Funding for LGBTI Issues in the Global North

Over the two-year period of 2013 - 2014, foundations, corporations, intermediaries, government donors and multilateral agencies awarded US$ 240,595,280 for LGBTI issues in the Global North. For the purposes of this report, the Global North is defined to encompass Canada and the United States and Western Europe. These regions include most of the world's highest-income countries. They are home to 11 percent of the global population, but received 57 percent of LGBTI funding in this time period.

Top Funders and Recipients

The Top 10 funders of LGBTI issues for the Global North awarded nearly US$ 110 million, or about 46 percent of the total. All of the funders in the Top 10, except for the Government of The Netherlands, were located in the United States.

Top 10 LGBTI Funders for the Global North (2013-2014)

Includes Funding Focused on the United States.

1	Ford Foundation - New York, United States	US$	22,525,289
2	Arcus Foundation - New York, United States	US$	21,629,848
3	Gill Foundation - Denver, United States	US$	14,147,927
4	Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund - San Francisco, United States	US$	11,264,848
5	Pride Foundation - Seattle, United States	US$	10,312,547
6	Wells Fargo - Palm Springs, United States	US$	7,261,533
7	Government of The Netherlands - The Hague, The Netherlands	US$	6,394,313
8	Gilead Sciences - Foster City, United States	US$	6,006,447
9	Tides Foundation - San Francisco, United States	US$	5,570,279
10	Henry van Ameringen Foundation - New York, United States	US$	5,199,000

Note: Anonymous donors awarded US$ 23,677,269 during this period.

The Top 10 grant recipients of LGBTI funding for the Global North received a total of US$ 48 million, or 20 percent of the total. The total for Top 10 grant recipients includes more than US$ 4.9 million awarded to various anonymous grantees. COC Netherlands and ILGA-Europe are the only top grant recipients located in Europe; all other top recipients were located in the United States.

Top 10 LGBTI Grant Recipients for the Global North (2013-2014)

Includes Funding Focused on the United States.

1	National LGBTQ Task Force - Washington, DC, United States	US$	8,192,237
2	Freedom To Marry - New York, United States	US$	7,982,889
3	COC Netherlands - Amsterdam, The Netherlands	US$	5,607,263
4	Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund - New York, United States	US$	5,199,309
5	ILGA - Europe - Brussels, Belgium	US$	4,996,571
6	National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR) - San Francisco, United States	US$	4,479,100
7	SAGE - New York, United States	US$	4,210,408
8	Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) - Boston, United States	US$	3,521,312
9	GLAAD - New York, United States	US$	3,344,367
10	Human Rights Campaign (HRC) Foundation - Washington DC, United States	US$	2,922,318

Note: These totals include the full amount of any multi-year grants awarded over the two year period of 2013-2014. Many of the top recipients received grants awarded for a period of 3 years or more. As such, the totals listed may exceed their total two-year operating revenue for 2013-2014.

Note: Anonymous Grant Recipients in various locations received a total of US$ 4,931,389 in 2013 and 2014. These grantees are anonymous for safety and security reasons.

Sources of LGBTI Funding for the Global North

During the two-year period of 2013-2014, 50 percent of LGBTI funding for the Global North was awarded by private foundations. Significant shares of funding were also provided by public foundations and intermediaries (27 percent), anonymous donors (9 percent) and corporate funders (9 percent). Government and multilateral agencies accounted for 5 percent of LGBTI funding for the Global North.

Sources of LGBTI Funding for the Global North, by Funder Type (2013-2014)

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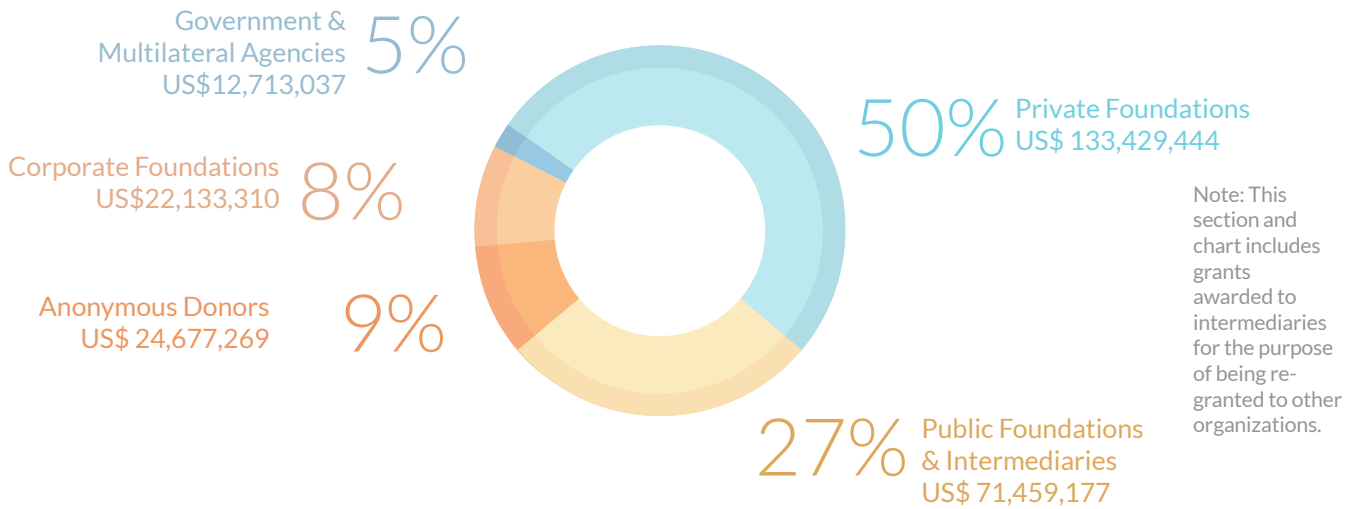

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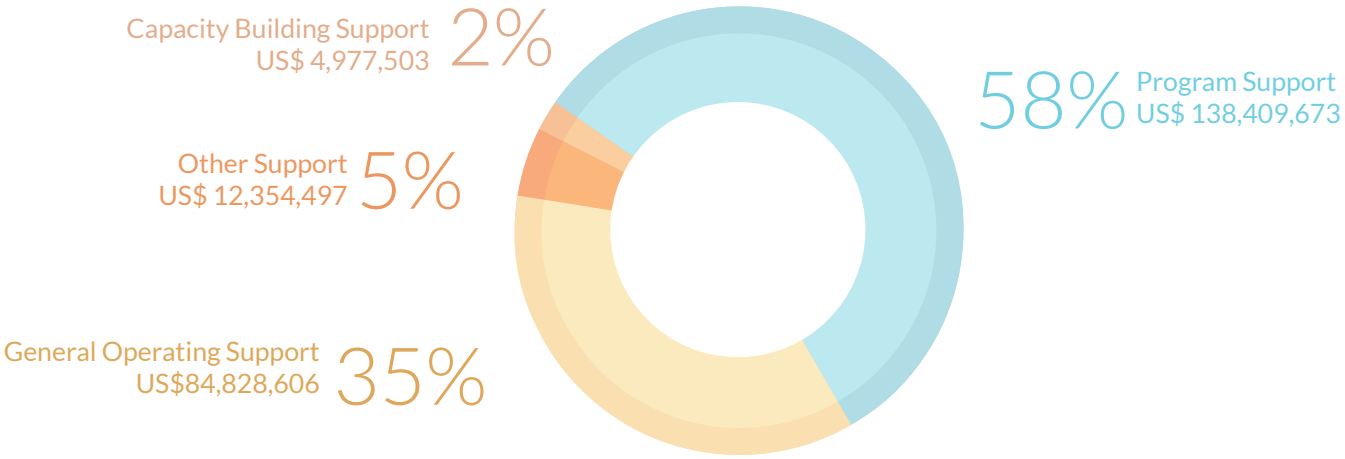
Type of Support and Grant Duration

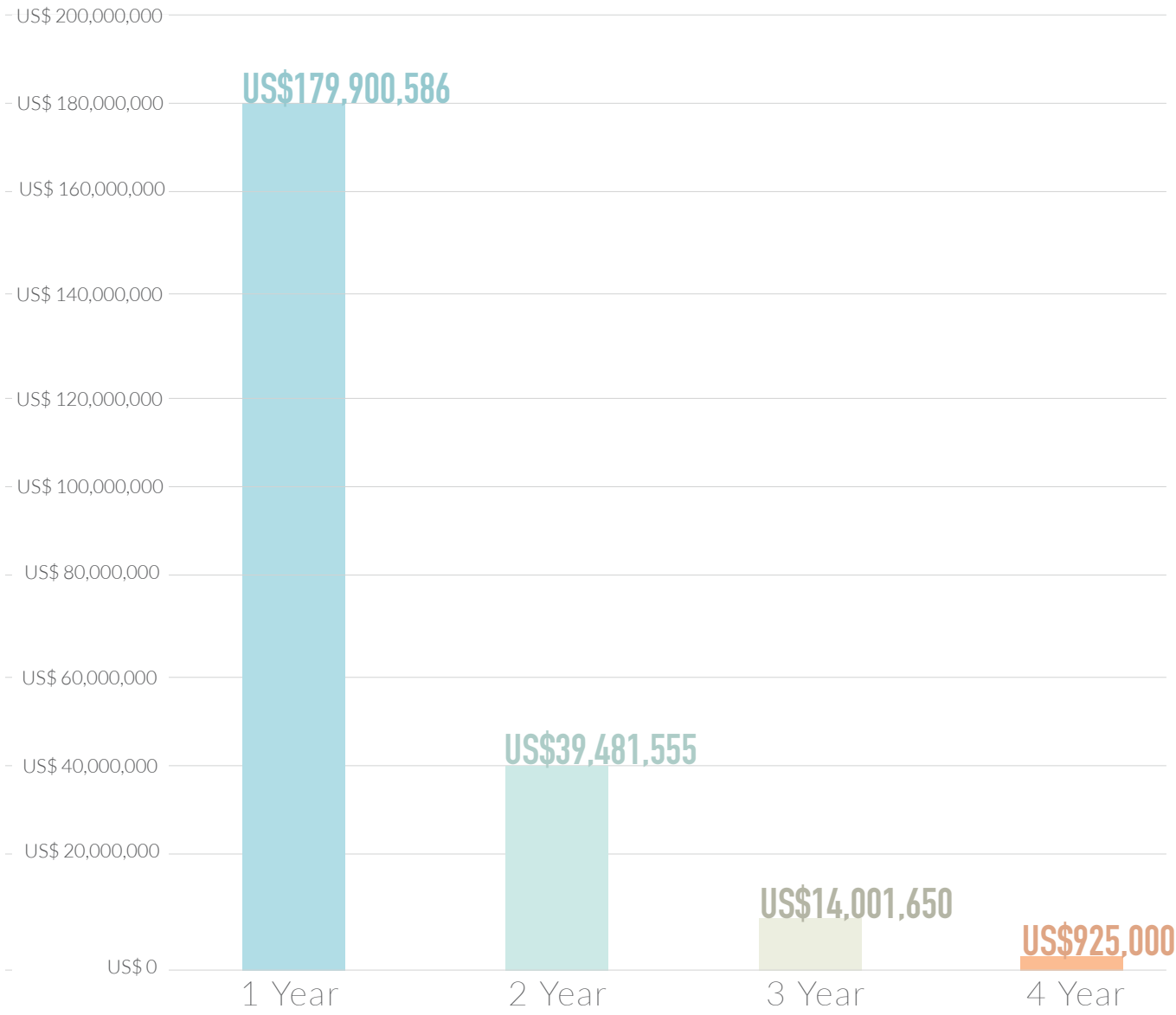
During the two-year period of 2013-2014, 57 percent of LGBTI funding for the Global North was restricted for specific programs. Thirty-six percent of funding was general operating or unrestricted support. Two percent of grants were capacity building grants. All other types of support, such as capital support, scholarships, endowment support, matching grants, and seed funds, received a combined total of about 5 percent.

LGBTI Funding for the Global North, by Type of Support (2013-2014)



Examining LGBTI funding for the Global North by the duration of grants, almost US$ 180 million (or 77percent of the total) were awarded for grant periods of one year or less. Almost US$ 40 million was awarded for various grant durations of two years or more.

Funding for LGBTI Issues in the Global North, by Grant Duration (2013-2014)



Focus: United States

This report does not include a focus section on the United States. For detailed data and analysis on funding for LGBTI communities in the US, please refer to Funders for LGBTQ Issues' *2013 Tracking Report: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer Grantmaking by US Foundations* and *2014 Tracking Report: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Grantmaking by US Foundations*.

Focus: Canada

Over the two-year period of 2013 and 2014, 7 grantmakers invested US$ 1.3 million into LGBTI issues in Canada. The Top 5 funders accounted for 99 percent of LGBTI funding for Canada. All of the organizations that received funding for LGBTI work in Canada were based in Canada.

Top 5 LGBTI Funders for Canada (2013-2014)

1	Open Society Foundations - New York, United States	US$	730,885
2	M.A.C. AIDS Fund - New York, United States	US$	413,500
3	Levi Strauss Foundation - San Francisco, United States	US$	150,000
4	Mukti Fund - Santa Cruz, United States	US$	40,000
5	Liberty Hill Foundation - Los Angeles, California	US$	25,000

Funder Type

Funding for LGBTI issues in Canada came primarily from private foundations and corporations, which accounted for about 57 percent and 41 percent of the total, respectively.

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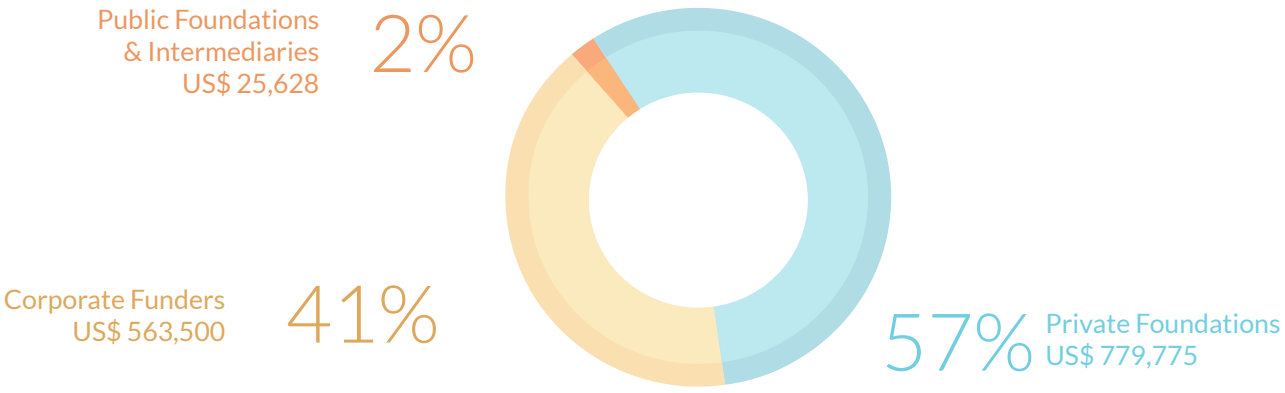

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Funding by Issue Area

Health and Wellbeing was the top funded issue for Canada, garnering 79 percent of the total, including 65 percent focused on HIV/AIDS.

Health & Wellbeing	**US$**	**1,086,528**	**79%**
General Health Services and Health Promotion	US$	195,000	14%
HIV/AIDS	US$	891,528	65%
Human Rights	**US$**	**174,985**	**13%**
Decriminalization and Criminal Justice Reform	US$	150,000	11%
Sexual and Reproductive Rights/Justice	US$	24,985	2%
Strengthening Communities, Families, and Visibility	**US$**	**65,000**	**5%**
Community Building and Empowerment	US$	10,000	1%
Visibility	US$	55,000	4%
Economic Issue	**US$**	**33,500**	**2%**
Food Security	US$	3,500	<1%
Housing and Homelessness	US$	30,000	2%
Education & Safe Schools	**US$**	**8,890**	**1%**
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Grand Total	**US$**	**1,368,903**	

Focus: Western Europe

Over the two-year period of 2013 and 2014, 30 grantmakers invested US$ 22 million into LGBTI issues in Western Europe. The Top 10 funders accounted for more than 76 percent of all funding for the region.

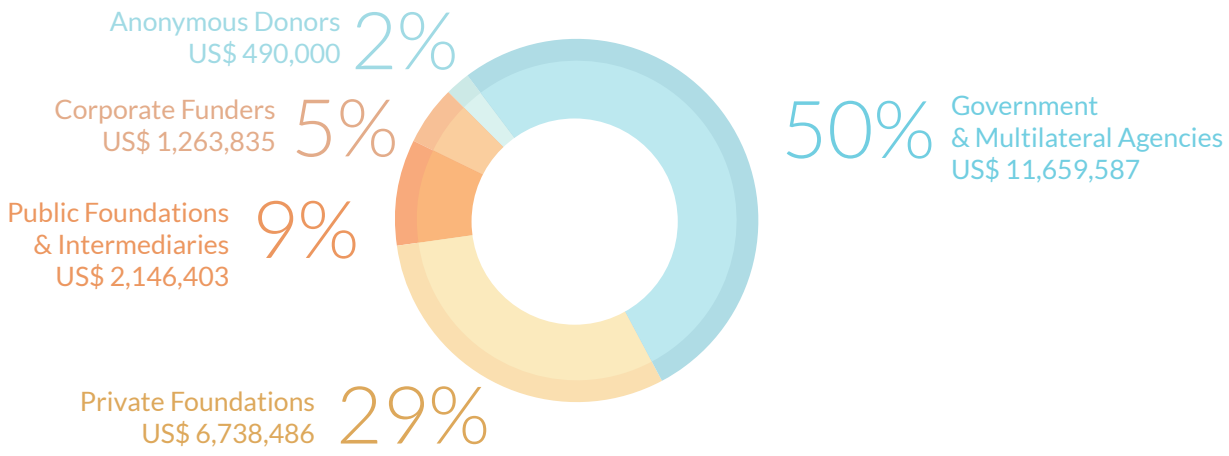
Top 10 Funders of LGBTI Issues in Western Europe (2013-2014)

1	Government of The Netherlands - The Hague, The Netherlands	US$	6,394,313
2	European Union - Brussels, Belgium	US$	3,216,830
3	Open Society Foundations - New York, United States	US$	1,418,402
4	Global Equality Fund - Washington, DC, United States	US$	1,265,000
5	M.A.C. AIDS Fund - New York, United States	US$	1,221,185
6	Arcus Foundation - New York, United States	US$	1,098,200
7	Sigrid Rausing Trust - London, England	US$	1,097,824
8	Comic Relief - London, England	US$	1,077,323
9	Dreilinden - Hamburg, Germany	US$	1,054,319
10	Esmée Fairbairn Foundation - London, England	US$	1,009,502

Funder Type

Collectively, private foundations and government and multilateral donors account for nearly 80 percent of LGBTI funding for Western Europe – at 29 percent and 50 percent, respectively. Corporations make up a slightly higher percentage of the funding in Western Europe when compared to global LGBTI funding overall.

Distribution of LGBTI Funding for Western Europe By Funder Type (2013-2014)



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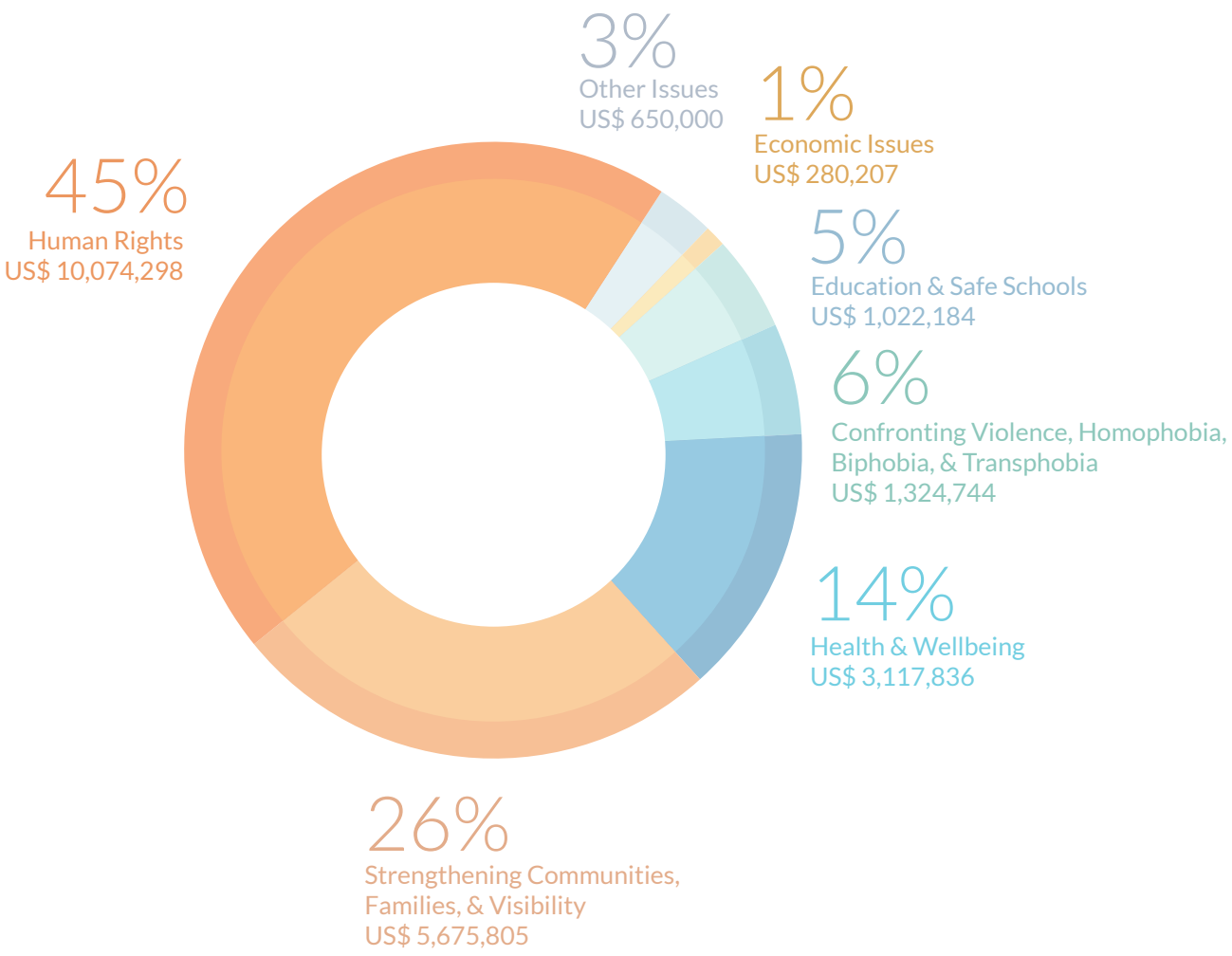
Funding by Issue Area

Human Rights was the top funded LGBTI issue in Western Europe. Compared to other regions, a relatively low share of funding was devoted to HIV/AIDS.

LGBTI Funding for Western Europe, by Issue Area (2013-2014)



Human Rights	**US$**	**10,074,298**	**45%**
Challenging Discriminatory Anti-LGBTI Laws	US$	469,518	2%
Decriminalization and Criminal Justice Reform	US$	152,476	1%
Gender Identity Protections	US$	901,422	4%
Human Rights	US$	7,978,364	36%
Immigration and Refugee Issues	US$	342,420	2%
Sexual and Reproductive Rights/Justice	US$	28,291	<1%
Strengthening Communities, Families, and Visibility	**US$**	**5,675,805**	**26%**
Community Building and Empowerment	US$	4,718,674	21%
Religion	US$	264,609	1%
Strengthening Families	US$	145,079	1%
Visibility	US$	547,444	2%
Health & Well Being	**US$**	**3,117,836**	**14%**
Cultural Competence and Data Collection	US$	160,906	1%
General Health Services and Health Promotion	US$	578,859	3%
HIV/AIDS	US$	1,212,321	5%
Mental Health, Substance Abuse, and Suicide Prevention	US$	745,436	5%
Sexual and Reproductive Health	US$	420,314	2%
Confronting Violence, Homophobia, Biphobia, & Transphobia	**US$**	**1,324,744**	**6%**
Anti-Violence	US$	630,114	3%
Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia	US$	694,630	3%
Education & Safe Schools	**US$**	**1,022,184**	**5%**
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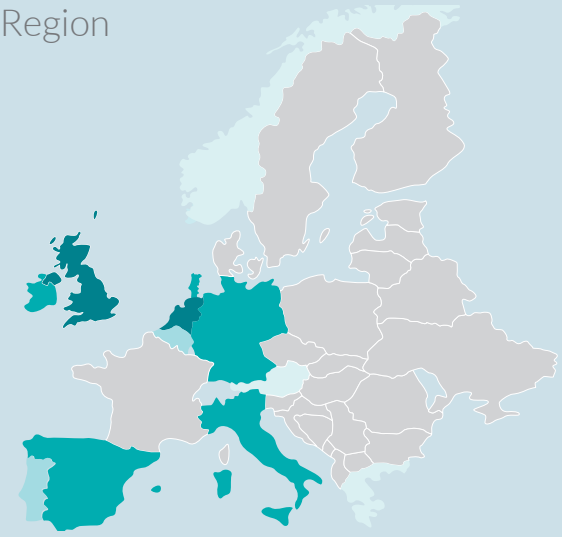
Economic Issues	**US$**	**280,207**	**1%**
Food Security	US$	16,700	<1%
Housing and Homelessness	US$	171,670	1%
Labor and Employment	US$	91,837	<1%
Other Issues	**US$**	**650,000**	**3%**
Multi-Issue	US$	650,000	4%
Grand Total	**US$**	**22,145,075**	

Funding By Grantee Country:

Grantees in the United Kingdom received a quarter of all the funding focused on LGBTI work in Western Europe. Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, and the Netherlands were home to a grantees that also saw significant funding for LGBTI issues in Western Europe.

LGBTI Funding for Western Europe, by Sub-Region



LGBTI Funding for Western Europe, by Country Location of Grantee

Austria	US$ 68,401	<1%
Belgium	US$ 312,500	1%
Cyprus	US$ 138,634	1%
Germany	US$ 667,539	3%
Greece	US$ 82,956	<1%
Ireland	US$ 628,297	3%
Italy	US$ 645,986	3%
Malta	US$ 34,595	<1%
Norway	US$ 6,298	<1%
Portugal	US$ 165,441	1%
Spain	US$ 352,819	2%
Switzerland	US$ 1,000	<1%
The Netherlands	US$5,969,658	27%
United Kingdom	US$3,797,553	17%

Funding for programs in the Western Europe awarded to grantees based outside the region:

USA	US$ 40,000	<1%

Note: In addition, US$8,438,366 of funding for Western Europe was awarded to grantees in countries not specified by the reporting funder.