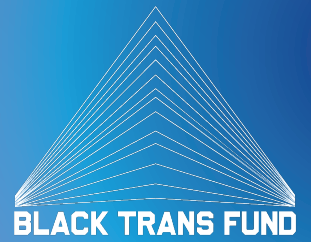




GROUNDSWELL
FUND



BLACK TRANS FUND



SUPPORTING BLACK TRANS JOY, RESILIENCE, & LIBERATION

Black Trans Fund
2022 Report



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GROUNDSWELL'S BLACK TRANS FUND

Established in 2020, the **Black Trans Fund** is dedicated to **uplifting, resourcing, and building the capacity of social justice leaders who are Black and transgender.** Currently incubated at Groundswell and founded by Bré Rivera, the fund aims to address the lack of funding for Black trans communities through direct grantmaking, capacity building support, and funder organizing. This effort is rooted in the legacy of Black transgender freedom fighters and guided by liberation, love, and joy. As the **first national fund in the United States led by and for Black transgender people,** this is a groundbreaking endeavor.

“In 2020, I had the pleasure of launching the Black Trans Fund, a national fund that centers on Black trans joy and liberation and celebrates Black trans freedom fighters of the past, present, and future.

—BRÉ RIVERA, BLACK TRANS FUND DIRECTOR

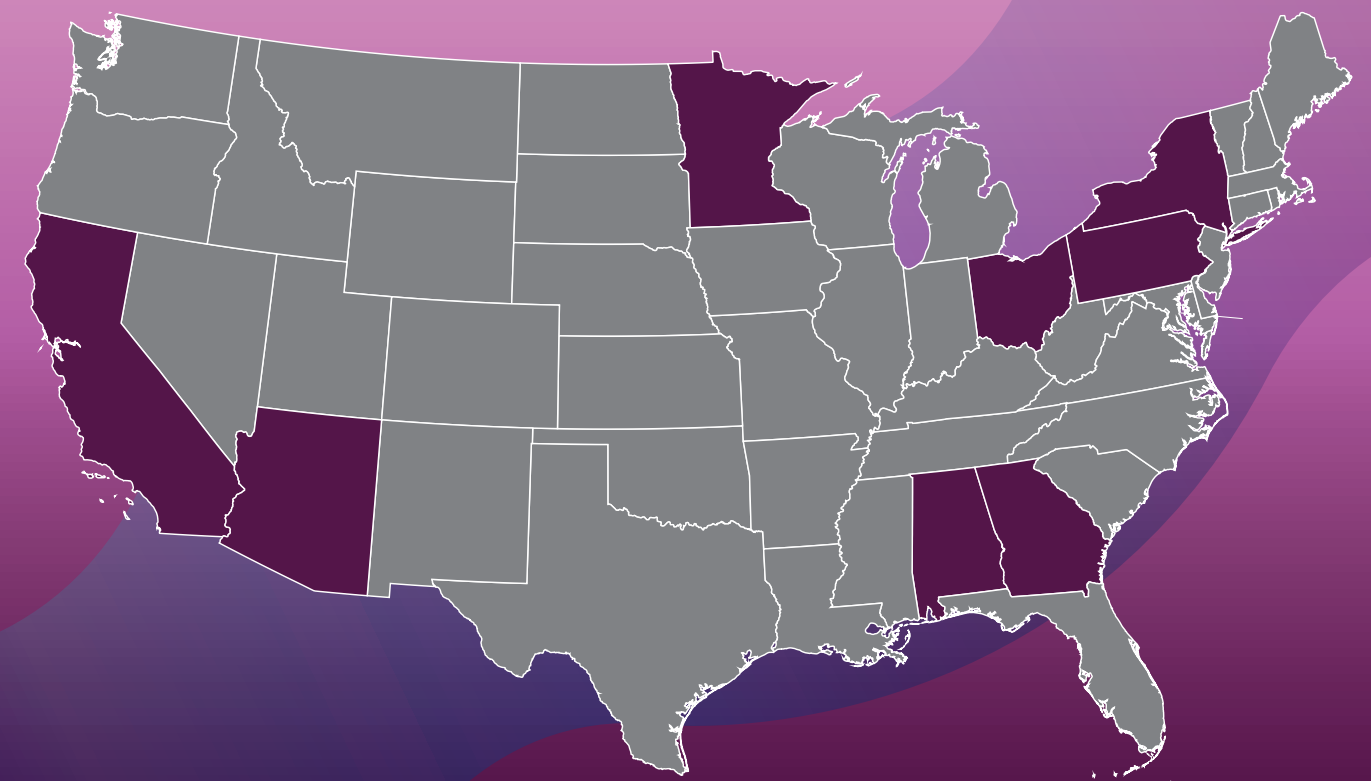


BY THE NUMBERS

The Black Trans Fund supports both national and state-level organizations.



States with Black Trans Fund Grantees



- Alabama
- Arizona
- California
- Georgia
- Minnesota
- New York
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania

Brown Boi Project



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Changing the way communities of color think and talk about gender

BLUEPRINT UPDATE ON TARGET TO HIT FIVE-YEAR GOAL

In 2020, the Black Trans Fund set the **ambitious goal of distributing \$1.8 million annually** by 2025. Here's a peek at our progress after passing the midway point last year. As you can see, thanks to the generosity of our supporters, we're on track to hit our target.

2022

\$875,000

2025 GOAL

**\$1.75
MILLION**

**Thank you for making
this possible!**

In direct **response to transphobia and the lack of trans and gender-expansive inclusion in reproductive justice spaces**, the **BROWN BOI PROJECT** launched in 2010. The group brings together masculine-of-center womyn, men, two-spirit people, transmen, and allies committed to changing the way that communities of color talk about gender. Through this work, they aim to transform movements for gender justice.

In 2022, the **Brown Boi Project** gathered a group of masculine-of-center queer and transgender folks to grow their networks and broaden their perspectives around queer masculinities. This retreat led to the **creation of The Trans Trust Fund**, a pilot program for transgender and gender-expansive youth. The fund **provides direct aid to young people navigating financial struggles**.

Through another retreat for Black masculine-of-center people, the

Brown Boi Project helped develop a **capacity-building program for Black trans masculine and gender-expansive community builders in the South**. Together, they are working to change the power dynamics in their relationships, families, and communities.

Through building the leadership, economic self-sufficiency, and health of LGBTQ+ people of color—and pipelining them into the social justice movement—the **Brown Boi Project** is transforming how communities of color think about gender. [G](#)

MISSION: The **Brown Boi Project** is a community of people working across race and gender to eradicate sexism, homophobia, and transphobia and to create healthy frameworks of masculinity and change.

We invite you to learn more about their work at brownboiproject.org

“ My introduction to the Black Trans Fund was a major highlight because it felt more like a meeting of the minds and a celebration of aligned values than the nerve wracking song and dance I expected a funder meeting to be. – **MATICE MOORE, BROWN BOI PROJECT** ”

I Am Human Foundation

GRANTEE
IN ACTION



From mutual aid and youth services to ensuring transgender and gender-expansive Georgians can exercise their right to vote

Image courtesy of I Am Human Foundation

Elections in Georgia made national news several times in 2022. Understanding the importance of every vote, **I AM HUMAN** organized and supported transgender and gender-expansive folks to cast their votes. Created to empower LGBTQIA people, the organization focused on **helping people get identification that matched their identities**. This work empowered many **new voters to register, some casting a ballot for the very first time**.

In addition to this advocacy and organizing, **I Am Human provides meals to the hungry and homeless with a focus on transgender youth and those living with HIV**. They also reduce isolation through support groups, health services, and peer interaction. And their youth services division **supports LGBTQ+ young people who have been abandoned by their families** and need support.

I Am Human is determined to continue elevating the narratives of transgender and gender-expansive communities and combatting barriers to bodily autonomy in this post-Roe v. Wade era. [🌐](#)

MISSION: I Am Human Foundation was created to empower the lives of LGBTQIA individuals and create a safe space for individuals who are homeless or living with HIV, as well as trans youth who experience discrimination due to their lifestyle or gender identity.

We invite you to learn more about their work at iamhumanfoundation.org

“ This joy that we have, the world didn’t give it and the world can’t take it away. – I AM HUMAN FOUNDATION



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ABOUT GROUNDSWELL OUR GIVING LOOKS DIFFERENT

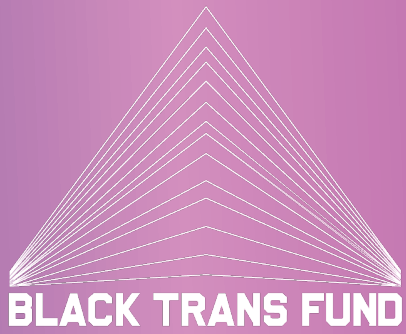
Groundswell’s model of philanthropy is different because of who we are—a foundation run by women of color and transgender people of color who come out of grassroots organizing. **We know where to invest for transformative change and how best to fuel today’s most revolutionary movements for reproductive and social justice.**

Groundswell Fund aims to strengthen our movements for social change by resourcing organizations that center the leadership of women of color—particularly those who are Black, Indigenous, and transgender.

The immense generosity of our community of supporters has enabled Groundswell Fund and our sibling 501(c)(4) organization, Groundswell Action Fund, to move nearly \$180 million to the field. This makes Groundswell **one of the largest funders of both the reproductive justice movement and women of color-led organizing in the United States.**

To learn more, please visit groundswellfund.org and groundswellactionfund.org.

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