers United for Trans Communities (GUTC), an initiative of Funders for LGBTQ Issues, aims to inspire a philanthropic culture that is inclusive and supportive of trans people through grantmaking and decision-making. Together with our partnering funders, the GUTC initiative will accomplish the following goals to improve the lived experiences of trans people: 

According to limited data, it is estimated that there are more than 1 million ‘out’ trans people living all across the United States. ESTIMATED U.S. ADULT POPULATION IDENTIFYING AS TRANSGENDER, 2016

On account of persistent workplace harassment, discrimination, and biased terminations, transgender people experience crushing levels of poverty that often leads to homelessness. Transgender people are nearly four times more likely to be living on less than $10,000 than the general population.

The importance of funding for trans communities cannot be understated. A number of social determinants that impact health disparities for trans people: 

- More than 1 million “out” trans people are living all across the United States. 
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- Transgender people report having at least one negative experience, such as verbal harassment, refusal of treatment, or having to teach the healthcare provider about transgender people to receive appropriate care.

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ORGS
1. ARCUS FUNDATION — $4,428,300
2. ANONYMOUS — $4,100,000
3. ELTON JOHN AIDS FOUNDATION — $3,760,000
4. ANONYMOUS — $1,279,790
5. M.A.C. AIDS FUND — $1,282,857
6. NEW YORK WOMEN’S FOUNDATION — $1,435,600
7. GOOD FUNDING — $1,641,000
8. TIDES FOUNDATION — $1,233,000
9. MEET THE PRESS — $1,200,000
10. JILL MILLER — $1,200,000

FUNDING FOR TRANS COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S. BY ISSUE (2015-2016)

FUNDING FOR TRANS WORK, BY ORGANIZATION TYPE (2015-2016)

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PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULATION LIVING ON LESS THAN $10,000*†

15% PERSONNEL POPULATION
4% TRANSGENDER POPULATION

PERCENTAGE OF U.S. ADULT POPULATION LIVING WITH HIV/AIDS*†

19% TOTAL FUNDING
0.3% ALL FOUNDATION FUNDING

Moreover, for every $100 awarded by U.S. Foundations, less than 3 cents benefits trans communities.

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