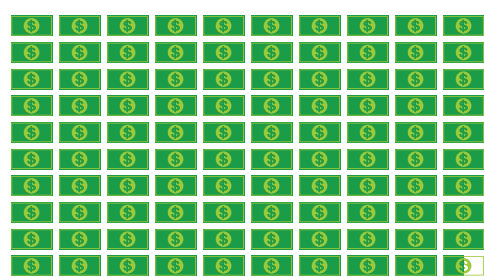


# VITAL FUNDING

## Grantmaking Strategies for Improving LGBTQ Health

In a rapidly changing policy landscape for both healthcare and LGBTQ rights, funders concerned about health disparities, HIV/AIDS, and LGBTQ communities have several unique opportunities for increased impact on LGBTQ health.



Between 2011-2013, foundations and corporations awarded more than **\$50 million for LGBTQ health.**

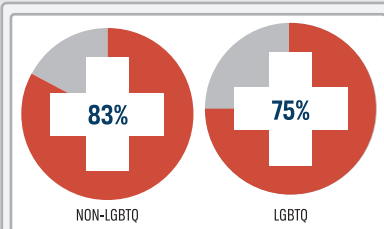
On average, less than half of one percent of foundation funding for health specifically targets LGBTQ communities.

### LGBTQ people are more likely to lack health insurance.

18% of LGBTQ adults have no health insurance compared to about 13% of non-LGBTQ adults.\*



Funders have an opportunity to **increase access to insurance coverage for LGBTQ people.**



Only 75 percent of LGBTQ adults report having enough money for health care compared to 83 percent of non-LGBTQ adults\*

\* Gates, G., (2014). In U.S., LGBT More Likely Than Non-LGBT to Be Uninsured. See: <http://www.gallup.com/poll/175445/lgbt-likely-non-lgbt-uninsured.aspx>

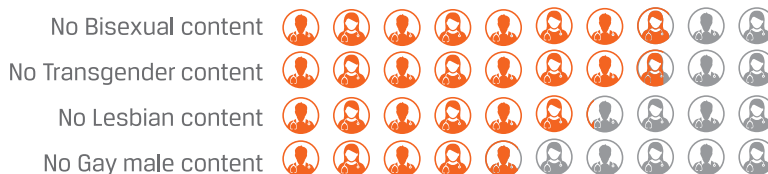


While hundreds of LGBTQ and HIV/AIDS organizations serve nearly 300,000 individuals a year – roughly the population of Cincinnati, Ohio – **many LGBTQ health and HIV/AIDS organizations are dependent on a small number of funding sources**, particularly government grants.



Funders have an opportunity to **build the capacity of the HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ health services sector.**

Percentage of physicians who received zero hours of training on LGBTQ populations in medical school.



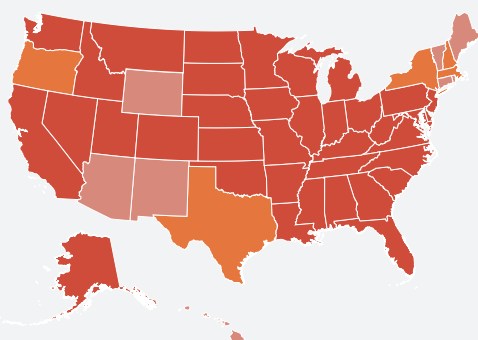
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Funders have an opportunity to **increase LGBTQ cultural competence of health service providers and systems.**

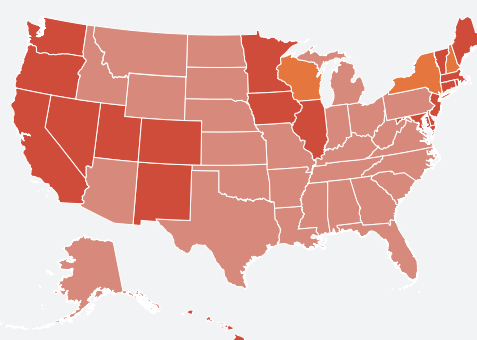
**A number of states have multiple policies that disadvantage LGBTQ people and other marginalized communities.** Nineteen states are not expanding Medicaid, and most of these states also lack protections from discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

#### HIV Criminalization Laws



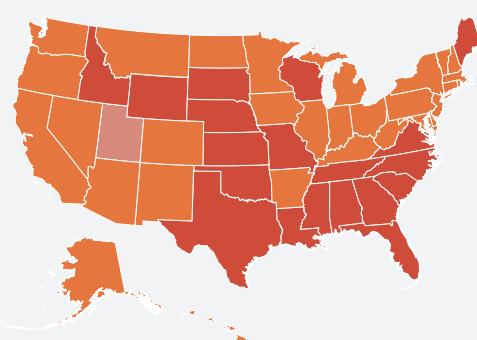
- State has criminal law related to exposure and/or transmission of HIV
- No state law, but exposure and/or transmission of HIV have been prosecuted
- No known prosecutions or HIV-specific statute

#### Employment Non-Discrimination



- Non-discrimination law covers sexual orientation and gender-identity
- Non-discrimination law covers only sexual orientation, though federal law offers some protections from discrimination based on gender identity
- No non-discrimination law covering sexual orientation or gender identity, though federal law offers some protections

#### Medicaid Expansion



- State has not expanded Medicaid
- State expanding Medicaid
- State to watch



Funders have an opportunity to **strengthen the HIV/AIDS and LGBTQ health policy and advocacy infrastructure.**

**LGBTQ individuals are disproportionately likely to experience poverty, family rejection, food insecurity, homelessness, criminalization, and violence.**

Lesbian and bisexual women are disproportionately likely to experience intimate partner violence in the form of rape, physical violence or stalking.

#### Intimate Partner Violence



Funders have an opportunity to **support efforts to address mental and behavioral health and other social determinants related to stigma.**



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